

First United Methodist Church

Canton, Mississippi

March, 2017

I have a desk calendar in my office that has a statement of inspiration for each day. The other day it had this saying on it: "For Christians, life on this earth is as close as they will ever get to hell. For people who reject God, life on this earth is as close as they will ever get to heaven." I thought about this the other day as I have ridden some of the most beautiful roads in Mississippi: The Natchez Trace, Hwy 45, Hwy 25, I-59, Hwy 90 from Waveland to the Alabama state line, and many others. When I'm on my motorcycle I can smell the smells of freshly cut hay, freshly turned dirt in the fields, the salt air off the Gulf of Mexico, the fresh water of the Ross Barnett Reservoir, and the unique smells of seafood or Bar-B-Q cooking at local restaurants from the Gulf Coast to Corinth. Even the shaded part through the woods surrounding the Trace has a distinctive smell. I feel the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the shade as I ride through the hills and valleys and "bottoms" around the state. God's creation is absolutely beautiful! If this beautiful state of Mississippi is as close to hell as I'll ever get, then Heaven is going to be an incredible place!

Jesus said; "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Thanks be to God for His gift to us!

In Christ, Bro. David

March Birthdays

1	Linda Reedy	9	Peggy Ladner	18	Allison Spivey	26	Louise Gordon
2	M L Burnside	10	Bill Reedy	19	Wyatt Kernodle	26	Jeannie Hicks
3	Missy Lavender	12	Pat Jerome	21	Sarah Walker	27	Martha O'Cain
4	Thomas Sellers	15	Bill Vaughan	22	Kelly Jennings	27	Hamp Godfrey
6	Donna Salmi	15	Lacey Norton	23	Emme Davis	28	David Craft
9	Billie Terry	17	Cooper Purvis	25	Elizabeth Van	31	Anna Grace Harris

March Calendar

1	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study		13	7:00 PM	Ruth Jones Circle
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service		13	12:00 PM	Ida Bennett Circle
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir		15		No Choir Rehearsal
5	8:00 AM	Men's Club Breakfast		22	5:30 PM	Children's Activities
	3:00 PM	Worship Committee			7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
6	12:00 PM	UMW Brown Bag Lunch		23	10:00 AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
8	5:30 PM	Children's Activities		26	11:45 AM	PPRC Meeting
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir		29	5:30 PM	Children's Activities
9	10:00 AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry			7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir

- The Ruth Jones Circle is selling Easter Lilies for \$15 each through March 30. The lilies can be placed in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone. To order, please see a member of the Ruth Jones Circle or fill out a form which can be found in the back of the sanctuary or in the sub-story and submit it with your payment to a member of the circle.
- The Communion Offering for March will be going to Allison Hayes Mission Trip.
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 12th.
- April 26th will be the last Wednesday night for the spring for the children's activities. The children's choir will have an end of the year program and parents and family will be invited.

The newsletter has been emailed to the addresses we have on file. If you did not receive one and should have, email the office at office@fumccanton.org. Copies will be mailed if requested; (shut- in's will be mailed a copy)