

# Messenger

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## Convening Annual Conference

**Mississippi-West Tennessee**  
*Convening Annual Conference*  
January 25-27, 2024 | Memphis, TN

This coming week the Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference of the Global Methodist Church will have its **Convening Annual Conference** on **January 25-27**, at Christ Church in Memphis, TN. This will be the first official gathering of our new Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory, the President Pro Tem of the Mid Texas Conference of the GMC, will be our featured speaker. Bishop Scott Jones will also speak as well as preside over the ordination service on Friday night. Rev. Dr. Tim Prather, our conference's President Pro Tem, will preside over the gathering.

On Friday night we are expecting to ordain 55 new pastors in the Global Methodist Church: 9 Deacons and 46 Elders. It is an exciting time for conference.

All are welcome to come join us for this special gathering. You may register at <https://ms-wtngmc.org/convening-annual-conference>



# With Sympathy

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- 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 22

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

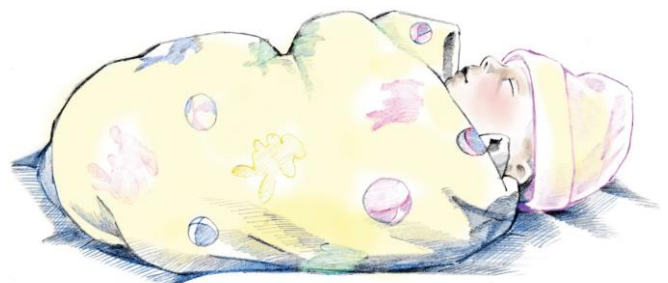
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

*Sympathy and love is extended the family of Mrs. Mary Stigler Thompson. Mrs. Thompson passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2024.*

*Sympathy and love is also extended to Bonnie Holmes and family in the death of Mrs. Jean Holmes, who died January 10, 2024.*



## Newborns

Congratulations to Tate and Anna Cole Potter on the birth of their son **Hampton Harris Potter**, who was born January 11, 2024. Proud grandparents are Dixie and Jim Roberts.



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

- 22. Janet Adams  
Sam Smith
- 23. Barbara Parks
- 26. Linda Coker  
Jordan Goodman Johnson  
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- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dew



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-6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Sunday, January 14

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/Myra Dunlap
Scripture	Matthew 8:5-13
Sermon	<b>“Just Say the Word”</b>
Flowers	Jenny & Jimmy Whitaker

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### JANUARY

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| <b>21. 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</b> | <b>Luke 4:14- 21</b>  |
| 22. A new covenant                       | Jeremiah 31:31-34     |
| 23. The Lord’s choice                    | Matthew 21:33-42      |
| 24. The forerunner                       | Matthew 11:7-15       |
| 25. Prophet to the nations               | Jeremiah 1:4-10       |
| 26. A rock of refuge                     | Psalms 71:1-6         |
| 27. Love never ends                      | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 |