

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00
Received Oct. 31, 2021 Budget 9,672.00
Received to date, Budget 384,986.45
Received Oct. 31, 2021 Bldg. 1,220.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 36,110.05

ATTENDANCE OCT. 31, 2021

Sunday School.....61
8:45 Worship Service.....26
Worship Service.....113
Virtual 11:00 AM Service....83
Total Worship.....222

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray **STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar
LAY READERS: 8:45AM Bruff Sanders 11:00 AM Bob Seitz

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home
Sue Rushing Martha Bivens
Deb McGaughey Betty Sue Shumpert
Jean Sarsgard Robert Darsey
Elaine Jones Stokes Smith
Gail Wolanek Billy Buck Stagers
Boyce McNeece Kenny Hinshaw

DUGAN

Martha Priest
Bitsy Weaver
Geonette Pendley
Jennie Cantrell

The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM and on Facebook Live at First UMC of West Point and You Tube.

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West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent
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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Sunday, November 7, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 AM
Hebrews 9:15-28
“Christ Will Come Again”

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THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
November 2, 2021

Confronting Fear with C.S. Lewis

My parents recently shared with me what theologian C.S. Lewis wrote in the midst of fear around the atomic bomb in 1948. I was struck by how we could replace the word, “bomb,” with pretty much anything that evokes fear in our lives. Lewis had witnessed followers of Jesus become paralyzed with fear and cease from doing the good that Jesus called us to do.

I often hear well-founded lament on the world’s current condition, and sometimes that voice is my own. We absolutely need to lament the effect of sin and brokenness in our world, but we also must not build our homes on the sandy shore of fear. Lewis’ words resound over 70 years later with a call to action of how to combat those fears.

*The first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.**

It’s no surprise that C.S. Lewis was well-familiar with St. Paul’s words to the Romans: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds” (Romans 12:2). If we truly wish to have the mind of Christ, we can begin with asking him to cast fear and that fear would have no control over us.

What do you fear today? Might I encourage you to confront that fear by engaging in a “sensible and human thing?” In his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has given us victory and hope that nothing in this world can take away from us. Let us be a people of confidence in who he is!

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

* From *Present Concerns: Journalistic Essays* by C.S. Lewis

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS... Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour on Saturday night for Daylight Savings time.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct. 25-Nov. 7 - Dee Echols & Cheryl Weems
Nov. 8 - Nov. 21 - Charlotte Messier & Rhonda Stafford

Veterans Day - In honor of Veterans Day, we want to recognize our church members who are currently serving or have served in the military during the church service on Sunday, November 14. Please call Stacy at the church or at 662-295-3186 and let her know the branch. We appreciate your service to our country.

Extra Table Box Project - We are partnering with Extra Table in Hattiesburg to participate in their Box Project. Extra Table has delivered boxes to the church that will be decorated and filled with healthy, shelf stable food. We will have the boxes available for children, youth, families and individuals to decorate. Extra Table has provided us with lists of healthy choices for you to place in the boxes. The boxes will then be used for our Backpack Ministry and some will be delivered to the local food pantry. Contact Stacy for more information.

Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast - We need a few more people to volunteer to go to the coast December 27-29 so that we can book the trip. We will be participating in hurricane relief work such as cleanup, construction and food distribution. There is no age limit as long as minors are accompanied by an adult. Call or email Stacy if you are interested.

Dinner at The Mission - We provided dinner for a group from Gateway Church from Blue Springs, Missouri who were in town to help build rooms for Men's Center at The Mission last week. Thanks to Joey Hays for the barbecue, water and chips; Pam Carson for the beans and buns; Debbie Hinshaw for the slaw and Gary

Echols, Rebecca DeSantis and Lucy McKellar for the desserts. Thanks to Julie Gray, Lucy and Pam for helping serve.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX DROP OFF DATES at Faith Baptist Church

Monday, Nov. 15 - 10:00AM-1:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 16 - 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 10:00AM-1:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 18 - 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
Friday, Nov. 19 - 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 20 - 10:00AM - 12:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 21 - 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 22 - 8:00AM - 10:00 AM



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! First, I want to say thank you to all the children in the 1st-3rd Grade Choir who sang so beautifully this past Sunday! I'm so proud of you for sharing your talents and for using them to worship God! Also, thank you so much to Andrea Stevens and Thad Holcombe for providing a delicious meal this past Wednesday night and to Ashleigh Flurry and Abby Hairston for chaperoning! Here are our volunteers for the next 2 weeks:

Meals

11/3 - Norma Atkins and Ivey Thoren
11/10 - Debbie Hinshaw and Pam Carson

Chaperones:

11/3 - Tracey Holcombe and Abby Hairston
11/10 - Allison Brister and Abby Hairston

This Sunday is All Saints Sunday and I will be singing "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus", the song I wrote to you about in the newsletter a few months ago. I hope you will join us as we remember those who now rest in The Lord.

Rachel



Let Us Pray

God created you to be a social being.. He wants you to enjoy being around people. For example, think of the people where you live. You have

parents and probably brothers and sisters. Every person who lives under your roof is a person you have a relationship with. That means they are people you should pray for daily.

There are three kinds of prayers that should be in our daily lives. First, the personal prayer is the kind in which you have a time and place for praying. We often utter this prayer in our quiet time. In this kind of prayer, you stop what you are doing and sit down and pray. A good time for a personal prayer is before you leave your room in the morning.

During this time of prayer, even if it's just a few minutes you stop thinking about what you are going to do that day and focus your thoughts on God and praying for others.

The apostle Paul had some very special people in his life who lived in a town called Ephesus. He wrote to them : "Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you.

I pray for you constantly.." Eph. 1: 15-16

The second kind of prayer is the unscheduled prayer. It is not a planned prayer. It is an urgent prayer. This kind of prayer occurs when you stop and pray immediately. Here is an example: Someone you know has a tragic accident and is badly injured. When you hear of the incident, you stop and pray. No matter what happens, you can rush to God for His help, His comfort, His wisdom, His guidance, and His peace.

The third kind of prayer is sort of like keeping a running conversation going with God. You are thinking about Him. You are talking to Him in your heart. You may even be humming or singing a song about Him.

God's Word says you should be thinking

and praying to God:

The name of the Lord is to be praised from the time the sun rises to when it sets. (Psalm 113: 3)

Never stop praying (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

My prayer for you is that the Lord will bless you, and you will become a prayer warrior.

Mrs. Judy



Please join us this week for youth. We will be studying from the book of Psalms. We will meet at the youth house both Wednesday and Sunday 5:30-7. We hope to see you there for dinner and fellowship.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Brown	Susie Purnell Randall
Billy Buck Staggers	Mike Meeks
Howard Miskelly	Ann Miskelly
Ashley Britt	Ginger Martin
Elaine Jones	Robert Darsey
Mary Margaret Case	Pam Minx
William Knowles	Gail Wolanek
Carlene Brister	Bobbie Tumlinson
Herbert Wooten	Craig Carson
Paula Norman	Ben Rosenkrans
Randy Michael	Bobbie Trenor
Jace Ferraez	Fred Zeponi, Jr.
Celeste Zeponi	Heather Cunningham
Doug Browning	Karyl Buddington
Stokes Smith	Ann Miller
Price Brister	Ava Johnson
George Bryan	Boyce McNeece
Liv Brand	Hattie Shell
Stanley Scott	Ted Judson
Doris Thomas	Ben Harlow
Kenny Hinshaw	Jerry Ishee
Tricia Lambert	Walter Rushing
Nathan Rushing	Bob Drake
Debbie Hinshaw	Gil Lyon
John Dukeminier	Joy Posey
Sophie Stubbs	Bob Lee