

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

From the Pastor:

I've shared with you about a season of ministry in a particular small community where the Methodist church and Baptist church did a lot of shared ministries. Before a revival service began at the Baptist church, a little girl came to Bro. Jim and me and asked us to pray that her mother would be saved that night. We prayed with her and as the service was going on I looked over my shoulder to see her intently staring at her mother. She knew, with confidence, God was going to answer her prayer. At the end of the service her mother, with tears in her eyes, looked at her daughter, and reached out her hand, as the little girl led her down the aisle. O, to pray with the confidence of children. She prayed intently, deliberately, and with great faith. As a result, I was blessed by God that night, to see Him at work through the eyes of a child. Remember and think on those times when God showed up and be grateful.

In Christ,
Bro. David

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2	Jake Pearson	10/6	Edward Hayes	10/20	Andrew Willis
10/3	Beverly Green	10/8	James O'Neal Jr.	10/23	Ally Jerome
10/3	Bob Duncan	10/10	Danny Joe O'Cain	10/24	Ann Bryan Penn
10/4	Angela Teasley	10/13	Lori Freeman	10/28	Carolyn Harris
10/5	Shelby Burnside	10/13	Patrick Jerome	10/29	Will Lampkin
10/5	Katie Manning	10/15	Lee Lee Stacey	10/31	Hazel Holmes
10/5	Terry Ellis	10/18	Emmie Chandler	10/31	Frances Williamson

**OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING
METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

For the month of October, our communion offering is designated for the Methodist Children's Home. Founded in 1896, the home has cared for over 11,000 children. Methodist Children's Home seeks to bring restoration to children and youth who have been neglected or abused. By the end of their time there, it is hoped that they find reconciliation with their biological families, love within an adoptive family or success as a productive, independent individual. There are multiple homes across the state, with the primary campus in Jackson.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CHRISTMAS PRISON MINISTRY

2023 marks the twelfth year of our Christmas outreach ministry to custody inmates at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. Thank you for your generosity with your monetary gifts as well as the items listed below:

**Clear (see through) deodorant
Clear (see through) shampoo
White athletic crew socks (Men and Women)
Hard candy**

Please place any of those items in the box in the sub-story during the month of October. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, we will be happy to shop for you. Please make your checks payable to the church and mark as ***Christmas Prison Ministry***.

The deadline for your gifts is **Sunday, October 29th**. Thank you for helping make this a blessed success in His name.

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.

Sunday Sermon
10.01.2023
“Share the Table”
Acts 2:40 – 47
Bro. David Lowery

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for October Methodist Children’s Home. **Special Collection** – Prison Ministry.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **Prayer Quilt Ministry** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00am.
- ◆ **The Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** is on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Security Sign-Up Sheet** is available for volunteers to sign up for a Sunday in October. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Men’s Club Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 1st at 8:00am.
- ◆ **Mature Years Bingo** is Wednesday, October 4th at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** is on Monday, October 9th and 23rd at 10:00am.
- ◆ **No Classes Wednesday, October 11th** and **No Quilting Ministry Thursday, October 12th**.
- ◆ **Canton Flea Market** is **Thursday, October 12th**. Youth are invited to help our flea market efforts in two ways: first, by helping us prepare and set up on **Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00pm**; and second, by volunteering to park cars and help serve food on **Thursday, October 12th starting at 7:00am**.
- ◆ **The Nominations Committee Meeting** is on Sunday, October 15th at 3:00pm.
- ◆ **The Finance Committee Meeting** is on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **The SPRC Meeting** is on Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00pm.
- ◆ **9th Annual Trunk or Treat** is **Wednesday, Oct 25th, at 5:30pm**. We need volunteers to bring their cars and hand out candy to the kids! Everyone is invited to attend!
- ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet on Thursday, October 26th at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **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.**

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LONG TERM

Ric Andreoli	Bobby Hall	Mattei Family	Philip Schmitt
Gary Andrews	Karen Hall	Carl McKenzie	Sieger Lee Sims
Sherry Briggs	Toxey Hall	Chap McMullen	Evelyn Springer
M.L. Burnside	Patricia Hammack	Dorothy Measells	Lee Stewart
Gloria Carter	Wendy Harms	Brianna Medina	Renee Tatum
Hope Coup	Carolyn Harris	Sue Lowe Owen	Druscilla Thompson
Jeff Dennis	Mike Harvey	Mike Pryor	Sophia Weems
David Fisher	Hazel Holmes	Jo Beth Ray	Mary Joe Wicke
Kathy Gardner	Johnny Irvin	Carolyn Rice	Geoffrey Yoste
Michelle Gardner	Judy Lambert	Christy Saxton	Joyce Woods
Mark Gilbert	Guilda Madison	Bethany Hicks Sears	

SHORT TERM

Edward Hayes Barbara Haynes Bill Reedy Janie & Baby Tony Tumminello

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

Sunday, October 1	8:00AM	Men's Club Breakfast
	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday, October 4	2:00PM	Mature Years Bingo
	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, October 8	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, October 9	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, October 11	5:00PM	Flea Market Preparation
Thursday, October 12	ALL DAY	Flea Market
Sunday, October 15	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
	3:00PM	Nominations Committee
Tuesday, October 17	6:00PM	Finance Committee
Wednesday, October 18	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, October 22	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
	3:00PM	SPRC Meeting
Monday, October 23	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Wednesday, October 25	5:30PM	CA & Youth Supper
	5:45PM	CA & Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, October 26	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, October 29	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship