

# The Good News

First Methodist Church, Senatobia, Mississippi

January 2026

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with grace, peace, and joy as we begin a New Year!

First, let's look back for a moment...

2025 was a year of incredible blessing and fruitfulness for our church. 34 new members joined our congregation, and we were blessed with eight baptisms. Our average Sunday attendance was at an historic high of 255, and our annual giving will almost certainly set records, too. We'll be able to report more accurately on our financials once Glenda closes the books on 2025 in early January. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your faithfulness.

Speaking of your faithfulness, our Christmas Eve offering brought in \$2,692.00 that will be split evenly between Hope Ministries and the Ministerial Alliance. Your generosity will go a long way to meet the needs of the least, last, and lost. Again, thank you!

Now, let's look ahead to 2026...

We will begin a three-week sermon series on January 11 called "365 Days of Thanks." As you can probably tell, we'll be examining the topic of thanksgiving and how it can change our lives. While you don't necessarily have to read the book, I will be referencing a man named John Kralik and his book "365 Thank Yous: The Year a Simple Act of Daily Gratitude Changed My Life." If you want to be encouraged, order a copy of this book from your favorite bookstore and dive in! We will also embark on a church-wide thanksgiving challenge in the weeks to come, so get ready!

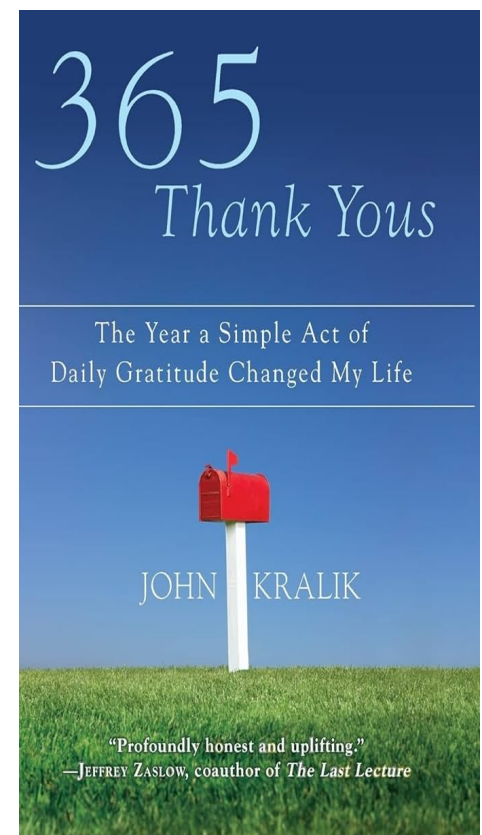
Also, you will notice in this Sunday's worship bulletin (and in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter!), that we have a new Bible reading plan for 2026. You can use this plan individually or with your discipleship group. The regimen asks for five days of Bible reading per week at a pace of two chapters per day. While you won't read the entire Bible with this plan, it will take us through the major stories and movements found in God's Word. Are you ready for a deeper commitment to and walk with the Lord in 2026? Make daily Bible reading the central focus of your spiritual life!

Please know that I fully expect God's perfect provision and blessings to continue for our congregation in 2026, and know that I'm so proud to be your pastor. Also know that you are loved and appreciated and are always welcome to call me or, even better, come have a cup of coffee.

May God bless you powerfully in this New Year!

Blessings,

Bro. Tim



## Schedule of Activities

### Sunday, January 4

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
 8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream  
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 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

### Tuesday, January 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study in the Fellowship Hall  
 (every Tuesday in January)

### Sunday, January 11

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream  
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 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

### Wednesday, January 14 (same schedule January 21 & 28)

5:15 p.m. Wednesday night dinner!  
 6:00 p.m. Youth meeting  
 Men's Discipleship Group  
 Pastor's Bible Study  
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

### Sunday, January 18

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream  
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 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, January 19

**\*Church office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day**  
 6:00 p.m. Methodist Women's Meeting

### Sunday, January 25

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream  
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 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

### Tuesday, January 27

USDA meeting in Fellowship Hall all day.



## Remember in Prayer

### HEALING OF CANCER

Bernadean Taylor Morganti	Renay West Rucker (friend of Heidi Terrell)
Lindsey Massey	Jonie Swanson
Renee King	Linda Hankins
Granville Sherman	AnnaBeth Harrison (friend of Nicole O'Conner)
Rodney Cain (uncle of Alysca Webb)	Amy Wooten Freeman (cousin of TA Wooten)
Jeff Patterson	Jim Patterson
Kent Davis (friend of Linda & Terry Kroush)	Eva Wilkerson Lenzi (friend of Marcia Kidder)
Robert Donner	Sherri Surman Philbin (friend of Heidi Terrell)
Ladarius McCoy (Strayhorn High student)	
Bobby Bouchillon	
Robin Mackey Spahn	
Brooke Ramsey (step-daughter of Judy Smith)	
Debra Young (cousin of Les Young)	
Erika Holland	
Howard Patterson	
Marcia Kidder	
Joyce Casillas	

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Lindsey Todd	The family of Jackie Walton
Steven Dossett (son of Ken)	Scott Frame (Step-father of Mary Elinor Goodwin)
Shirley Marble (friend of Signy Givens)	Bud & Deloris Trout
Simon Smith	Peggy Rotenberry (mother of India Hale)
Lisa Lucius (friend of Mary Ann Walker)	Marie Coleman
John Gotera (co-worker of Cliff O'Conner)	Rachel Smith (recovering from surgery)
Noah Blue Webber (great niece of Russell & Kay Sowell)	
Chris O'Conner	
Fay Tomlin (friend of Joyce Ingram Casillas)	
Levi & Lindsey Lance (family of Kristen Prince, South Asia)	Cherry Smith
Jere & Gail Gammon (father & step-mother of Heidi Terrell)	David Burkhead
Charles & Beth Vail	Richard Van Sickle
Jan Christenson (friend of Linda Kroush)	Ron Bales (dad of Mary Day)
Jo Bost	
Christopher Jarman	

### 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

January 4.....Open  
 January 11.....Linda Putt  
 January 18.....Loren Roberson  
 January 25.....Open

### January 2026 Worship Volunteers

OFFERING COLLECTORS.....Bob Meacham & Judy Smith  
 MONDAY MORNING COUNTER.....Clarann Spence

AUDIO/VISUAL OPERATORS (8:45) January 4.....Garrett Nickens  
 January 11.....Derek Prince  
 January 18.....Calvert Shideler  
 January 25.....Calvert Shideler

AUDIO/VISUAL OPERATORS (11:00) January 4.....Calvert Shideler  
 January 11.....Lee Pinkston  
 January 18.....Eric McAlexander  
 January 25.....Robert Barnard

USHERS.....8:45 a.m.....Liam & Max Billingsley  
 11:00 a.m.....Russell Sowell, Les Young, Thomas Givens

# Upcoming Activities

## BIBLE READING PLAN

*Week One Readings:*

Day 1: Genesis 1-2

Day 2: Genesis 3-4

Day 3: Genesis 6-7

Day 4: Genesis 8-9

Day 5: Job 1-2

Memory Verses:

Genesis 1:27

Hebrews 11:7

METHODIST  
WOMEN'S  
MEETING

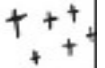
MONDAY,  
JANUARY 19  
6 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP  
HALL

All women of the church are welcome for a time of fellowship, service to our church and global community, and to deepen our Christian faith.

Refreshments will be provided!

Meetings will be held on the third Monday night of each month at 6:00 p.m.



## M28 Youth Winter Retreat

When: February 13-16, 2026

Where: Hargis Christian Camp in Chelsea, AL

Cost: \$275 per participant

\*Contact Connor for more information



Beatitudes Study  
Starting in January  
Sundays: 10:00am

Journeywise  
Shane Stanford

Pilgrims  
Sunday School  
Class

Book available on Amazon



## Happy Birthday

1 Marcia Kidder	24 Martin Murphree
3 Mike Ferguson	24 Mary Ann Burkhead
6 Jennifer Garrott	25 Robert Barnard
8 Marc Lacker	25 Piper Brown
11 Pat Gabbert	25 Hayden Brown
11 Sidney Webb	25 Sonia Young
12 Greg Morris	29 Melaina Hurley
13 Joan Haley	31 Sarah Bradley Powell
13 Deborah Moore	
14 Katie Gordon	
16 Brad Shideler	
19 Gwen Morgan	
19 Jeannie Sprayberry	
20 Melanie Edwards	
20 Laike McAlexander	
22 Sarah Perkins	
23 Luke Goodwin	
23 Hayden Hammons	
23 Conrad Kidder	
24 Matt Crick	

## Happy Anniversary

9 John David & Suzanne Coke  
17 Ray & Ellen Glosson

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I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU GUYS FOR  
FEEDING OUR GUYS PRE GAME MEALS. TAKING THE  
PRESSURE OF NOT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT A PRE  
GAME MEAL IS A BIG DEAL AND TO SAY THANK YOU  
THANK YOU FOR POURING THE WORD OF GOD  
INTO THESE YOUNG MEN AND SHOWING THEM  
WHAT BEING THE HANDS & FEET TRULY MEAN

Go Warriors

  
SENATOBIA



## IMPORTANT

### REMINDER:

Those who use our online giving portal are reminded to update your giving amount if you changed your *Ministry Budget Pledge* for the coming year.