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Messenger



Celebrating the Church's Birthday

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

Remember to wear RED!



SUNDAY, JUNE 8

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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Time To Be Announced

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9-12 noon Methodist Market



8. Donna Heidel
12. Fenton Anderson

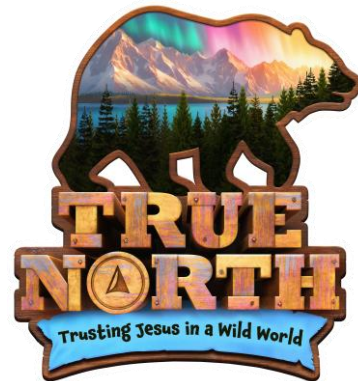
9. Mr. & Mrs. Josh Allen

METHODIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY

If you would like to join the team that will be planning and looking for upcoming ministry opportunities for women, please meet in the Church library at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10th.



Sympathy and love is extended to the family of Mrs. Barbara Daves Arnold, who died May 28, 2025.



Vacation Bible School

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict in scheduling, VBS dates have been changed to **June 16-18, 2025** from **8:30am-11:30am**.

Our theme this year:

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.

This is the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. Kids will learn how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our world today. We point them to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Jesus—our true north!

If you can help, we need you! Please call the church office.



For the month of June, we will finish the last few lessons in the series ***Getting Along*** before we begin a new one.

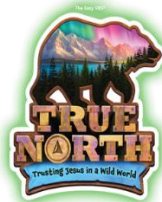
Brothers - The early years of Joseph

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. Some summer activities are in the works!

- * June 11 - Party Safari
- * June 16-18 - Vacation Bible School
- * June 25 - To be announced soon!

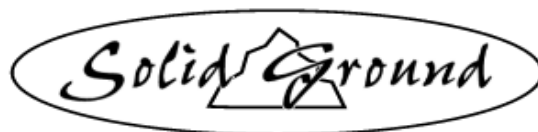


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M28 Camp –Date June 29 – July 2, 2025

Mississippi-West Tennessee Annual Conference



Annual Conference met this past Thursday through Saturday (May 29-31) at Christ Church in Memphis, TN. Over 580 laity and pastors gathered from all over Mississippi and Tennessee. We currently have around 220 churches throughout the conference.

In many ways it was more like a Homecoming service than a conference meeting: very little business, a whole lot of worship. We heard powerful sermons, joined in uplifting worship, and received challenging teaching.

Bishop Scott Jones presided, reminding us of our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. At the Friday ordination service he ordained 11 more pastors: 3 deacons and 8 elders.

Our guest preacher was **Dr. Luther Oconer**, the conference superintendent for the **Mega Manilla Conference** in the Philippines. Then, as part of our business session, we entered into a formal Mission Partnership with both the Mega Manilla Conference and the **Covenant Conference** of the Philippines. Every year part of our connectional funding will go to help support ministry of churches in the Philippines, including a Philippine church plant in the Muslim middle eastern country of Qatar.

Finally, the delegates did vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Lauren Porter as our new Conference Superintendent, beginning part-time on June 1 and then becoming full-time by August 1.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, June 8, 2025

Greeters

Bettina & Steve Newman/

Sharon & Phil Nichols

Scripture

Acts 2:1-17

Sermon

“A Temple of the Holy Spirit”

Flowers

Sharon & Phil Nichols

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE

8. Day of Pentecost

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

9. The promised gift

Joel 2:28-32

10. Jesus prays for us

John 17:20-26

11. If children, then heirs

Romans 8:14-17

12. Reaching for heaven

Genesis 11:1-9

13. All look to You

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

14. God's Spirit breaks barriers

Acts 2:1-21