



A Letter from our New Pastor

"Grace and peace to the saints in Yazoo City! My family and I are eager to join you in person to begin a new chapter of growing in Christ. It was such a joy to meet many of you in our recent brief trip. Your leadership has been so diligent and faithful in their task to secure the right pastor for this time in your community's history. I am frequently and regularly praying that I am indeed able to fully submit to the Lord and lead faithfully in this time. Please join in praying for me, for the benefit of this church that you love.

I wanted to initially write to you all, not only to confirm my hopes and blessings for our journey together, but also to ask that you make it a priority to come meet me and my family on our first Sunday with you: January 4, 2026. The plan is to have a shared worship service together, followed by a fellowship meal. In worship, I hope to proclaim the gospel in a very basic sense, facilitate a time of covenant renewal, and then officiate the covenant meal. At the fellowship meal afterwards, I would like to more properly introduce myself and my family to you all.

It is my earnest prayer that we can all mutually seek the Spirit's guidance to work as a body for the salvation of many. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is sure to save, faithful in all his ways. May the Lord see fit to bless the start of this new chapter with clarity and might. I look forward to meeting you, shaking your hand, praying and singing with you, renewing our covenant with Christ in his church, in just a few weeks. The Lord bless you and keep you."

Bro. Jeffrey Rickman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

9-12 noon Methodist Market

Methodist Children's Home Little Light of Mine Special Offering Season

This Sunday, December 7, there will be a Special Offering for the Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi. Please make your checks payable to First Methodist Church and write Methodist Children's Home in the information line.



December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

7. Bill Kyle

9. Prather King

12. Lynn Williams

10. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols



Join us for

Our Precious Sweet Bettye is turning 90! Please join us on December 19th at First Methodist Church in Yazoo City from 2 to 4 to celebrate this sweet soul! RSVP: Kelli Young 601-951-8418.....Presents are welcomed...



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 the month of December, we begin Unit 1 in our *HeartShaper* curriculum entitled, ***Jesus Was Born***.

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

December 7 - "An Angel Visits Mary" December 14 - "Jesus is Born"

December 21 - "Shepherds Tell Others"

December 28 - "Wise Men Worship Jesus"

January 4 - "Jesus Grows Up"

****Because we will have joint Worship on December 28 and January 4, some lessons may be combined.**



During December, our upper elementary Sunday School will begin Unit 1- ***God's Plan*** of *Gospel Light's -The Edge*.

The lessons are as follows:

December 7 - "The Problem."

December 14 - "The Sin Solution"

December 21 - "Light in the Darkness."

December 28 - "God's Plan Fulfilled"

****Because we will have joint Worship on December 28, two lessons may be combined.**

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR BIBLE STUDY FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR!!! SEE YOU IN JANUARY!

****Join us for "A DAY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER" on Tuesday, December 16 from 1-4.**

Youth Bible Study and Small Group:

Youth Bible Study has concluded for the 2025 calendar year. We will resume on Sunday, January 11.

Youth Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party will be this Sunday, December 7. We will meet at the Church at 5:30 p.m. Please remember to bring a gift no more than \$20. Boys bring a boy gift, and girls bring a girl gift. We will play some fun Christmas trivia and games and have lots of food and fellowship.

Parents are asked to please send some type of food with your youth.

Poinsettia delivery is next week!!



Sunday is the last day to get your poinsettias ordered so your family, friends, and loved ones can be honored and remembered. The poinsettias should arrive early next week and the Sanctuary will be decorated.



December 7

Deadline for Poinsettia Bulletin information



December 7

- Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School
- Special Offering for Methodist Children's Home
- Youth Christmas Party

December 14

6 p.m. White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service

December 16

Children's Day of Christmas Cheer

December 24

5-6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion

December 28

10:30 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

Advent Readers

Greeters

Scripture

Sermon

Flowers

Steve & Bettina Newman/Shane & Michelle Manor

Diane Vaughan/Brenda & Denny Paul

Matthew 3:1-12

"Readiness"

Dr. Steve McDonald

Barbara Parks

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS
DECEMBER**

7. 2nd Sunday of Advent

8. Do not worry

9. God rescues the exiles

10. My spirit rejoices

11. The Holy Way

12. A mighty defender

13. Wait patiently for God

Matthew 3:1-12

Philippians 4:4-7

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 1:47-55

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10