

Dear Wesley Church family,

Chicken Tenders and Christ's Table

Well...a new chicken tenders place has opened in Tupelo! And on the west side too! Huey Magoo's. We ate there for lunch on Sunday and it was pretty good. Staff was very nice. Tenders were good. Magoo sauce is on point. Everything about it was very pleasant. But at the end of the day...it was just chicken tenders.

That's the thing about chicken tenders. You really can't go wrong serving them. Everybody likes them. Kids will eat them. Fried. Grilled. Either is fine. Doesn't really matter if it came from Slim Chicken's or the gas station. They'll be fine to serve. It's just usually not something to write home about. No one leaves from the event and says "We had chicken tenders! Can you believe it?!"

Nah. Nobody really acts that way. It's just chicken tenders.

I fear sometimes we approach communion at the Lord's Table that way.

It's the first Sunday of the month. Time for communion.

No one is UPSET that it's time for communion. It's fine. We always do it the first Sunday. We can check off that we've had it. That works.

But are we in AWE of what it means to come to His table or do we treat it like we do chicken tenders? Like it's "meh" or something.

We're quick to talk about how bland the wafer can be. Or how we wish we had that OTHER bread we used to serve. I've done it myself.

But we need to get back to the place where we are HUMBLed by the experience and opportunity to partake of the Lord's Supper and to commune with Him at His table. When Jesus holds up the bread and wine and says "This is my body broken for you...this is my blood shed for you"...that is nothing to just shrug off. The SON OF GOD gave His life...His very body and blood...for YOU. He died for YOU.

Catholics believe that Holy Communion, or the Eucharist, is the actual body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ, a belief known as transubstantiation where the elements of bread and wine actually BECOME the body and blood of Christ. They believe that once you consume Holy Communion, you are actually incorporated into Christ and are united and bonded with Him and the Church. And while we as Methodists don't QUITE believe that way, we do believe in the symbolism it represents and it may behoove us to get to a place where Communion Sunday is not just a ritual we do or a task to check off on the first Sunday of every month. It is an opportunity to recognize the lengths to which Jesus went to save our souls from an eternity spent in Hell and to offer us a seat at His heavenly table. It is a chance to seek forgiveness for ourselves and to offer that same forgiveness to others. It is a time to FEAST on His grace, mercy, and love and to be FILLED with His Holy Spirit!

So friends...this is not just a wafer or stale piece of bread and a sip of juice. It is a meal worthy to tell everyone we meet about! Go and tell others about what God has prepared! Invite them to the table! This is dinner with the KING.

It's not just chicken tenders.

-Trae

Sunday's Message:
"The Communion Table"
1 Corinthians 10:14-32

October Events

Wednesday, October 1st

4:30pm.....SPRC Meeting

5pm.....WOW Meal

6pm.....Brown Bag Bible Study, Man Church, Children's Choir, Youth

7pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, October 2nd

10:30am.....Stay Young

Sunday, October 5th

9:00am....Coffee and Donuts in Holy Grounds

9:30am.....Sunday School

10:30am.....Worship Service

4pm.....Choir Practice

4pm.....Youth

5pm.....Prayer Ministry

Monday, October 6th

5:30pm.....Finance Meeting

Tuesday, October 7th

8:30am-10am.....Food Pantry

Wednesday, October 8th

4:30pm.....Nominations Mtg

5pm.....WOW Meal

6pm.....Brown Bag Bible Study, Man Church, Children's Choir, Youth

7pm.....Choir Practice



Prayer List

We have a new Prayer Ministry starting up and we'd love for you to be a part of it! We'll meet for prayer every Sunday at 5pm in the Good News Sunday School class. There are prayer cards available for you to fill out and put in the prayer box in the foyer. They will be prayed over at our meeting every Sunday and will be held close to our hearts. Praying for others is an important part of our ministry as the body of Christ. Please incorporate this list as a part of your personal prayer life.

Prayer Requests for September 28th

Isaiah Lloyd

Bill Davis

Sandra McClure

Ruth Wilkinson

Prayer Requests for September 21st

Steve Burnside

Russ Wilson

Clint Davis

Trula Moore

Vision for the church

Prayer Requests for September 14th

Don McCain

Lacey Wyatt

Dawn Pettigrew

Reed Crosby

Brenda Pearce

Jim Counce



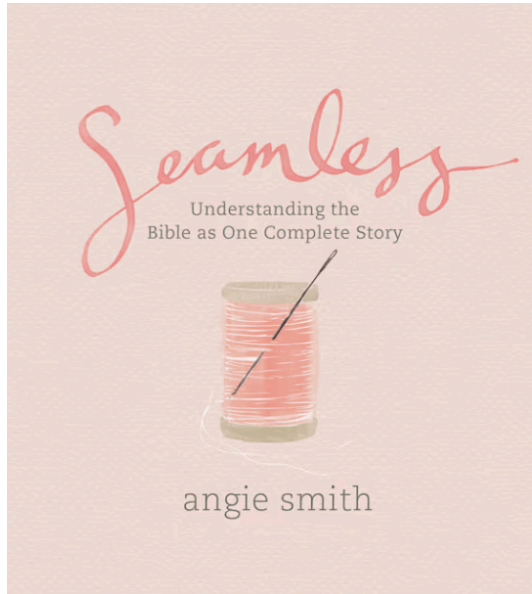
WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS

WOW MEAL @ 5PM
BIBLE STUDIES @ 6PM
YOUTH AND CHILDREN @ 6PM

WOW Meal
10/8/25 - Friendship Class
Taco Bar and desserts!

LADIES BOOK CLUB

With Anna Garner



- THE STUDY COVERS MAJOR EVENTS FROM THE BIBLE, TYING THEM TOGETHER INTO THE GREATER STORY OF SCRIPTURE. IT REALLY HELPS UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE AS ONE COMPLETE STORY AND REPLACES SOME INSECURITY OR UNEASINESS ABOUT BIBLE STUDY WITH MUCH MORE CLARITY AND CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE.

BIBLE STUDY



JOIN DALE DOBBS AS HE LEADS
A BIBLE STUDY ON
REVELATIONS! YOU WON'T
WANT TO MISS THIS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



THE MAN CHURCH
BE A MAN...FOLLOW JESUS

"THE MAN CHURCH" IS A PROGRAM COMPRISED OF FIELD-TESTED SOLUTIONS FOR CHALLENGING AND EQUIPPING MEN TO BECOME THE PEOPLE GOD CREATED THEM TO BE. JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM AS WE ENGAGE IN SOME HEARTY CONVERSATION DISCUSSING BEING STRONG, CHRISTIAN MEN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

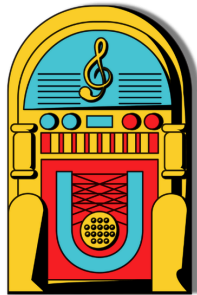
WESLEY CHOIR PRESENTS:

Son-Shiner DINER

**When: Sunday October 19th
@ 6:00 PM**

**Advance Tickets: \$15 Adult \$10 child
*See any choir member to purchase
\$20 Tickets at the door**

**Good Food, Great
Entertainment
featuring music
from the 50's!**



2010 WEST MAIN ST. TUPELO, MS



Our Annual Fall Festival is Wednesday, October 29th! Fun, food and games galore! We're asking everyone to please bring a bag of candy over the next couple of weeks and drop it off in the volunteer office for us to pass out to the kids that night! Thanks!

H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

10/1 - Everett Sims
10/2 - Maci Taylor
10/4 - Julia Mendes
10/5 - Lacey Wyatt
10/10 - John Thomas Senter
10/11 - Jay Pettigrew
10/15 - Lindsey Turner

10/16 - Russ Wilson
10/17 - James Taylor
10/19 - Nicholas Gassaway
10/22 - Gary Baker
10/22 - WT Taylor
10/26 - Randy Davis
10/27 - Jeff Wilson
10/28 - Austin Pannell



WESLEY YOUTH

Wesley Youth October

Sundays

October 5
Youth 4:00–6:00 CLC

October 12
NO Confirmation Class

October 19
Youth 4:00–6:00

October 26
Confirmation Class
4:00–5:00 Library

Wednesdays

October 1
WOW 5:00–7:00

October 8
WOW 5:00–7:00

October 15
WOW 5:00–7:00

October 22
WOW 5:00–7:00

October 29
Fall Festival



Children's
Choir

Wednesdays
6pm–6:30pm



As you all know, Wesley has filled and donated many, many Shoe Boxes over the years.
This is a list of what to collect to go in our shoebox for 1st and 2nd Sundays.
This list will be for two consecutive weeks:

October 5th and 12th, all types of **school supplies**.

Pencils, sharpeners, pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, coloring books, picture books, small tablets, (notebook paper and spiral notebooks will not fit in the shoebox very well)
Solar calculators, if you buy regular calculators, be sure to include batteries.

October 19th and 26th list to include is as follows,
Toothbrushes, wash clothes, combs, hairbrushes, rubber bands(ponytail type),
Socks, sunglasses, flashlights (must include batteries)
toy jewelry for little girls.

Tip: do not send toothpaste, liquids, food or aerosol cans.
Now! Let's all work together to see how many shoebox we can fill!

Also, we will have a Dollar Box.

Some may not be able to shop but can help with the cost of postage, since the postage on every box is \$10.00.

I would love for every person who is a member or not at Wesley to get involved and help our kids with this project.

A time will be announced later of the date that we will get together to pack our boxes.
I hope this will be so much fun and interesting to see what each of us brings. Then we will choose by ages, what to put in each box.

Be sure to watch our newsletter next week!

Thank you,
Judy Counce, Shoe Box Coordinator

WAYS TO SERVE

Ministry Opportunity Card 2025

Name: _____

Nurture

(Taking Care of Ourselves)

Worship: _____ Adult Choir _____ Handbells
 _____ Acolyte Assist _____ Decorations/Flowers
 _____ Instrumentalist _____ Drama/Skits
 _____ Reader _____ Art/Props _____ Communion

Congregational Care: _____ (Shut Ins/ Stay in Touch)

_____ Organize Meals for Families
 _____ Bereavement Committee

Education: _____ Adult SS Teacher/WOW Adults
 _____ Youth SS Teacher _____ VBS Volunteer
 _____ Children SS Teacher _____ WOW Kids Teacher

Other areas:
 _____ Stewardship committee _____ Prayer Group
 _____ Handyman/woman
 _____ Church Fundraisers (i.e. Rummage Sale)
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Outreach

(Reach out into the community)

_____ Missions (Tree of Life, Mobile Manna, Committee member)
 _____ Food Pantry Volunteer
 _____ Evangelism (going out into the community/promoting the church)

Witness

(Spread the Good News)

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In order for us to fulfill God's plan and live into the vision He has for our church, we don't need just people on a committee. We need people who have a heart for God. We need people willing to be the hands and feet of Christ, to reach out to our neighbors and to step out in faith down the path He is leading us. We have Ministry Opportunity Cards in the foyer for you to fill out and get you connected to the area of ministry God has crafted you for. Here is a sample of it for you to pray over as you consider how God is calling you to go and make disciples.

FOOD PANTRY

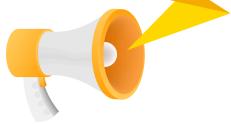
OFFERING COUNTERS

10/5/25 - Pat Pearce and Blake Hill
 10/12/25 - Bill Austin & Trish Thistle
 10/19/25 - Rachel Davis & David Hutson
 10/26/25 - Martha Clay & Brenda Pearce

TRUSTEES

10/5/25 - David Hutson
 10/12/25 - Amelia Foote
 10/19/25 - William Darby
 10/26/25 - Cherie Walker

NOMINATIONS

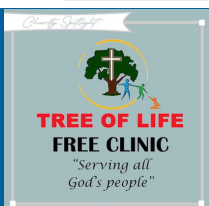


Nominations Committee Meeting

The Nominations Committee will meet Wednesday, October 8th at 4:30pm in the Gathering Room. If you are on this committee, please be sure to attend!

10/7/25 - Pam Shields, Wentris Alford, Martha Webb, Errol Tootle, Bob Walker
 10/14/25 - Ruth Dobbs, Errol Tootle, Wentris Alford
 10/21/25 - Pat Pearce, Wentris Alford, Errol Tootle
 10/28/25 - Errol Tootle, Wentris Alford, Pam Shields

For the month of October, our Food Pantry will be collecting PEANUT BUTTER so be sure and drop off some this month in the Food Pantry bin in the foyer!



Wednesday, October 1 @ 4:30 pm
 Saturday, October 18th @ 8:30 am

WESLEY CHURCH

A Global Methodist Congregation



FOR THE RECORD

Attendance (In - Person)

Morning Worship.... 100 in person

Stewardship

2025 Operating Budget.....\$261,816*

YTD Budget Receipts.....\$179,537.01

Needed Weekly.....\$5035.68

Weekly Budget Receipts.....\$4419

Budget will be adjusted to account for line of credit payment



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Rev. Trae Wyatt - Associate Pastor

Rev. Chip Frazier - Associate Pastor

Linda Austin - Director of Music Ministries

Debbie Clark - Financial Secretary

Martha Webb - Pianist

Sandi & Doug Haire - Custodians

Ameera Young & Ashley Wilson-Nursery

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To Believe. To Belong. To Become
Christ-Like Through Discipleship.