

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018

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ATTENDANCE, JULY 8, 2018

Sunday School.....103
Early Service.....47
11:00 AM Service.....142
Total Worship.....189

USHERS: Eugene Bailey Jay Wood E.C. Jones Bubba Atkins
Jeff Hairston Bob Wyman Bennie Hitt

COFFE & JUICE: J.B. Cook Class

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **LAY READER:**8:45 AM Bruff Sanders 11AM Linda Drake

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR JULY- Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

GREETERS FOR 7/15 Mary Jo Hill, Stanley Scott, Bruff Sanders, Allison Trolie

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Thad & Tracey Holcombe (7/15)
Marc & Laura Stewart (7/22)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Bitsy Weaver - NMMC, West Point #47
Ray Millard - Baptist GT #304

At Home

Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Mary Lester
Jim Ross Sue Rushing Geonette Pendley
Liz Cook Montez Ganss
Max Hinshaw

Dugan

Mary Frances Miller

WP Living Center

Barbara LeBlanc

The Manor at Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Trinity Place

Martha Priest
Marguerite Breland

The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.

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P. O. Box 293 July 10, 2018*

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July 10, 2018

The Gospel According to Gump ... Forrest Gump

Twenty-four years ago last Friday, the movie, *Forrest Gump*, opened in theaters. It was a delightful film that has become a favorite of many and won many Academy Awards.

One of the reasons I think *Forrest Gump* is such a beloved film is that it continually asks the question, "What if?" What if this young man from the fictitious town of Greenbow, Alabama, really met and impacted multiple presidents? What if he did become a star college football player and ping pong champion? What if he had something to do with the development of a "fruit company"?

Perhaps another question the film dares us to ask more often is, "Why not?" Why not believe that life is like a box of chocolates? Why not sit and make conversation at a bus stop with strangers? At the heart of the film is Forrest expressing his love to Jenny with the unspoken question, "Why not me?" Why not dare to imagine and dream that people like Forrest Gump changed the course of history?

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we can look back over our own history and ask those same questions of "What if?" and "Why not?" They are not questions of regret and excuse but rather invitations to imagine how great life's box of chocolates can be. As we study Scripture, why not insert ourselves imaginatively in the stories of our spiritual history? What if we obeyed the Word as readily as Forrest obeyed Jenny's command to run from the bullies?

In the simplicity of *Forrest Gump* we remember that we are already a part of something bigger than ourselves: the greatest story ever told.

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to Frank and Ann Wade and their family on the death of Frank's brother, Mr. Edward Wade, and Ann's sister, Mrs. Sue Wallace.

We extend sympathy to Rev. W.D. Pigott and his family on the death of his wife, Mrs. Arva Pigott who passed away Thursday, July 5. Services were held on Monday, July 9.

AND THE LORD ADDED... We welcome Chuck and Pam Carson into the membership and fellowship of FUMC, West Point.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

July 9 - July 22 - Jane Caston & Jennie

Caston July 23 - August 5 - Cynthia Kellogg & Stacy Weems

DUGAN SUNDAY SCHOOL - FUMC leads the singing and short devotion for the months of April and July. Here are the volunteers for July 15:

Teacher: Bill Maclean
Singing: Men's Bible Class
Piano: Ann Jameson

United Methodist Women will celebrate its 150th birthday in 2019. As we approach this milestone, we are seeking ways to be faithful to the call of the Holy Spirit to be women of faith, hope, and love in action. The women of FUMC UMW invite other women in the church to join us in this global ministry. The church needs us and we need you! We have two active circles, which you are invited to join. We also hope to organize one or more new circles, which would meet the needs of younger women or those who want a morning or afternoon meeting time. There is the possibility that we can provide a nursery. If you are interested or even just curious about the possibilities of being involved in the UMW, please let us know by contacting Elizabeth Bailey (295-6219 or elizabethcbailey@bellsouth.net) for more information.

On the Road with the Lunch Bunch - Friday was a beautiful day for the Lunch Bunch trip to the Central Station Grill in Starkville. We were so glad to welcome new faces during this trip. Everyone is welcome to attend these monthly outings. The next trip will be on Friday, August 3 to Harvey's in Columbus. The group will depart at 11:30 and return at 2:00. Please sign up by Tuesday, July 31st.

Annual Community Patriotic Choral Program

The patriotic program at Calvary Baptist was a great success. Andy and Julie Gray, Gary Echols, and Holly Hitt did a wonderful job representing our church in this program. We want to thank everyone who participated and organized this wonderful event for our community.

FUMC Softball - Twenty-two members have volunteered to play softball for FUMC. We want to thank Chris Jester for getting the team organized. The first game will be Thursday, July 12, at 6:00 pm at Field #2 at the Sportsplex. They will be playing First Baptist. Please plan to come out and support our team.

Special Request from Heather Usry - Lila's birthday is this coming Sunday, July 15th. I think it would be great if everyone would send her a card or happy or something! She has had a great break and is about to start her LAST round of chemo too! Her address is: RMH, Lila Usry, Room 211, 850 Second St. SW, Rochester, 55902 Thanks everyone! Please keep praying for complete healing and for her to tolerate treatment well! Thanks, Heather

The West Point Clay County Arts Council is selling tickets for the upcoming play for **The Wizard of Oz!** Tickets are on sale at FUMC, Petal Pushers, Bancorp South and the Growth Alliance. The performances will be on Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 at Center Stage.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope you have been thinking about your favorite children's songs,

because camp meeting is coming up soon and you never know! We just may sing some of them. Camp meeting is always full of music and this year will be no different. I hope you are making plans to attend!

This Sunday, Gary Echols and I will sing a duet with some very powerful words. I would like for you to meditate on these words for Sunday. It especially

works best if you say these words out loud.

Jesus, friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away
We cut down people in your name but the sword was never ours to swing
Jesus, friend of sinners, the truth's become so hard to see
The world is on their way to You but they're tripping over me
Always looking around but never looking up I'm so double minded
A plank eyed saint with dirty hands and a heart divided

Oh Jesus, friend of sinners
Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers
Let our hearts be led by mercy
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors
Oh Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks yours

Jesus, friend of sinners, the one who's writing in the sand
Make the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands
Help us...

I hope to see you on Sunday!

Rachel

Cajing All Kids!



Hello! I just wanted to give everyone an updated schedule for the rest of the summer. We had to switch two of our Monday activities. So, next week we are going to be painting with Deborah

Mansfield. Then, July 23 we will be swimming. The last Monday of July we will still be going to the Tupelo Buffalo Park. Thanks!

AnnaBeth



We have bible study and dinner this Wednesday. Sunday night I will be out of town for mine and Oliver's one year

anniversary, so Laura Williams and the rest of her family are generously hosting the youth at their house on the 15th! The 18th we will have bible study and dinner again. Then, on the 20th we are going hiking in Alabama at Dismals Canyon, and I am so excited about it!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 11 - July 17

Wed.	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:00 PM	UMYF
	5:15 PM	Bells
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	1:30 PM	Canasta Group
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Youth @ Shane & Laura Williams' home
Mon.	10:00 AM	Children's Activity Paint Party
	10:30 AM	Lifeline Screening
	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls