

Constant and Unchanging

Summer's arrival feels positive to many people but may not be smooth for all. Families who rely on regular school meals for their children must stretch grocery dollars further. Heat poses risks for elderly people who lack air conditioning. Work can be difficult to find in the summer months, and uncertainty looms for recent graduates. Meanwhile, concerns such as wars, natural disasters and health problems don't take a summer break.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) prayed, “May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world.” Her prayer is as appropriate today as nearly 500 years ago. When all around us is unstable and unreliable, God's love and faithfulness are constant and trustworthy.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Mississippi-West Tennessee Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church will meet at Christ Church Memphis May 29-31, 2025. Opening worship is Thursday at 2 pm. Ordination is Friday night at 7 pm. Bishop Scott Jones will preside. All are welcome to attend. Please pray for all the delegates as they gather.



May

SUNDAY, MAY 25

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

TUESDAY, MAY 27

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 31

9-12 noon Methodist Market



26. Elsie Patterson
 29. Mike Phillips
 30. Carter Smith
 31. Emily Harris

29. Mr. & Mrs. Claude Martien
 Mr. & Mrs. Archie Edgar
 30. Mr. & Mrs. Chat Phillips

When on Vacation

When on vacation, be with us in spirit.
 The rest of the summer, be with us in person.



For the month of May, we will begin a new series, **Getting Along**. Each week we will have a lesson about Jesus and the sacrifices that He made for us.

Being Honest - The Trick - This is the story of Jacob and Esau.

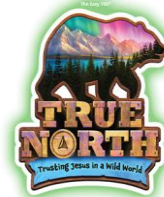
Forgiving Others - Jacob's Journal - This is the story of when Jacob wrestled with God.

Controlling Jealousy - Joseph is Sold by His Brothers - The early years of Joseph

Honoring God - Joseph's Journey - God's plan for Joseph

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children's Bible Study has concluded for the time being. School is almost out, and summer is upon us. We will meet for a few activities during the summer months, so be on the lookout!

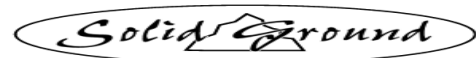


Vacation Bible School

VBS dates have been set for June 23-25 from 8:30am-11:30am.

Our theme this year:

True North-Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.



M28 Camp –Date June 29 – July 2, 2025

The last 2 Camp payments are due in May and by June 8th. Info will be sent to parents and participants.

Update from Staff-Parish Relations Committee

This past Sunday Bill Kyle, the chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, gave a brief update on our pastoral transition.

The SPRC met on Thursday, May 15, with Dr. Barry Male, the interim Conference Superintendent and Presiding Elder over the Madison district. He is also the Senior Pastor at Madison Methodist Church. Dr. Male will be working with Staff-Parish throughout the appointment process.

Dr. Male reminded us that the Global Methodist Church uses a modified appointment system. The Cabinet, which is the Conference Superintendent and all Presiding Elders, will work together to provide 3 or 4 qualified candidates for Staff-Parish to interview.

Staff-Parish will then meet with each candidate to interview them. Dr. Male reminded the committee that confidentiality is of utmost importance since some of the pastoral candidates may be active pastors at another church. As a result, there will not be any trial sermons. However, the Staff-Parish will be able to view online sermons from each candidate.

Bill shared that he expects interviews to begin after the first of June. After the interviews, the Staff-Parish will make its recommendation to Dr. Male and the Cabinet. If Staff-Parish, the pastoral candidate, and the Cabinet are all in agreement, that becomes the appointment, and our Conference Superintendent will send a formal request asking Bishop Scott Jones to “fix” the appointment.

Once the appointment has been finalized, Staff-Parish will work with the Cabinet to set an official start date for the new pastor and work toward a good transition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Bill or any member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Also, please pray for them as they seek to best represent First Methodist Church in this appointment process.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, May 25, 2025

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandever/ Brenda & Denny Paul
Scripture	Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon	“Kingdom Investments”
Flowers	Joyce & Sam Pace

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY

25. 6th Sunday of Easter	John 13:31-35
26. Listening to wise counsel	Genesis 41:25-40
27. God inspires needed workers	Exodus 31:1-11
28. A new beginning	John 5:1-9
29. Answering God's call	Acts 16:9-15
30. God judges equity	Psalms 67
31. For healing the nations	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5