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Combined Worship Service



Come join us this **Sunday at 10 am** for a special Combined Worship Service!



Our guest speaker is Rev. Julia Sheets, the Director of the Wesley Foundation at Delta State University.

Julia and a couple of her students at Delta State will share with us what God is doing in the Wesley Foundation and how college ministry helps disciple young adults as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday, September 29, we will return to our normal worship schedule with both services at 9 am and 11 am. We will have a Laity Sunday. Reece Vaughan will be our lay speaker that morning in both services.



2024 Convening General Conference: Bishops

Please continue to pray for the General Conference meeting this week in San Jose, Costa Rica. The conference begins Friday, September 20 and will conclude September 26.

Among over 200 pieces of legislation, the delegates will consider: How many bishops should we have? And what will those bishops do?

There are **two key proposals**. One proposal would have a **local bishop** presiding over every Annual Conference throughout the Global Methodist Church. So, for instance, Mississippi-West Tennessee would have one bishop. Florida would have another, North Alabama yet another, and so on.

This is more of what we were accustomed to from our previous denomination. However, it would also mean that we could have as many as 30 or 40 bishops throughout the entire church.

The other proposal would have a smaller group of **itinerant bishops** who would be over regions of annual conferences, perhaps as many as 4 to 6 at a time. They would have general oversight, but would focus more on spiritual leadership than administrative matters.

The day-to-day administration of the annual conference would be taken care of by a **Conference Superintendent**, such as what our President Pro Tempore, Rev. Tim Prather, is doing now. This model would expand that. So, every conference would have its own Superintendent who may be a full-time or part-time employee of the conference, depending on circumstance and need.

This would free up bishops to focus on preaching and teaching throughout the worldwide church, presiding over annual conference sessions, and ordaining new pastors. They would also lead efforts at evangelism and missions across multiple annual conferences.

If this latter proposal were to pass, the delegates would elect as many as **six new bishops** to assist Bishop Jones and Webb in leading the church.

Brother Lauren



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

6:30 p.m. Youth

6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9-12 noon Methodist Market



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

24. Camp King

25. Shawn McCoy

26. Shirley Dew

27. Bob Coker



The Ladies Handbell Choir will begin its new season rehearsals October 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to meeting together to learn some new pieces of music and revisit some of our old favorites.

If you are interested and think you might like to join us in this ministry, please contact Lettie Terrell.

Common ground



“Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God,” says pastor Jeremy Basset. “A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church.”

That’s a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don’t take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don’t baptize ourselves. We don’t learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can’t have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ’s body (Ephesians 5:30) and “belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for “our common salvation” (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.



There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL this Sunday. We will finish our September series *The God Who Created Us* next week. We hope that you will all come join in worship.

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Our Children's Wednesday Night Bible study has resumed. Our children will continue to learn about the stories and people in the Old Testament. Last week we finished our stories about the Tribes of Israel and the fall of Jericho. For the next several weeks, we will be in the Book of Judges, learning the stories of Deborah, Gideon, Samson, and Samuel. This Bible Study has us moving through the Books of the Bible, one story at a time. We meet at 5:30 p.m. with Snack Supper at 6:15 p.m. We will dismiss at 6:30 p.m.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Bible Study for the Youth is back in full swing. We are moving through a study call "Confirming Your Faith." This study encourages us to talk about things in our everyday lives that can help strengthen our Faith or hinder it. We will also continue to have game night in our opening time as a fun icebreaker.

Sunday Night Supper List is being organized and will be sent out for Youth parents. Please be watching for this information. Thank you.

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Greeters
Scripture
Sermon

Angie & Archie Edgar
Romans 6:8-14
“Living in Freedom”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS SEPTEMBER

22. 18th **Sunday after Pentecost**
23. New mercies every morning
24. Making the vision plain
25. The LORD loves justice
26. The misery of exile
27. Trust in the LORD
28. Rekindle the gift

Luke 16:19-31
Lamentations 3:19-26
Habakkuk 3:17-19
Psalm 37:27-31
Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14