

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2017**

2017 budget \$555,826.15  
Received Mar. 5, 2017 Budget 9,419.00  
Received to date, Budget 94,011.24  
Received Mar. 5, 2017 Bldg. 1,071.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 11,114.00

**ATTENDANCE, MAR. 5, 2017**

Sunday School.....123  
Early Service.....37  
10:55 AM Service.....188  
Total Worship.....225

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**USHERS:** Larry Pitre Shane Alpe Gene Childress  
Bob Harrell Greg Sugg Ralph Weems, III

**COFFEE & JUICE:** United Methodist Women

**SOUND TECH:** Bennie Hitt **READER:** Debbie Hinshaw

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAR.** Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Bryant & Anna Elizabeth Wiygul (3/12)  
Andy & Rebecca DeSantis (3/19)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

Randy Jones - NMMC, Tupelo

**At Home**

Mary Lester John Lester Sue Rushing  
Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Jim Trenor  
Nina Millard

**Dugan**

Caradine Young  
Mary Frances Miller

**WP Living Center**

Barbara LeBlanc

**The Manor at Traceway**

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

**The 10:55 Worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.**

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*First United Methodist Church* *Dated Material*  
*P. O. Box 293* *March 7, 2017*  
*West Point, MS 39773*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**THE WINDOW**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
March 7, 2017

If you've visited me in my study at the church, you know that I have an unusual chair.

Eight years ago, at the suggestion of a friend, I traded in the traditional desk chair for an exercise ball. The big, green ball helps me maintain good posture and makes a great conversation piece. It survived a couple of moves and my occasional fall off of it!

Shortly after I first got my 'chair,' a two-year-old child in the daycare came to visit me. She ran over, slapped her hands on the exercise ball, and declared, "GREEN BALL!"

"Good job!" I said. "You know your colors and shapes."

She stared at me, then slapped it again. "GREEN BALL!"

Clueless in the ways of children, I said, "Yes, that's right. It's a ball, and it's green. And it's my chair."

Finally, she yelled, "MY GREEN BALL!" She started trying to push it out from under me. For a toddler, she was pretty strong. I stood up, and she immediately rolled the ball out in the hallway. What I saw as a chair, she saw as a toy. What I used for better posture, she used for her imagination.

Sometimes we look at life's issues, and Scripture interpretation, in the same way the little girl and I saw the green ball. We were both very strong in our opinions! Whether we are interpreting Scripture or talking about various issues, we face the temptation to look at the topic at-hand only one way. We convince ourselves that our perspective is the right one. There's nothing wrong with being confident. The problem enters when our confidence is void of humility. The writer of James warns us to avoid such an attitude when he writes, "Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom" (James 3:13)

Let us exercise wisdom by listening to one another's opinion. May we strive to live life on this big green ball of earth in harmony with each other, as Jesus Christ illustrated in his sacrificial, humble life and death.

all good things to each of you,  
Pastor Darian

**SYMPATHY...** We extend sympathy to Donnie Hammack and her family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Hammack Bailey who passed away on Wednesday, March 1.

**AND THE LORD ADDED...** We welcome Barrett, Katie and E.B. Clark into the membership and fellowship of FUMC, West Point.

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# What's Happening at FUMC.....

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Mar. 6 - Mar. 19** - Lynne Posey & Betsy McGlohn  
**Mar. 20 - Apr. 2** - Stacy Hays & Rebecca DeSantis

**Beth Moore Bible Study** - A new Beth Moore Bible Study **Stepping Up** will begin on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Bible study is on the book of Psalms and is a 6 week study. This group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the church office. Deadline is Sunday, March. 12.

**Vacation Bible School** - Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School. It will be held June 25<sup>th</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00PM. The theme this year will be Hero Central. Fifth and sixth graders will meet with Cody in the Bryan Youth Center while everyone else will meet in the church. Please mark your calendar for this event.

**VINTAGE GROUP...**On Friday, March 24, the Vintage Group will take a trip to Cleveland, MS, to visit the GRAMMY Museum Mississippi, which officially opened its doors to the public on Saturday, March 5, 2016, in Cleveland, MS. "The opening of GRAMMY Museum Mississippi marked the first GRAMMY Museum to be built outside of Los Angeles. Similar to its sister museum — the GRAMMY Museum at L.A. LIVE — GRAMMY Museum Mississippi is dedicated to exploring the past, present and future of music, and the cultural context from which it emerges, while casting a focused spotlight on the deep musical roots of Mississippi. The Museum features a dynamic combination of public events, educational programming, engaging multimedia presentations, and interactive permanent and traveling exhibits, including a Mississippi-centric display that introduces visitors to the impact of Mississippi's songwriters, producers and musicians on the traditional and modern music landscape." The cost for entry to the museum is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors, and our tickets will be purchased at the door. Sign up and pay the \$5 cost for travel by March 22.

We will depart from the church at 8:30 a.m. on March 24 and eat lunch at a restaurant in Cleveland.

## *In the Spotlight...*

### **Shrove Pancake Supper**

The Fellowship Hall was an exciting place to be last Tuesday night for the Shrove Pancake Supper. Tricia Smith, C. M. Miller, and Bob Seitz did an amazing job at keeping up with the demand for pancakes while Tommy Bryan, Hubert Caston, and Carolyn Burgess made sure that there were plenty of sausage and bacon. The sausage balls from Jubilations were definitely a favorite of the night! Thank you, George and Luann, for your contribution to this event. Other volunteers were Alice Hughes, Sherrill Weems, Barbara Bryan, Gail Foote, and Stacy Weems. Everyone seemed to have a great time, and over \$1,100 dollars and 150 bags were raised for local missions. Thank you, Tricia and Tommy, for co-chairing this event.

## **Children's News**

Lucy McKellar did an amazing job of coordinating the latest children's event. Parents and children traveled to Starkville on Saturday for a skating party. Fun was had by all during this time of fellowship. The Easter Egg Hunt on April 15<sup>th</sup> will be the next children's event.

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## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope you are all well and having a wonderful week so far!

Our music ministry is very busy and working hard for our upcoming events. Our chancel choir is preparing a mix of Easter music that includes many people's favorite Easter songs and a new contemporary piece that many of you have heard on the radio called "I Will Rise". It is a beautiful piece which will feature three soloists. Our children's choir is preparing to sing for you on March 26. They will be singing a song called "Jonah" that will feature 5 soloists! Our bell choir is preparing some very beautiful Lent themed pieces, one which is arranged with the classical piece "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven. And don't forget that March 26 is also the Family Night Supper featuring "The Sumic Trio" who will be taking donations for their upcoming Suzuki String performance at Carnegie Hall!

We will have children's choir rehearsal this week, but we will not have rehearsal the week of Spring Break.

I hope to see you all out on Sunday!!

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Did you know that prayer is powerful? How and what we pray really does matter to God, he hears us and responds to us. Yet I've caught myself "praying through the motions" many times before. If you find yourself doing the same thing, here's something to try: intercessory prayer.

Intercessory prayer is the practice of praying on behalf of someone else. It's something we see all the time in scripture, sometimes when the person being prayed for has done something wrong or is in deep trouble. Jesus even practices intercessory prayer over his disciples, and it is an intercessory prayer that Jesus utters as he is put on the cross and says, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they've done!". Praying for the needs of others is an important spiritual practice. It both blesses the person being prayed for, and restores and empowers us as well. Would you pray for our students with me this week? Let's lift them up to God, praying on their behalf, that God would guide them in His holy ways.

**CREW** - Spring break is next week, so we're going out with a bang. This Wednesday night we'll meet up at the youth house at 5:30. We'll head over to Sally Kate Winters Park for a huge game of zombie apocalypse. It's going to be awesome, so bring a friend! Afterward we'll share a meal together at La Fiesta Brava. When we return from spring break, we'll start on an all new series journeying through the book of Exodus, and you won't want to miss it!

**Sunday** -There will be no youth activities this Sunday, March 12th.

## **Summer Calendar**

The youth summer calendar is here! Pick up your copy outside the church sanctuary or in the youth house now!

## **Summer Sale**

On Sunday, March 26th we will have an event in the youth house for parents and students! At 5:30, right before Sunday night supper, we'll gather together and

talk about our summer calendar (which you can see here). We'll go over the details of our big trips, what our weekly activities will be, and answer any questions parents and students may have. Afterward, you'll get an opportunity to sign up for our big trips early and save big! Here are prices for our two big trips this summer:

**Rafting Trip:** June 8th-11th - Normal Price: \$200, \$50 Deposit - Summer Sale Deal: Save \$15 by putting down your deposit early (so it'll be \$35), or save \$30 by paying in full (\$170). Students that sign up for this trip early will also receive a free T-shirt with our summer theme, "King of the Summer".

**Mystery Trip:** July 29<sup>th</sup> - Normal Price: \$50 Summer Sale Deal: \$40!

In Christ Jesus,  
Cody Westcott

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Mar. 8 - Mar. 14**

Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	C.R.E.W.
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	SOYA Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
		No Confirmation
		No Youth
	6:00 PM	Beth Moore BS
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls

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**Don't forget DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS on Sunday, March 12. Spring forward and set your clocks up one hour so you won't be late for church!!!**

