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The Magi's story — and ours



The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself. ... On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon Jesus just as the Magi did. We see the glory of God manifested through Jesus Christ in the internal work of the Holy Spirit. We see our utter sinfulness and God's abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts.

We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carrying the truth about the Messiah.

—Travis Cunningham, tvresources.net



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 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 Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Church Office closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 5:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's house

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9-12 noon Methodist Market



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

- 14. Jamie Patterson
- 16. Allison Coulton
Claire Burnham
- 17. Bro. Lauren Porter
- 19. Sherrill Ann Chaney
Claude Martien



Clayton Nagle

Causey & Michael Coffield
M/M Jim Oakes

Frances Pierce

George Sigrest
M/M Billy Joe Paulson



are needed

The Global Methodist Church Annual Conference is coming up! They are in need of greeters, shuttle drivers, people to help with registration, etc. Click on the link below to view opportunities to share your gift of hospitality and God's love.

<https://form.jotform.com/240027112162136>

Resolve to Go Micro

Most New Year's resolutions are so major they seem made to be broken. Maybe that's why "micro-resolution" is the latest January buzzword. Setting smaller goals is more realistic and helps ensure follow-through, according to experts. People who try setting micro-resolutions say that approach is more positive and leads to longer-lasting change. For example, instead of attempting to lose 30 pounds this year, make a micro-resolution to walk 10 minutes twice per day and to snack on fresh fruit at least once a day.

Micro-resolutions can also be helpful in matters of faith. If aiming to read the entire Bible in one year feels overwhelming, take five minutes each morning and evening to read a brief devotional or pray. If joining your church's missions committee isn't possible, try to talk to one new person each week about your faith or church. May God bless you as you take small steps that add up to big impact this year!



We will begin a new series in this brand New Year. These lessons are from the series "READY TO SERVE". Jesus was the greatest example of a servant, and we must remember that as followers of Christ, we are also called to serve.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th has resumed its regular schedule and begins at 5:30 p.m. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. The children have enjoyed learning about so many of God's faithful followers in the Book of Genesis while creating crafts and activities.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group has resumed its regular schedule and continues with a Bible Study that follows the movie about the life of Phil Robertson of the **Duck Commander** and **Duck Dynasty** Family Empire, called *The Blind*. We will also integrate the *I am Second* series in which several of the Robertson family members shared their testimonies..

WINTER RESET



Along with a New Year, we often think of resolutions or ways to improve ourselves. Several of the Youth leaders within the community met last year to discuss ways and implement ideas on how to help our Youth focus more and draw closer to God. We decided starting off the New Year with a "Reset" would be a great start. Rodney Jones will be leading our community youth in a Winter Reset, at Parkview Church of God this weekend.

The Theme is "WALK THE TALK" based on Proverbs 6:16-19.

Mississippi-West Tennessee

Convening Annual Conference
January 25-27, 2024 | Memphis, TN

The Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference of the Global Methodist Church will have its **Convening Annual Conference** this **January 25-27**, at Christ Church in Memphis, TN. Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory will be our guest speaker, and Bishop Scott Jones will speak as well as preside over the ordination service on Friday night. All are welcome to come join us for this special gathering. You may register at <https://ms-wtngmc.org/convening-annual-conference>

Sunday, January 14

Greeters

LaShone Robins/

Terrye Layne & Helen Tenhet

Scripture

Matthew 4:12-22

Sermon

“Thy Kingdom Come”

Flowers

Julie & De Paul

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY

14. 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

John 2:1-11

15. A year of Jubilee

Leviticus 25:8-10

16. Proclaim liberty

Isaiah 61:1-3

17. Doers of the word

James 1:22-25

18. Reading from the law

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

19. Law that revives

Psalm 19

20. In the one Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a