

Messenger

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The Next Chapter

The Methodist movement has changed numerous times through the years, and our congregation has changed right along with it. When our church was founded in 1828, we were a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Then, in 1844 when the northern and southern church split over slavery, we went along with the southern church (as did all the churches in Mississippi) and became a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Then, we became First Methodist Church in 1939 when the northern and southern church merged back together again. And finally, when The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren merged in 1968, we became First United Methodist Church.



Now a new chapter begins. As of July 1st, we officially became a part of the Global Methodist Church. And this past Wednesday, July 5th, our Trustees signed the Final Disaffiliation Agreement and made the disaffiliation payment that formally ended our connection to the United Methodist Church.

Our new church name is **First Methodist Church**, the same as it was before 1968.

This **Sunday, July 9th**, will be our first Sunday as 100% fully Global Methodist, and we will recognize that as part of our worship service. I am excited for what God is doing through the Global Methodist Church.

The **Mississippi-West Tennessee** Provisional Annual Conference will likely launch August 1st, with a Convening Conference in late January (after the last of the December disaffiliations). As of July 3, our growing Conference already has 95 churches, and new churches and pastors are joining every day. The Global Methodist Church as a whole currently has over 2500 churches that have joined. God is doing a new thing in Methodism. May you and I join together in it!

The First Global Methodist Church Gathering in Mississippi



On Wednesday, June 28, the evening after the Mississippi Annual Conference UMC voted to approve all 189 disaffiliating churches, the Mississippi-West Tennessee soon-to-be Provisional Annual Conference hosted its first gathering at the Tupelo Cotton Mill in downtown Tupelo.

Over 200 people were present, representing many of the disaffiliating churches. After a catfish dinner, we sang hymns, prayed, and gave thanks to God for His faithfulness in bring us thus far. It was a great beginning for the Global Methodist Church in Mississippi!



SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:00 a.m. Joint Service

10:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

SATURDAY, JULY 15

9-12 noon Methodist Market



11. Dee Webb

13. Linda McDonald

*****Kairos Update*****

Kairos #45

Kairos #45 was absolutely wonderful! We had 30 ladies who found hope, love and Jesus!

Thank you to all who contributed financially, who made "stained glass" windows for our chapel, donated cookies and to all of you prayer warriors. Prayer is the foundation of the Kairos ministry and those prayers were answered in a mighty way!

Love,
Allison



John McGowan

Helen Tenhet

M/M Phil Nichols



This week there will be no Sunday School due to our joint service of celebration.

HISKIDZ

Summer Activities are in the works, so be watching so you can mark them on your calendar.

Youth Sunday School

This week there will be a joint service of celebration and no Sunday School. The majority of our Youth group will be attending M28 camp in Lake Junaluska, NC.



We are so excited at the number of youth who have signed up to attend M28 Camp this summer. We will be taking 21 teens, and we ask that our church family be in prayer for these students and chaperones. The theme this year is *Faith Can Move Mountains*.

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon
Flowers

Donna and Chip Heidel
Joshua 1:1-11
“**Crossing Jordan**”
The Family of Martha Lyles

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY

9. 6th Sunday after Pentcost
10. All people shall see
11. A prophet of deliverance
12. An answer for doubt
13. Celebrating God’s presence
14. Welcoming the King
15. A plan for gathering

Mark 6:1-13
Isaiah 40:3-5
Malachi 4:5-6
Matthew 11:1-10
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14