

The Good News

First Methodist Church, Senatobia, Mississippi

August 2025

Dear Church Family,

We are in that time of year that children and teachers return to school from their summer break, and it's also the time of year we look forward to Wednesday night meals and programming resuming. I want to give you some details regarding Wednesday nights at Senatobia FMC. We begin on August 20, and our final Wednesday night of the semester will be December 3. Dinner will be served at 5:15 pm, and the cost is \$5 per person or a \$20 max for families. Kids 3 and under eat free! Adult studies, Kingdom Kids, and our Youth will all meet from 6:00-7:15 pm.

- Bro. Tim will be leading a study on discipleship in the Fellowship Hall. This group will be studying the book "Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples" by Robby Gallaty.
- Cristen Barnard will be leading a study of the book "You are Called: Discover Your God-Given Gifts to Fulfill Your Purpose" by John Bevere.
- Peggy Williams will be leading a study of a book based on Philippians 4:8 called "40 Days to a Joy-Filled Life: Living the 4:8 Principle" by Tommy Newberry.
- Our men will be gathering in the new building to study together and form discipleship groups. For more information, contact Doug McClure or Craig Shideler.

How exciting! Three years ago, when I was first appointed to be your pastor, we had one Wednesday night study up and running for adults, and now we have several great options! Please be prayerful about these opportunities, pick one, and jump in with both feet!

Now, let me say a word about the refinancing of our building debt. Our leadership has been working diligently with local banks as well as the Texas Methodist Foundation, and we have secured a great interest rate locally. Once we put down the money we have on hand, we will be refinancing approximately \$795,000.00.

Why am I using the word approximately? Because every dollar that is contributed toward our capital campaign during the next week or so will help REDUCE the total amount we must borrow and thus REDUCE the amount of debt service we must include in our budget going forward, and thus INCREASE the amount of money we have available for MISSION and MINISTRY. Whether or not you have made a commitment to our capital campaign for debt reduction, please consider contributing this next week! All gifts, regardless of their size, make a direct impact!

Thank you for your faithfulness! I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday as we continue our study of Ruth!

Blessings,

Bro. Tim

Schedule of Activities

Sunday, August 3—Promotion Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 12:00 p.m. Children's Parent meeting in Fellowship Hall
 4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group
 5:30 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Monday, August 4

7:00 a.m. SHS Senior Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study in the Fellowship Hall
 (every Tuesday in August)
The Armor of God book study in Esther Class
 (every Tuesday in August)

Wednesday, August 6

5:15 p.m. *Altar'd* book study in Pilgrims' Class
 5:30 p.m. Youth
 6:00 p.m. Men's group meeting in new building
 (every Wednesday in August)

Sunday, August 10—New Baby Welcome at 11:00

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Monday, August 11

***Last day to sign up for kids' CLS trip**

Wednesday, August 13

5:30 p.m. Youth parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 17—3rd Grade Bible Presentation at 11:00

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 4:00 p.m. Youth swim party
 4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Wednesday, August 20—Wednesday nights start back!!

5:15 p.m. Dinner
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Adult studies, Youth, and Kingdom Kids
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, August 22

All day "Extra Table" food packing event in the new building

Saturday, August 23

Birthday party in the Fellowship Hall and on the playground

Sunday, August 24

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 2:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Anna Nickens
 4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Wednesday, August 25

5:15 p.m. Dinner
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Adult studies, Youth, and Kingdom Kids
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, August 31

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream
 4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Remember in Prayer

HEALING OF CANCER

Bernadean Taylor Morganti
 Lindsey Massey
 Renee King
 Granville Sherman (John Goodwin's brother-in-law)
 Linda Hankins
 Rodney Cain (uncle of Alysca Webb)
 Kent Davis (friend of Linda & Terry Kroush)
 Robert Donner
 Ladarius McCoy (Strayhorn High student)
 Johnny Clark
 Robin Mackey Spahn
 Brooke Ramsey (step-daughter of Judy Smith)
 Debra Young (cousin of Les Young)
 Erika Holland
 Sandra Savage
 Howard Patterson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Lindsey Todd
 Steven Dossett (son of Ken)
 Ken Gutheridge (friend of Bubba & Heidi Terrell)
 Cayce Willis (daughter of Nina Baxter McGee, former member)
 Lisa Lucius (friend of Mary Ann Walker)
 Marie Coleman
 Chris O'Conner
 Melanie Edwards
 Hazel Mae Edwards (granddaughter of Jackie McGregor, friend of Brandi Malin)
 Fay Tomlin (friend of Joyce Ingram Casillas)
 Levi & Lindsey Lance (family of Kristen Prince, South Asia)
 Jere & Gail Gammon (father & step-mother of Heidi Terrell)
 Charlie Vail
 The Ward Family
 The Family of Randy Lakey
 Tripp Pullen & Family
 Cherry Smith

NURSING/REHAB/RETIREMENT HOME

William Dorr (Providence — father of Jimmy Dorr)
 Sue Anthony (Providence — mother of Marvin Lishman)
 Robbie Sissell (The Langford of Collierville)

MILITARY SERVICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Landon Riley (great-nephew of Glenda Rhodes)
 Parker Still
 Brian Englund (nephew of Val Lyle)
 David Neal (brother of Beth Dickerson)
 Members of Mississippi National Guard Units
 Members of the Senatobia Police Department
 Members of the Tate County Sheriff's Department
 Members of the Mississippi Highway Patrol
 Will Parker (Navy; nephew of Phil & Sharon Coleman)

Flower Calendar

August 3.....Kyle & Sarah Dixon
 August 10.....Allie Crick
 August 17.....Anonymous
 August 24.....Open
 August 31.....Open

August 2025 Worship Volunteers

OFFERING COLLECTORS.....Judy Smith & Matt Sellers
 MONDAY MORNING COUNTER.....Gay Lishman
 AUDIO/VISUAL OPERATORS (8:45) August 3.....Phillip Frazier
 August 10.....Calvert Shideler
 August 17.....Garrett Nickens
 August 24.....Derek Prince
 August 31.....Calvert Shideler/Clay Moore
 AUDIO/VISUAL OPERATORS (11:00) August 3.....Robert Barnard
 August 10.....Calvert Shideler
 August 17.....Peggy Williams
 August 24.....Lee Pinkston
 August 31.....Eric McAlexander
 USHERS.....8:45 a.m.....Micah McClure & Paxton Walker
 11:00 a.m.....Sidney Kidder & John Spencer

Upcoming Activities



Men's Sunday Morning
Breakfast will be held
Sunday, August 3, at
7:30 a.m.

This breakfast is held the first
Sunday of every month.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



August 13--Parents' meeting
5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

***We will discuss possible upcoming Youth
events such as Winter M28 and Delta Grace**

August 17--Back to School pool party!
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Home of Brad & Rachel Cook

6882 Hwy 51 South, Hernando

***Please RSVP to Connor by August 10**

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starts back!**

JOIN US!

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PRISCILLA SHIRER

The Armor of God

Book Study

Begins Tuesday, Aug
5th

3:15 pm Esther Classroom
SFMC



Books
on Amazon

VIDEO
ACCESS
INCLUDED



Be strong
in the Lord
& in His
mighty
power
Put on the
full
armor
of God.
Ephesians 6:10-11



Operation Christmas Child is part of our church's international mission & evangelism program. School supplies will soon be on sale during the month of August. This will be your best time to purchase them for your family's Christmas shoeboxes! Pencils, eraser tops, crayons, markers, index cards, pens, notebooks, and scissors for children...these are just a few examples of items that are perfect for a child's shoebox when Christmas gets here.

Suggestions for other items will be available soon!

The Matthew 25 Homeless Ministry is asking for snack packs and gently used backpacks during the month of August.

You can leave these items in the box outside the church office or in the Grand Hall!

Happy Birthday

2 Russell Sowell
2 Adam Todd
3 Hudson Crick
3 Ella Claire Dixon
6 Christine Dicken
6 Aletta Stull
7 Margaret Dicken
10 Eric McAlexander
10 Jill Ferguson
10 Gwen Hogan
11 Shiela Vancil
11 Caleb Pinkston
11 Brenda Sexton
13 Camille Givens
14 Jennifer Hammons
15 Peyton Peterson
16 Taylor Johnston
17 James Allison
17 Beth Dickerson

17 Jennifer Aker
17 Betsy Powell
19 Kathleen Coleman
19 Paxton Walker
20 Beth Hughey
21 Tara Puckett
23 Marilynne Burnside
23 Beth Vail
24 Jameson Burns
24 Elisabeth Triplett
25 Carter Harville
25 Cannon Puckett
25 Bubba Terrell
25 Laura Grace Burns
25 Lillian Spencer
26 Linda Kroush
31 Dan Clark
31 Lindsey Todd
31 Laney Vines

Happy Anniversary

1 David & Mary Ann Burkhead


7 Jerry & Ellen Clark

18 Johnny & Janet Clark

18 Martin & Megan Murphree

20 Don & June Fernholz

28 Sidney & Callie Kidder



SENATOBIA FIRST METHODIST KIDS

August Events

- Welcome Back Pool Party July 30!
 - Back Acres Country Club
 - 6pm-8pm
 - Pizza and Popsicles provided
 - Kinder & younger/Nonswimmers must have adult present

REMEMBER!

AUGUST 3

- 1st/2nd grade SS Sing @ 11am
- Promotion Sunday during SS
- Blessing of the Backpacks @ 8:45am & 11am
- Parent Meeting @ 12pm

AUGUST 10

- New Baby Welcome @ 11am
 - New baby/child members of the church are welcomed, announced and given a lamb

AUGUST 11

- Deadline to register for Camp Lake Stephens Children's Spiritual Life Retreat
 - October 4-5

AUGUST 17

- 3rd Grade Bibles presented @ 11am

AUGUST 20

- Kingdom Kids Starts Back!