

# 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!

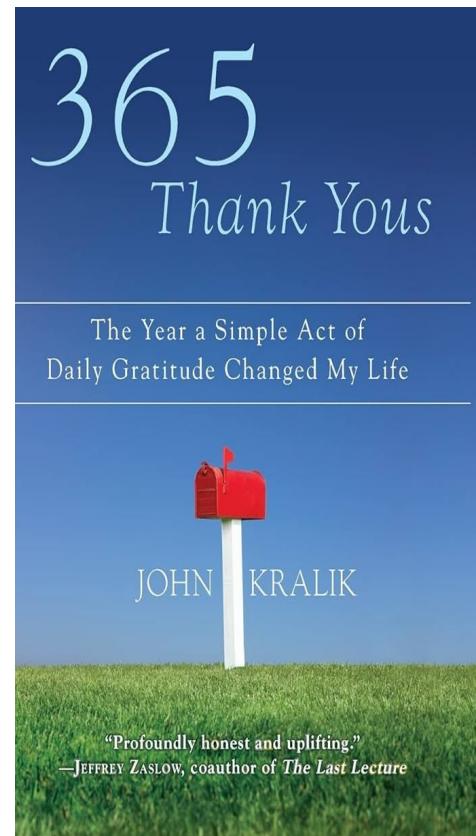
Also, you will notice in this Sunday's worship bulletin (and in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter!), that we have a new Bible reading plan for 2026. You can use this plan individually or with your discipleship group. The regimen asks for five days of Bible reading per week at a pace of two 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  
Lindsey Massey  
Renee King  
Granville Sherman  
Rodney Cain (uncle of Alyssa Webb)  
Jeff Patterson  
Kent Davis (friend of Linda & Terry Kroush)  
Robert Donner  
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

Renay West Rucker (friend of Heidi Terrell)  
Jonie Swanson  
Linda Hankins  
AnnaBeth Harrison (friend of Nicole O'Conner)  
Amy Wooten Freeman (cousin of TA Wooten)  
Jim Patterson  
Eva Wilkerson Lenzi (friend of Marcia Kidder)  
Sherri Surman Philbin (friend of Heidi Terrell)  
Peggy Rotenberry (mother of India Hale)  
Marie Coleman  
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)  
Jere & Gail Gammon (father & step-mother of Heidi Terrell)  
Charles & Beth Vail  
Jan Christenson (friend of Linda Kroush)  
Jo Bost  
Christopher Jarman

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Lindsey Todd  
Steven Dossett (son of Ken)  
Shirley Marble (friend of Signy Givens)  
Simon Smith  
Lisa Lucius (friend of Mary Ann Walker)  
John Gotera (co-worker of Cliff O'Conner)  
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)  
Jere & Gail Gammon (father & step-mother of Heidi Terrell)  
Charles & Beth Vail  
Jan Christenson (friend of Linda Kroush)  
Jo Bost  
Christopher Jarman

The family of Jackie Walton  
Scott Frame (Step-father of Mary Elinor Goodwin)  
Bud & Deloris Trout  
Peggy Rotenberry (mother of India Hale)  
Marie Coleman  
Rachel Smith (recovering from surgery)  
Noah Blue Webber (great niece of Russell & Kay Sowell)  
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### 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!

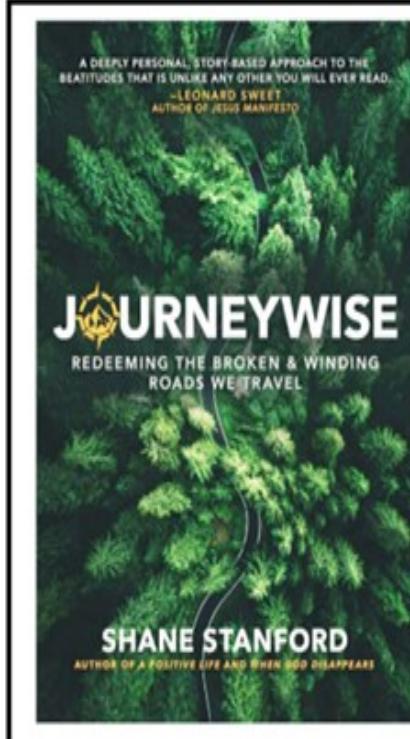
Meetings will be held on the third Monday night of each month at 6:00 p.m.



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  
3 Mike Ferguson  
6 Jennifer Garrott  
8 Marc Lacker  
11 Pat Gabbert  
11 Sidney Webb  
12 Greg Morris  
13 Joan Haley  
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

## •WARRIORS•

1<sup>st</sup> METHODIST CHURCH

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 I SAY THANK YOU  
THANK YOU FOR PUBLISHING THE WORD OF GOD  
INTO THESE YOUNG MEN AND SHOWING THEM  
WHAT BEING THE HANDS & FEET TRULY MEAN

Go Warriors  
CARLTON 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.