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**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

	<b>At Home</b>
Martha Bivens	Boyce McNeece - Fulton
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Laney Wooten	Foster Kennedy
Jean Sarsgard	Grathan Christian
Fox Haas	Betty Sue Shumpert

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 2, 2020**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Matthew 14:13-21**  
**“Overloaded and Overwhelmed”**

**ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**

<b>Dugan</b>	<b>WP Living Center</b>
Martha Priest	Tommy Miller
Bitsy Weaver	
Geonette Pendley	
Jennie Cantrell	



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

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# THE WINDOW

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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
West Point, Mississippi  
July 28, 2020

**Following Up & Following Through**

*Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God’s Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don’t know how or what to pray, it doesn’t matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That’s why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.*  
*(Romans 8:26-28, The Message)*

Don’t you love reading unfamiliar translations of familiar Scriptures? Different translations can shed new light and offer fresh revelation. These are the same verses on which we reflected this past Sunday, a passage that calls us to seek “the mind of the Spirit” through prayer.

What comfort there is in knowing that the Holy Spirit prays for us when we don’t know how to pray. At the same time, the Spirit wants to offer us language to speak in prayer, too. We must try to pray even when we struggle with the words. We learn that language by immersing ourselves in a relationship with the Holy Spirit.

This week let us endeavor to follow up and follow through on our part in prayer. Set aside at least five minutes per day, preferably more, to spend with the Holy Spirit in prayer. Perhaps you will write your prayers down. Perhaps you’ll simply pray, “Come Holy Spirit,” and spend the rest of the time in silence. Perhaps you’ll sing a hymn and meditate on the words. Whatever form those prayers take, we must get in the habit of hallowing, or setting aside as holy, time everyday to learn from the mind of the Holy Spirit.

Let us move forward in deep hope that all is well, and all shall be well, for God is with us!

all good things to each of you,  
Dr . D.

**Sympathy...** We extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Marguerite Breland who passed away on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Services were held on Thursday, July 23.

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

July 20- Aug. 2 - Jane Smith & Stacy Weems

### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

\* The church staff have increased their hours in the office. However, for everyone's safety, we ask that no visitors come to the office right now due to plaster work and painting. When we are not in the office, all phones are forwarded to Julie so you can reach us.

\* Even as we regather for in-person worship, we will continue to offer virtual worship on Sundays at 11AM on the radio and Facebook Live. You can also find the videos on You Tube.

\*Wednesday Worship Series: The Wednesday Worship Series will meet every other week. Tune in to Facebook Live at 5:15 PM on July 29<sup>th</sup> to hear Jace Ferraez perform.

### What We Need To Know: Plans for Regathering

- For right now, we need to limit attendance to 50 persons. However, know that the church's task force and staff are working diligently to find creative ways for more of us to worship together safely. While we are starting with one service and 50 people, the hope is that we will be able to increase those numbers in the near future.
- If you wish to attend an in-person gathering, we are requiring everyone to make a reservation through Eventbrite. The reservations will open on the Monday before a Sunday worship service, and the deadline to sign up will be Fridays at noon. The link will be <https://fumcwestpoint.eventbrite.com>. Details about the registration process were in the letter mailed to church members and constituents.

- We now have available a nursery for up to 2 years of age and a class for children ages 3-5 during the 11AM worship service. Parents attending the worship service will need to make reservations for themselves using Eventbrite, but the children who will be in the nursery and 3-5 year old room will not need reservations.
- Children will need to be dropped off in the appropriate rooms downstairs by 10:45AM. Children up to age 2 will be in the nursery, and ages 3-5 will be in Room 109.
- If you are not comfortable making the online reservation and require some help, you may reach Julie at the church office (662-494-1658).

### Back to School Prayer Challenge

I taught for 33 years in Dalton, Georgia, and the beginning of the school year in the fall was always filled with excitement and anticipation of great things to come. However, this year teachers, students and parents are facing much uncertainty. We would like to support our families and the educational community during these challenging times. This newsletter contains a Back to School Challenge Calendar for the month of August. Each day targets a group to lift up in prayer. Please participate in this activity because we know how powerful prayer can be; and our teachers, students, parents and administrators need us.

Thank you. Gail

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## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! This week was fun as a small group of singers got together (very safely and at least 10 feet apart) to begin working on special music to sing in the next few months. It was so nice to hear their voices and I received messages from them talking about how good it was to sing again! I was thinking yesterday when I was driving to pick up Helen that

there were so many things that I took for granted or even complained about before that I really miss now! You can always find good in even the most dire of situations. One of the good things about this pandemic is that I now really realize how many wonderful things are in my life and how much I miss them now that I can't be a part of them. Think about some of the things you really miss and talk to God about it. He will listen and comfort you and fill you with joy!

Tune in on Facebook Live this Wednesday at 5:15 to hear our amazing pianist play!

Rachel

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**Caring All Kids!** Read Philippians 4:8-9. Think about a jar lid. What does a jar lid do? It seals the jar to preserve the food or fruit in it so it doesn't go bad. It protects. As

Christians, we are already preserved and protected. Christ has done that for us. Yet our "seal" can be broken each day and our fruit can rot. We need an extra preservative. God gives us His Word to teach us, prayer to guard us, the right friends, and the strength to resist sin, and peace. God preserves us and protects us everyday. Let's be thankful for that!

Stay tuned for updates on an abbreviated VBS coming soon!

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As part 4 of our "Practice" series, we discussed the practice of prayer this past Sunday. When we read through Scripture we see very clearly that there is no intimate relationship without God without prayer. But for some reason today, prayer falls by the wayside. It's

a practice that so many Christians struggle to consistently do, but one that all Christians desperately need. So we did a meditation on the Lord's prayer where we looked at deeper meanings behind each part of the prayer that Jesus taught us. I challenged everyone to take a few minutes this week to pray to our Lord.

We'll have another gathering this Wednesday and will continue with part 5 of our "Practice" series on Sunday! So join us for some good conversations!

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**STEWARDSHIP**...If you would like to send your tithe or donation to the church, please mail it to P.O. Box 293 or use the online app [www.easytithe.com](http://www.easytithe.com) to donate. You can also scan the QR code on the front page of this newsletter and it will take you to the website. Thank you for continuing to send donations.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Brown	Jean Sarsgard
Grathan Christian	Betty Sue Shumpert
Jeanette Pyle	Laney Wooten
Mary Margaret Case	Lila Usry
Daniel McBrayer	Foster Kennedy
Susie Purnell Randall	Sally Kate Scroggs
Kasi Brabham Black	Emily Braddock Jones
Buddy Rushing	Dixie Dukeminier
Bobby Hughes	Beth Raines
Trina Love	Bill Love
Jane Rives	Mamie Seitz

Family of Mrs. Shirley Rosenkrans  
Family of Mrs. Marguerite Breland  
Family of Miss Terri Blissard