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Messenger

Report on Upcoming GMC General Conference in South Africa

The Global Methodist Church's General Conference is the highest governing body of our denomination, gathering delegates from around the world to prayerfully discern the church's future. Beginning in 2026, the General Conference will meet on a six-year rotation. This year's gathering will take place August 30 – September 5 in Johannesburg, South Africa – a vibrant and fitting location that reflects our identity as a truly global church. A total of 422 delegates and 142 alternates from 52 annual conferences around the world will come together under the theme “The Beauty of Holiness” (Psalm 29:2; Psalm 96:9) for seven days of worship, legislative work, and global decision-making, including the election of bishops who will begin their six-year terms in November.

Our Mississippi/West Tennessee Conference will send seven lay delegates, seven clergy delegates, and three alternates. The conference has honored our church by electing our own Bill Kyle to serve as a lay delegate to this conference. We are grateful to Bill for serving in that high and worthy role! Please keep all delegates and everyone involved in prayer as they prepare for their work – asking the Lord to grant them wisdom, discernment, and safe travels as they help shape the future of the Global Methodist Church.



SUNDAY, August 23

8:45 a.m. Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group Bible Study

Monday, August 24

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

5:30 p.m. Children's Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
 6:30 p.m. Youth Solid Ground Bible Study

THURSDAY, August 27

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9-12 noon Methodist Market

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:45 a.m. Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group Bible Study



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

8/23 Elizabeth Kyle Ragland
 8/27 Angie Edgar
 8/28 Bill Dew
 Max Watson
 8/29 Brenda Hines
 Reese Ragland

 8/23 Camp & Joan King
 8/28 James & Emily Cresswell

VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY, August 23, 2026

Greeters: Donna Heidel
 Chip & Donna Heidel
 Scripture : Genesis 11:10-12:9
 Sermon: "The Nature of Faith"
 Flowers: Patricia & David Parker

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

*Nursery Volunteers for August

Sympathies and Condolences

Our Sympathies and condolences are extended to Katie Sellers French on the passing of her father, **Bill Sellers**.

