

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**May 9-22** Debbie Hinshaw/Stacy Hays

**May 23-June 4** Elizabeth Bailey/Becky Brabham

**NMMC Newborn Care Closet** – We are now accepting items for the NMMC-Women's Pavilion Nursery Care Closet for newborns. This project will help newborns in need go home with essentials. Items needed are diapers and wipes, diaper cream, baby shampoo and soap, diaper bags, blankets and burp cloths, sleepers and onesies, bibs, bottles, and nipples, socks and booties, pacifiers, and gentle laundry detergent. They will accept used car seats in good condition as long as the date has not expired on the sticker. You may leave your items in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Tornado Relief** – we are accepting monetary donations for the communities affected by the March 24<sup>th</sup> tornadoes in Mississippi. Please designate "tornado relief" on your check. To date we have raised \$4,801. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far!

**Volunteers for Tornado Relief** – We are beginning to make plans to send a group to help with tornado clean-up, putting together hygiene packs and distributing Blessing Buckets (buckets filled with cleaning supplies) in Amory. If you are interested in going, please let Stacy know. They would like for us to come on a Saturday.

**Mission Trip** – We have scheduled a mission trip to Guatemala December 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. We will be distributing food to needy families, coordinating some kind of event for the children, such as a Vacation Bible School with a Christmas theme as well as doing other outreach work. If you are interested in going or would like more information, let Stacy know.

**Sunday Fund** - On May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking up a special offering for the Sunday Fund which goes to the Methodist Senior Services to assist older adults. This includes the Henry Clay and Dugan.

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I can't believe that the end of the school year is upon us! I just seems like yesterday that we were having our Children's Choir Kick-off Party and here we are planning our end of the year party! That party will be on May 17 and there will be pizza and ice cream! Both Children's Choirs will sing on May 14 at the 11:00 service. I would like to say a huge thank you to Jessi Sugg! Jessi tirelessly works for all the children of the church and I can't tell you how much she helps me with Children's Choir. We couldn't do it without her and I know that we are all thankful for the many gifts she shares with us!

I'll be turning my attention to music for VBS now! If you are interested in helping me with that, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. It would be great to have some people help me sing and dance around with the kiddos! It will be a wonderful way to worship God and we can all share in our joy of who The Lord is together!

Rachel



**Early Registration at the CDC** is going on now through the month of May 2023. Parents will receive a discount on the Registration Fee and this will hold your child's spot for the 2023-2024 year. The Early registration fee is \$75 for students who register by May 31, 2023. For more information, please contact the CDC office at 494-6811.

# Calling all kids!



“When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: ‘There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!’” Proverbs 31:26-29. Mothers are wise and kind and treasured by the Lord! Please join us on Sunday, May 14 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate each mother and the love, patience, and kindness that God has blessed her with. Children and mothers of all ages are welcome to attend!

Jessi

A **Mother's Day Brunch** will be held on May 14 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All mothers and children are invited!

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 11-14, 5:30pm - 8:00pm. Please let Jessi know if you would like to volunteer!

**FUMC Youth** Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 with a meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth House.

The **Ruth Weems Circle** will meet on Monday, May 15th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Eunice Coleman, Linda Drake and Stacy Weems. We will study “Week 4: Rahab” in our book Women of the Bible.

**Blood Drive** - We will hold a blood drive Monday, June 5 from 3-7 pm in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Charlotte Messier for coordinating this event.

*\*Unless told otherwise, we will leave these names on the prayer list for two months. Please update us on anyone you have added to the list.\** <http://www.fumcwestpoint.com>

## LET US PRAY...

### For our Members:

Beverly Campbell  
Jordan Helveston  
Montez Ganss  
Deb McGaughey  
Bubba Atkins  
Tom Storey

### For our Family and Friends:

Lynda Bell (mother of Hillary Haas)  
Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)  
Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)  
Zach Bryan (Scot Bryan's nephew)  
Mary Clair Ford  
Shannon Greenan  
Ted Judson (brother of Deb McGaughey)  
Emily Jones  
Polly Briggs (sister of Alice Hughes)  
Tommy Briggs (brother-in-law of Alice Hughes)  
Family of Dr. Bill Billington  
Family of Donna Serio (sister of Debbie Bond)  
Family of Rita Davis Priscock (sister of R.B. Davis)  
Christine Montgomery  
Abby Bates  
Elena Jameson (Ben Jameson's wife)  
Robert Rosenkrans (Ben Rosenkrans' nephew)  
Camillia Zepponi

### For our Nation and World:

War in Ukraine, Mass shootings in our country, Turkey and Syria  
MS tornado victims and recovery

## Discernment Update

This week, as we learn to discern the Holy Spirit's voice in community, we are invited to meditate on this passage of Scripture. Set aside some time to read through it slowly. Then pause and re-read again. What stands out to you? What word or phrase captures your attention? Then offer a prayer of thanksgiving for God's Word at work among us.

*Christ's body has been formed in his image and is closely joined together and constantly connected as one. And every member has been given divine gifts to contribute to the growth of all—and as these gifts operate effectively through the whole body we are built up and made perfect in love.*

*(Ephesians 4:15-16, The Passion Translation)*

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023**

2023 budget	\$610,027.33
Received 5/7/23	\$12,713.00
Received to date, Budget	\$182,246.10
Received 4/30/23 Bldg.	\$2305.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$1,7580.00

**ATTENDANCE May 7, 2023**

Sunday School.....	54
8:45 Worship Service.....	27
11:00 Worship Service.....	81
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	66
Total Worship.....	108

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill

**STREAM TEAM:** Art Shirley

**COFFEE & JUICE:** Good Shepperd Class

**CDC CHAPEL:** 5/8 Pam Carson 5/15 Elizabeth Bailey

**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM 11:00 AM Bob Seitz

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** 5/14 Samantha and Drew Laird 5/21 Vandy and Sara Frances Stubbs

**ACOLYTES:** 5/14 5/21 Elam and Mary Michael Flurry

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

Tom Storey

**AT HOME**

Robert Darsey

Ann Ross

Max Hinshaw

Jean Sarsgard

Montez Ganss

Ann Miller

Bubba Atkins

**DUGAN**

Jennie Cantrell

Deb McGaughy

**WAVERLY CARE**

Bobbie Tumlinson

Mary Ann Weems

**TRACEWAY**

Evelyn O’Hara Wallace

Betty Sue Shumpert

**Online**

**Giving**



**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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## Words of Wisdom For Us All

Many of us are likely familiar with the teachings and writings of Dr. Charles Stanley, who served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta for many years. Dr. Stanley passed away a few weeks ago after a long, fruitful life, and a ministry that reached thousands of people. Since my parents live in Atlanta and attend a church whose pastor was greatly influenced by Dr. Stanley, they have shared numerous videos and interviews of him with me recently. A statement we heard over and over from him was so simple and powerful, a motto that he lived by:

*Obey God, and leave the consequences to him.*

I love these two “commandments” that are one. Another way we could express it is in title of the old hymn, “Trust and Obey.” In one of the interviews I watched with Dr. Stanley, he told a story of a feeling I’ve been familiar with lately. He stood up in the pulpit one Sunday with no idea of what he would say! For days he had been “stuck” and couldn’t think of what he was supposed to preach. He asked God over and over, spent much time in prayer, but when he got up on Sunday morning, he still had nothing. He walked to the pulpit that day, said a silent prayer, opened his Bible, and it fell open to this verse:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.  
(Proverbs 3:5)*

And from there, the sermon flowed. God’s Spirit flows through us as well, and it all begins with these two words of wisdom: Obey and Trust. Trust and Obey.

Whatever you are facing this week, I hope you will hear our Lord Jesus’ invitation to rest in Him, to obey his commandments, and to trust the flow of His Holy Spirit. Let us continue to listen for and share such words of wisdom

all good things to each of you,  
dr. d