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Dear Friends of Yazoo City First Methodist Church:

We give thanks today for the people and ministries of Yazoo City First Methodist Church! As Paul said to the believers in Thessalonica, "We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thessalonian 1:2-3) We are blessed to partner with you in ministry as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

On behalf of the appointive cabinet and Bishop Scott Jameson Jones of the Mississippi- West Tennessee Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church we are pleased to announce the appointment of your new senior pastor. After consultation with the Staff- Parish Relations Committee, effective January 1, 2026 Rev. Jeffrey Rickman will assume the role of senior pastor.

We join you in a season of prayer as we intentionally lift up Jeffrey and Sara Beth and their children as they prepare for this season of ministry. And we pray for God's continued blessing and grace for Yazoo City First Methodist Church as we seek to be faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His service,

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9-12 noon Methodist Market



11/23	Chris	Vandevere
11/24	De	Paul
11/26	Louis	Thompson
11/26	Rita	Sanders
11/27	Butch	Gary
11/30	Jenny	Whitaker

11/25 Lynne & John Howie



The White Christmas Music and Candlelight program will be Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 6 p.m.



SHOE BOXES

Thank you to all who prepared and brought Christmas Shoeboxes. Many will be blessed, the recipients as well as the givers! We collected 70 Christmas Child Shoe boxes this year.



Ministries

Foster Children's Christmas

This year, there are over 50 foster children here in Yazoo County. Christmas is a wonderful time to share the love of Jesus with a precious child. Please consider participating in this ministry in one or more of the following ways:

1. "Adopt" a child for Christmas and purchase the items on his/her wish list.
2. Purchase and wrap a single item for a child.
3. Make a financial contribution to the "Foster Children's Fund". Checks can be turned in to the church office or mailed to First Methodist Church, PO Box 444, YC.
4. Commit to praying for a child in 2026.

Contact Allison Hughes (662-571-4964) for more information.



For the month of November, we begin Unit 3 in our *HeartShaper* curriculum entitled, ***God Cares for Us***.

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

November 23 - "God Gives Food & Water"

November 30 - "God Gives 10 Rules"



During November, our upper elementary Sunday School will begin Unit 3- ***Priorities*** of *Gospel Light's -The Edge*.

The lesson are as follows:

November 23 - "Achan's Greed"

November 30 - "Abraham's Choice"

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

We will **NOT** meet next Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Holidays.

Children in grades 5K-6th are welcome on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Children's Bible Study. We will study and craft through Bible stories, and if time permits, we play a game. Supper is provided at 6:15 p.m. before dismissing. We are currently learning about King Solomon.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Youth Bible Study will **NOT** meet on Sunday, November 23 or Wednesday, November 26 due to Thanksgiving Break.

We will meet back on Sunday, November 30th for our Christmas Party. Information will be sent out with more details.

Bible Study meets on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. with snack supper first and a lesson that follows. I would like to encourage our youth to reach out to friends and invite them to Bible Study.

M28 Camp

Dates have been announced!! Registration is open. Sign up and grab your spot for next Summer. Deposit of \$75 required to hold your spot.



Sunday, December 7 is the deadline to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas. They provide our Christmas decorations each year for the Sanctuary. There will be forms in the Sunday school classrooms, as well as in the back of the church. Feel free to call the church office or Tera Smith if you are interested. Youth members may also be contacted.

Kairos Prison Ministry

The Central Mississippi Correctional Facility will be distributing Christmas bags to 930 women on Christmas Eve. If you would like to contribute, there will be a collection box in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Please turn your items in by Sunday, November 30.

Items needed:

Shampoo- must be able to see through the bottle

Deodorant- must be able to see through the packaging

Solid white crew socks

Hard, individually wrapped candy

Hair bows/ties with no metal pieces

Many of these women have been abandoned by their family and friends and these are the only "extras" they get all year.

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Hughes (662-571-4964)

VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY, November 23, 2025

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon
Flowers

Steve & Bettina Newman
Revelation 21:1-4
Wesley Blount
Christy & Albert Vandevere

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

23. Time to speak out

Luke 21:5-19

24. By their own judgments

Ezekiel 7:23-27

25. Paths of faithfulness

Psalms 25:8-10

26. A welcome messenger

Isaiah 52:7-10

27. God of peaceful ways

Isaiah 2:1-5

28. Praying for peace

Psalms 122

29. The armor of light

Romans 13:11-14