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Messenger



BLESSING OF THE

BACKPACKS

This Sunday, August 10, 2025, at both morning services, we will celebrate the beginning of the new school year with a special Blessing of the Backpacks. This is a time when we pray for all students, teachers, coaches and counselors as they return to school.

There will be a special Prayer time immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service August 10 for Allison Hughes as she prepares to go for scans at MD Anderson on August 12.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, there will be a **JOINT SERVICE at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch as we honor our pastor, Reverend Lauren Porter.** Please make plans to attend as we celebrate his ministry with us!



Pastoral Appointment Update from SPRC

I wanted to take a moment to provide you with an update on the ongoing search for our next Pastor. As I shared in the last update, we had initially targeted July 20 as the interview date for the candidates who had been identified. However, since that time, two of the candidates have withdrawn for personal reasons. In light of this, we made the decision to delay interviews until we have multiple qualified candidates identified.

As many of you know, Brother Lauren's last Sunday with us will be September 7. It is highly unlikely that we will have completed interviews, identified a new Pastor, and finalized an appointment before his departure. During the interim period following September 7, we will have either an interim Pastor or a rotation of Pastors leading our Sunday services. Both options are currently being explored, and I will provide additional updates once a plan has been finalized.

The search for candidates remains ongoing. Brother Barry Male, our acting conference superintendent, continues to reach out to potential candidates, and we are prepared to expand the search outside the Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference if necessary.

It's important to remember that the Global Methodist appointment process is unique—not only for us as a congregation but also for potential Pastor candidates. Unlike traditional appointment processes where Pastors are assigned to congregations, our process is designed to create a mutual match. This approach ensures that the Pastor's talents and skills align with the needs and priorities of the congregation, allowing both the Pastor and the Church to "choose" each other. This thoughtful process is designed to foster a strong and lasting bond between the Pastor and the congregation.

While the identification and appointment process is taking longer than we initially expected, I trust that God is guiding us toward the best candidates for our Church. I firmly believe that, in His perfect timing, we will find the right match.

I remain deeply encouraged and excited to witness the unfolding of the Lord's plan for our Church. Thank you for your continued prayers, patience, and support as we seek God's guidance in this important decision.

Bill Kyle



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9-12 noon Methodist Market



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

11. Archie Edgar, Denny Paul,
Ryan Ragland
13. Edwin McDonald
Helen Hendrix

10. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Trammell
11. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Williams
13. Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Ragland
14. Mr. & Mrs. Eric Poe



Sympathy and love is extended to Jim and Dixie Roberts and family in the death of Hazel Akers, Jim's mother, who died August 5, 2025.



Wednesday, August 13, at 6 p.m., our Chancel Choir will return to regular practice time! **We invite you to join** us if you would like to be a part of our music ministry. God's divine power is released within, among, and through us as we worship with song.



*Methodist Church family,
Thank you for your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy to our family on the passing of my brother, Johnny James Brookins, Jr.*

Calvin "Man" Brookins



As the summer comes to an end, and we transition towards a new school year, we will begin a new series for the month of August.

Connecting with God's Word will show us different stories of how God's Word was written down. Each week we will have a lesson about the Bible, taking us from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

The Bible - God's Word - The Bible story of Moses writing down God's Word

The Bible Lasts Forever- The Bible story of Jeremiah having Baruch write down God's Word

The Bible Presents Jesus- The Bible teaches us that Jesus is Savior

The Bible Today- The Bible is our guide today

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

***** Beginning Sunday, August 17th, our children's Sunday School will have 1st-3rd grade meeting in the first room upstairs on the children's wing, across from the men's restroom. Grades 4th -6th will continue meeting in their current Sunday School room.**

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Now that school is around the corner, I am hoping that the kids in grades 5K-6th will join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Children's Bible Study. We study and craft through Bible stories, and if time permits, we may play a game. Supper is provided at 6:15 p.m. before dismissing.

Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, August 20, at 5:30 p.m.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group:

Bible Study will kick back off on Sunday, August 17, at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday Bible Study will begin on August 20 at 6:15 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, August 10, 2025

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandevere Linda & Bob Coker
Scripture	Revelation 19:6-16
Sermon	“The Wedding Feast of the Lamb”
Flowers	Janet Adams

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST

10. 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 10:38-42
11. Jesus’ teachings about prayer	Mark 11:17-25
12. The Value of righteousness	Genesis 18:20-33
13. Rise up, O LORD	Psalms 10:12-18
14. Yet it shall be...	Hosea 1:2-10
15. Revive us again	Psalms 85
16. Rooted and built up	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)