

**First United Methodist Church
Canton, Mississippi
September 2021**

From the Pastor,

I've had the privilege of getting to know many pastors in my years of ministry. Pastors of many ages, denominations, and yes, many different personalities. Bro. Jim of the Baptist church in Potts Camp had a favorite story in the Bible found in 2 Samuel 23:11, 12. Jim was a country preacher and could put that spin on the stories of the Bible. The story is about one of the mighty men of David, Shammah. 2 Samuel 23:11, 12 says, "After him was Shammah, the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So, the people fled from the Philistines. But Shammah stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So, the Lord brought about a great victory." Jim tells it like this, "can you imagine that old boy standing in the middle of that bean field all by himself? When everybody else had run off, he stood strong in the Lord and whipped them old boys, all by himself."

Sometimes we must stand alone to do the right and righteous thing. In today's world, people aren't looking to stand alone when it's not popular. In the end, the only person God will hold accountable for our life is us. Yes, I'm sure people thought Shammah was crazy, but God gave him the victory because of his stand. In the end, the question from God will be, "who are you, and what have you done for me?" And sometimes that means we stand alone.

In Christ,
Bro David

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Graham Wells	9/10	Lee Thompson	9/20	Scott Penn
9/2	Ducky Longgrear	9/11	Sarah Martin Hall	9/23	Susan Littell
9/5	Michelle Goza	9/12	Jewel Turman	9/23	Joshua Carter
9/5	Linda McCollum	9/12	Jim Harrell	9/24	Lisa Norton
9/5	Betsy Pace	9/15	Sherry Briggs	9/26	Jacob Arnold
9/8	Addison Grace Penn	9/18	Charlene Shumaker	9/27	Will Cox
9/8	Mary Fisher Penn	9/18	Frieda Gilmer	9/29	Evelyn Burns
9/9	James Chandler	9/20	Barbara Hayes	9/29	Missy Penn
9/9	Wes Willis				

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING

Conference Community Centers

The September offering is designated for our Conference Community Centers, serving those in need across the state. Included in the centers are Methodist Children's Home, United Methodist Choctaw Mission, and Bethlehem Center in Jackson and Good Shepherd Center in Vicksburg.

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.

**"A good name is to be chosen rather than riches,
Loving favor rather than silver and gold."**

Proverbs 22:1

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 1	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	6:00PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, September 5	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, September 6	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Tuesday, September 7	7:00PM	Canton Music Study Club
Wednesday, September 8	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Ministry Cookout Kickoff
	6:00PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, September 9	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, September 12	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
	4:00PM	Worship Committee Meeting
Monday, September 13	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Wednesday, September 15	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Ministry
	6:00PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, September 19	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, September 20	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Wednesday, September 22	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Ministry
	6:00PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, September 23	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	6:00PM	Sara Nichols Circle
Sunday, September 26	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, September 27	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
Wednesday, September 29	8:30AM	“Stretching in the Spirit” Class
	5:30PM	Children’s Ministry
	6:00PM	Youth
	7:00PM	Sanctuary Choir

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christy Aaron	Annie Davis	Terry Johnston	Bill Reedy
Benji Abshire	John Matthew Davis	Amy Joyner	Beth Riddell
Laurie Alexander	Liam Elliot	Kristen & Daniel Klein & Family	Reid Riddell
John Allgood IV	David Fisher	Judy Lambert	Susan Riddell
Deborah Anderson	Carolyn Galloway	Ducky Longgear	Henry Rings
Ric Andreoli	Rosa Gardner	Marlin Lowery	Ritt Rittenhouse
Lowe Bailey	Mark Gilbert	James Mabry	Janice Sampson
Sandy Bowles	Bill Halbert	Guilda Madison	Pete Sanders
Sherry Briggs	Ann Hall	Dolly Magee	Myra Stone
Bobby Burkhalter	Bobby Hall	Billie Faye Martin	Druscilla Thompson
M.L. Burnside	Patricia Hammack	Kathy Maze	Abbie Ventrini
Blanch Case	Daniel & Christy Harreld	Milton & Kaye McFarland	Ashley Webb
Rich Case	Carolyn Harris	Chap McMullen	Bonnie Webb
James Chandler	Mike Harvey	Brianna Medina	Judy Weems
Juanita Chandler	Allison Hayes	David Morgan	Sophia Weems
Bob Cochran	Hazel Holmes	John Robert Morgan	Jim Westmoreland
Grace Cochran	Kolton Holmes	Charles Moseley	Rick White
April Cole	Donna Hoover	Hannah Osborn	Elise Wilemon
Hope Coup	Laura Jane (Baby Girl)	Kristen Penn	Austin Williams
Jimbo Crimm	Davis Johnston	Matthew Purvis	Bradley Williamson
Voncille Crimm			

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.

- ◆ **Communion Offering for September** is Conference Community Centers.
 - ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
 - ◆ **“Stretching in the Spirit”** meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30am.
 - ◆ **Prayer Quilt Group** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00 am.
 - ◆ **Sanctuary Choir** will meet Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
 - ◆ **Mask** are **REQUIRED** inside the church building **IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED**. For now, please abide by this request.
 - ◆ **Sunday Security Volunteers** are needed for October. You can find the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.
 - ◆ **Casual Dress Sundays** will be extended through this month.
 - ◆ **Youth** will meet today, September 1st, at 6:00pm.
 - ◆ **Children’s Ministry Cookout Kickoff** will be Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30pm.
 - ◆ **Worship Committee** will meet Sunday, September 12th at 4:00pm.
 - ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will meet the second and fourth Monday, September 13th and 27th at 10:00am.
 - ◆ **Children’s Activities** will start back Wednesday, September 15th, from 5:30pm–6:45pm. We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in teaching the preschool children and 4th–6th grade class on Wednesday nights. If anyone is interested, please contact **Brooke Chandler 601-613-8783**.
 - ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet the fourth Thursday, September 23rd at 6:00pm.
 - ◆ **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@fumccanton.org.
 - ◆ **Please Look over our prayer list and let us know of any changes that need to be made. – Thank you.**
- *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).*