

**First United Methodist Church
Canton, Mississippi
August 2023**

From the Pastor:

In Jesus teachings with the disciples, he lets them know, "Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me." He also told them I go to prepare a place for you. Thomas then asks Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

This is where Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

I think about how much the media and culture are trying so hard to have people follow them. Biblical principles to unbelievers are like as it says in Proverbs 25: 22, like heaping coals of fire on their head. In today's world we see where in saying Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, sends many people screaming and lashing out at God's truth. My question is, "What does that say to us?" It says the devil is trying so hard to take over the hearts and minds of children, families, adults and people of faith, that Jesus gave a simple word of instruction to claim and strengthen us. "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."

In Christ,
Bro. David

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/4	Zachary Mitchell	8/10	Chan Chandler II	8/27	Louise Spivey
8/4	Maggie Rankin	8/15	Eileen Wyman	8/28	Meg Williams
8/6	Allen Williams	8/20	Allen Jerome	8/29	Buck Phillips
8/6	Margaret Ozborn	8/22	Sarah Willis	8/30	Kathy Ozborn
8/6	Kelley Thompson	8/24	Drew Goza	8/30	Gary Teasley
8/8	Sharee Schafer	8/26	Connor Freeman	8/30	Jay Measells
8/8	Harvey Wright				

**AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING
Campus Ministries**

Mississippi Wesley Foundations exist to be a lighthouse to students on campuses across the state of Mississippi. They provide a home away from home where students can worship, fellowship, ask challenging questions, get away on retreats together and share the Gospel with other students. They have a place in which to strengthen their relationship with Christ or even meet Christ for the first time. There are active Wesley Foundations on twenty-two campuses in Mississippi.

Please invest in the lives of students through prayer and by donating to the August communion offering.

SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Grace Episcopal Church partnered with the Mississippi Food Network to provide food to the neediest among us. Grace Food Pantry is open from 10:00am-1:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Grace. They have a specific need for peanut butter and canned tuna fish. If you would like to provide nonperishable food items to the pantry, please place your donations in the baskets located in the sub-story.

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for August is Campus Ministries.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **Sara Nichols** will meet Thursday, July 27th at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Mature Years Bingo** is Wednesday, August 2nd at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **The Sanctuary Choir will resume for August 2nd, at 6:30pm.**
- ◆ **Men's Club Breakfast** is Sunday, August 6th at 8:00am
- ◆ **Sara Nichols** will meet Thursday, August 24th at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Men's Club Chicken Cooking** is Saturday, August 26th. Pick up is from 10:00am–1:00pm... Chicken halves are \$6.00 each.
- ◆ **Please Look over our prayer list and let us know of any changes that need to be made. – Thank you.**
- ◆ **If anyone would like a copy of the Sunday Sermon on a disc, please contact our office at 601.859.4621 or by email at office@fumc-canton.org.**

~ **Sunday, July 30th, following church service, we will have a discussion in the Fellowship Hall to provide updates on our disaffiliation process. ~**

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LONG TERM

Ric Andreoli	Karen Hall	Guilda Madison	Bethany Hicks Sears
Mike Boler	Toxey Hall	Mattei Family	Philip Schmitt
Sherry Briggs	Patricia Hammack	Carl McKenzie	Evelyn Springer
M.L. Burnside	Wendy Harms	Chap McMullen	Lee Stewart
Gloria Carter	Carolyn Harris	Dorothy Measells	Renee Tatum
Hope Coup	Mike Harvey	Brianna Medina	Druscilla Thompson
David Fisher	Hazel Holmes	Sue Lowe Owen	Tru Elizabeth Tipps
Kathy Gardner	Johnny Irvin	Jo Beth Ray	Sophia Weems
Michelle Gardner	Carol Kraft Jackson	Bill Reedy	Mary Joe Wicke
Mark Gilbert	Judy Lambert	Carolyn Rice	Geoffrey Yoste
Bobby Hall	Nicholas Laneheart	Christy Saxton	

SHORT TERM

Tommy Tompkins & Family Johnnie Towers

If you know of someone that needs to be added to our Prayers Concern List, please fill out our Prayers Concern listed under Attendance Registration or If someone needs to be removed from the prayer list, please let us know.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 2	2:00PM	Mature Years Bingo
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, August 6	8:00AM	Men's Club Breakfast
	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, August 9	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, August 10	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, August 13	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, August 16	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, August 20	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, August 23	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, August 24	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Saturday, August 26	10:00AM-1:00PM	Men's Club Chicken Cooking
Sunday, August 27	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, August 30	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir