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Many thanks to Mabel George and her helpers for providing the beautiful crosses Easter Sunday!



WELCOME
New Members

We welcome our **2026 Confirmation Class** as new members of First Methodist Church.

William Epps Burnham
Jason Darrell Patterson, Jr.
James Hamp Wallace

Also joining as a new member of our congregation, we welcome **Sara Beth Rickman**.



***Jackson Scott Harris**, infant son of Stephen and Emily Harris, was baptized Sunday, April 5, 2026.*



SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship time
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Boys Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

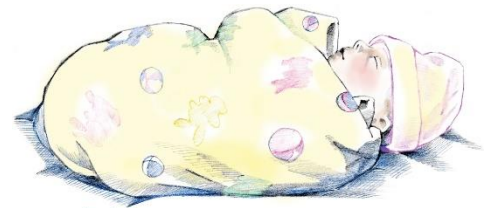
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 12. Jason Smith
- 13. Daniel Pender
- 15. Ardis Russell
- 18. Abigail Rickman



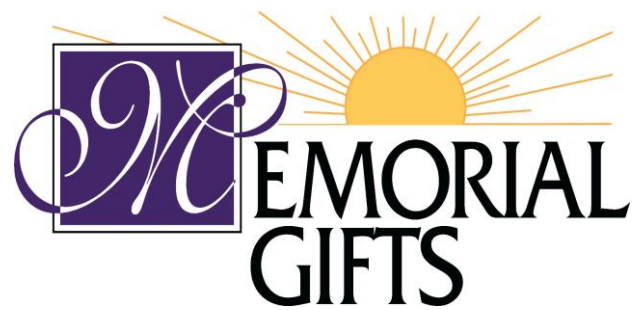
Newborns

*Congratulations to Zac and Nettie Hines Watts on the birth of their daughter, **Evelyn Rainer Watts**, who was born April 2, 2026. Proud grandparents are Rob and Brenda Hines.*

*Congratulations to Andrew & Sara Burnett on the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Price Burnett**, who was born April 6, 2026. Proud grandparents are Walter and Marilyn Burnett.*



Sympathy and love is extended to the family of Bobbie Strickland Sligh. Bobbie is a former member here and passed away April 2, 2026 in Tupelo.



*Jo Anne Collins
John & Linda Gibbs*



5K-3rd Grade

April brings a new unit in our *HeartShaper* curriculum. Unit 2 is entitled, ***Paul and Barnabas***.

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

April 12 - "Paul Begins to Follow Jesus"

April 19 - "Paul and Barnabas Help Others Learn About Jesus"

April 26 - "Paul and Barnabas Tell Others About the Living God."



4th-6th Grade

During the month of April our upper elementary Sunday School will begin a new series for Spring, Unit 2- ***FEAR of Gospel Light's -The Edge***.

April 12 - "Joshua and Caleb"

April 19 - "Crossing the Jordan"

April 26 - "Trouble in Lystra"

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children in grades 5K-6th meet 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 play a game. Supper is provided at 6:15 p.m. before dismissing.

Middle School Boys Bible Study

Middle School Boys Bible Study for grades 5th – 8th with Bro. Jeffrey will meet Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

The youth are continuing with part 2 of the House of David. We are watching the anointed David leave his life as a shepherd and step into a new role as warrior and future king after the slaying of Goliath.

Youth Bible Study meets each Sunday and Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Basement. Snack supper is served prior to the lesson.

Senior Recognition

Senior Recognition Sunday has been set for Sunday April 26. This year we have six seniors we will be recognizing and celebrating as they reach this next milestone in their lives.

Mattie Burton

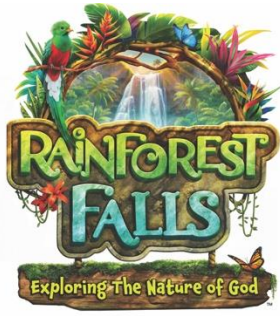
Sherrill Ann Chaney

James Patterson

Mallory Pender

Drake Smith

Claire Stevens



VBS dates and theme has been set. The dates for VBS will be June 1-4, Monday- Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

We are always looking for volunteers and welcome anyone who would like to help. Please call the church office or let Tera know if you would be willing to volunteer as a teacher or leader.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

Greeter	Bettina & Steve Newman/Owen Richards
Scripture	Acts 2:37-47
Sermon	“Taking Time & Tarrying”
Lay Readers	Jason Patterson/Emily Burton
Flowers	The JoAnne Collins Family

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL

12. Second Sunday of Easter	John 20:19-31
13. Trust in the LORD	Proverbs 3:5-8
14. Like an evening sacrifice	Psalms 141:1-3
15. Another advocate	John 14:1-3
16. Faith in His name	Acts 3:12-19
17. The LORD hears	Psalms 4
18. God’s children now	I John 3:1-7