



SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

The Newsletter of First UMC
West Point, Mississippi

The Window

A Note from the Pastor

*Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.*

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.*

*Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.*

*Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.*

Psalm 37:1-9

Sometimes (often?) the words of scripture say it better than I can.

There seems to be this widespread assumption that we must correct every wrong thought and deed today, or we have failed.

When I get sucked into that way of thinking, I find that I've forgotten that the Christian life starts with faith; with the fundamental conviction that my goodness and the goodness of the world doesn't start with my actions but with Gods.

That doesn't mean we should do nothing. Our job is nothing more nor less than to be faithful. We can't save the world, but we can trust and follow the one who is saving it.

Those who wait for the Lord will inherit all of God's promises.

Waiting with you in Christ for Christ,
Br. Chad

Angels in Aprons

Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 - JoAn Tedford and Barbara Bryan

Oct. 6 - Oct. 19 - Jessi Sugg and Stacy Hays

Glad You Asked! (Study) - Brother Chad's study meets every Wednesday at 5:30. He leads discussion of his sermon topics from the Sunday before. Everyone is welcome.

Mums for Missions - Pick up will be Saturday, October 4th from 9-11 a.m. at the Bryan Youth Center. All proceeds will go toward our next mission trip in 2026.

FUMC T-shirts - The FUMC t-shirts are in. You may pick yours up in the church office.



on Missions



Football Team Meal

Last week the church provided 160 meals for the West Point Green Wave Football Team and the coaches. They enjoyed hot dogs, chips, granola bars and cookies. We want to thank Dee Berry and Stacy Hays for organizing this meal. They could not have done it without the many volunteers and donations. Brother Chad attributes this meal to the big win over Tupelo on Friday night.



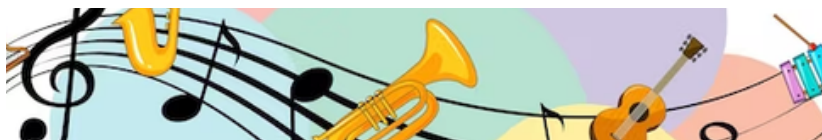
Fun Friday for September

Katie Bowen, Amy Buckley, Cinzia Duncan, Gail Foote, Lona Rosetti and Becky Shirley provided treats for the CDC staff in September. All of the employees enjoyed the drinks, chips, fruit, chicken salad, cheese and crackers and homemade apple spice cake. Thank you, ladies, for providing these goodies.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

All meetings will be held in the library.

10/06/25 at 5:30pm	Leadership Council
10/09/25 at 10:00am	Congregational Care Committee
10/13/25 at 5:30pm	Personnel and Nominations
10/20/25 at 5:00pm	CDC Board



MUSIC NOTES

This week, we were reminded of an important truth: God is indeed on our side—but only when we are walking in obedience to His commands. To claim God’s presence as a way to push our own agendas or personal missions is to miss the point. Our calling is not to ask God to bless our plans, but to align ourselves with His. Music helps remind us of this alignment. When we sing hymns of surrender, trust, and obedience, we are re-centering our hearts on God’s mission rather than our own. As Jesus said in John 14:15, “If you love me, keep my commands.” May our worship not only comfort us but also challenge us to live faithfully, trusting that when we walk in His ways, God truly is on our side.



Fall Picnic

The fall picnic at Waverly Waters was a tremendous success!! Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship. The bouncy house was a hit with both the children and the youth. We want to thank Stacy Hays and Dee Echols for organizing this event and the Harrell family for allowing us to use Waverly Waters.

Karen Cliett Retires after 38 Years

Karen Cliett has been an employee of the CDC for 38 years. During this time she has been a teacher, an assistant director and interim director. The CDC board held a reception in her honor on Friday. Karen will be missed, but we wish her all the best as she begins this new chapter in her life.

CDC CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Oct. 6 -
- Oct. 13 -
- Oct. 20 -
- Oct. 27 -

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

- Oct. 5 - Tammy Walters and Shannon Wallace
- Oct. 12 - Practice for Children's Sabbath
- Oct. 19 - Becky Shirley and Shannon Wallace
- Oct 26 - No Sunday school due to Worship in the Park

YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS

- Oct. 1 - Bill and Caroline Atkins
- Oct. 8 - Art and Becky Shirley
- Oct. 15 - Gloria Bunnell and Nita Wyman
- Oct. 22 - Lucy McKellar and Shannon Wallace
- Oct. 29 - Dee Echols and Gail Foote



First United Methodist Church

WEST POINT
CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor, 494-5133
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries, 494-2198
Julie Gray, Financial Secretary, 494-1658
Gail Foote, Office Manager, 494-1658
Kindal Gammill, Pianist
Ella Willow, Youth Intern
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Kenya Lee, CDC Director, 494-6811

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 8/31/2025

Total revenue received in Aug \$27,868.10
Total expenses in Aug (\$32,807.77)
Year to date revenue \$263,923.61
Year to date expenses (\$297,846.20)

More detailed financial information is available here:
<https://fumcwestpoint.com/monthly-financial-summary/>

ATTENDANCE September 28, 2025

Sunday School.....50
Worship Service.....73
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....10
Total Worship.....83

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dugan

Becky Landin
Deb McGaughey

The Magnolia in Oxford

Lynn Posey

Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Our Members

Elizabeth Bailey
Beverly Campbell
Kenny Dill
Evelyn & Fox Haas
Caroline Harrell
Jordan Helveston
Austin Hill
Emerson Houston
Susan Johnson
Victoria Johnston
Charlotte Messier
Jerry Mize
Johnnie Newell
Beth Raines
Mike Reid
Ben Rosenkrans
Billy Buck & Judy Staggers
Gracy Taylor
Gail Wolanek
Jimmy Wood
Kathy Wood

Our Family and Friends:

Ted Berry
Wayne Brand
Joe Brownlee
Edith Carlisle
Valeda Carmichael
Mary Margaret Case
Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)
Robert Darsey
Marcus Davidson
Ellie Delk (Rachel Wood's niece)
Rebecca Duncan (Elizabeth Bailey's neighbor)
Martin Edmondson (Tammy Walters' father)
AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)
Rusty Iles
Billy Hays (Joey Hays' uncle)
Mike Kellar (Gay Duke's brother-in-law)
Curtis Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's father)
Lynette Loud (Rachel Wood's mother)
Steve Mitchell (Charlotte Portera's son-in-law)

Lynda Mize
Carole Higgins Morton
Linda Neely
Susie Purnell Randall
Robbie Robinson
James Stockton
Ben Smith
Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)
Moses Vernon (Amy Buckley's uncle)
Debbie Williams (Jason Williams' mother)
Wes Williamson
Bob Wilson (Joni Seitz's father)
Donald Wilson (Terri Myers' father)

Family of Montez Ganss

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 5, 2025

11:00 AM

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:13-37 and Corinthians 13:8-13

SERMON

Glad You Asked: "Can I Participate in Church if I Don't Believe the Theology?"

Special Music

"This Little Light of Mine" - arr. Willis
Women of the Chancel Choir

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Andy Gray

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray

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