



FEBRUARY 10, 2026

**The Newsletter of First UMC  
West Point, Mississippi**

# *The* **Window**

## **A Note from the Pastor**

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*

Lent is a season of giving up. Often we think about what it is that we'll "give up" in terms of what we'll stop doing for the season: sweets, alcohol, social media, or meat.

This Lenten season I want to invite you to think about what you'll "give over" to the Lord. What is it that you need to surrender to God in order that God can be your all in all? Is it your pride? Your vision of the good life? Your highest aspirations? Your fears? Your safety and security?

What would it look like to give it all up to Jesus? The good, the bad, and the ugly?

Through Lent I'll be leading a study on Giving Up, on Surrender.

And I hope that you'll join us. A year and a half into my role of leading as your pastor, I still haven't gotten to be with many of you in a setting where we can talk about the things that really matter. So, especially for those of you have haven't often been a part of our Wednesday night work, I hope that you'll make it a priority to give up a little of your time so that we can grow together by giving it up to Jesus.

In his Name,  
Br. Chad

## Angels in Aprons

Feb 9 - Feb 22 - Jane and Jenny Caston

**Lunch Bunch** - The Lunch Bunch will go to Harvey's in Columbus on Friday, February 13. The van will leave the church at 11:00am. Please let Donna Cook or Gail Foote know if you would like to go.

**Ash Wednesday** - February 18 is Ash Wednesday. We will have services at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Ash Wednesday Services poster with a dark purple background and a white cross on the right. The text is in white and purple.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**PLEASE JOIN US!**  
**FEBRUARY 18**  
**12 NOON**  
**6 PM**  
*Services*



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper poster with a colorful background of pancakes, strawberries, blueberries, and purple flowers. The text is in purple and black.

*Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*  
*February 17 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*  
*Drive thru orders available 5:00-5:30 under the portico. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary for to-go orders or call the church office*  
**Donations will be accepted with proceeds going to Missions**



Help us stock the Blessing Box poster with a green background and various food items. The text is in red and black.

**Help us stock the Blessing Box**



### CHURCH MEETINGS

Feb. 23 @ 5:00pm - CDC Meeting  
Feb. 24 @ 6:00pm - Leadership Council

We continue to be in need of canned food and other shelf stable items for our Blessing Box. You made leave your donations in the cart outside the fellowship hall or place directly in the Blessing Box. Contact Stacy if you would like the Amazon link to have your items sent directly to the church.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS

**Feb. 4** - Bill and Caroline Atkins

**Feb. 11** - Susan Johnson and Holly Hitt

**Feb. 18** - Jane Caston and Gloria Bunnell

**Feb. 25** - Shannon Wallace and Lucy McKellar

We're excited to share that our 3rd-6th Grade Sunday School class is beginning a new Bible study series this month: Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids by Priscilla Shirer! This engaging study is designed to help children understand what the Armor of God is and how they can apply it in everyday life. Over the next 7-9 weeks, we'll explore the spiritual armor described in Ephesians 6:14-17 through meaningful Bible stories and hands-on activities. Each week, students will learn through stories such as:

- Elisha and the Servant
- Adam & Eve in the Garden
- Paul's Life
- Jesus Calms the Storm
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
- Jacob and Esau
- Jesus Resists Temptation

Through these lessons, children will discover practical and tangible ways to "put on" each piece of God's armor. As a special activity, every child will create a personalized suit of armor, representing each piece of spiritual armor they learn about.

I'm so excited to bring this study to a new group of children and hope all 3rd-6th graders will participate!

We meet in classroom #206 at the back of the sanctuary.

## CDC CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS

**Feb. 9** - Elizabeth Bailey

**Feb. 16** - Charlotte Messier

**Feb. 23** - Linda Drake

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Feb. 1** - Bill and Caroline Atkins

**Feb. 8** - Art and Becky Shirley and Shannon Wallace

**Feb. 15** - Helen Facella and Shannon Wallace

**Feb. 22** - Linda Drake and Shannon Wallace



Our Children's Sunday School Class studied and watched a video about Josiah. They also made personalized peg dolls and cross necklaces.



Thank you, Anna Dill, for the new Bryan Youth House toy...a real hit!



# First United Methodist Church

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## 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 12/31/2025

Total revenue received in Dec.	\$83,268.64
Total expenses in Dec.	(\$37,885.89)
Year to date revenue	\$531,994.88
Year to date expenses	(\$555,640.33)

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

## ATTENDANCE February 8, 2026

Sunday School.....	51
Worship Service.....	71
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	7
Total Worship .....	78

## ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### In the Hospital

### Dugan

Deb McGaughey

### Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

### Our Members

Liv Brand  
 Tommy Bryan  
 Evelyn Haas  
 Caroline Harrell  
 Jordan Helveston  
 Austin Hill  
 Emerson Houston  
 Barbara Iles  
 Susan Johnson  
 Victoria Johnston  
 Charlotte Messier  
 Jerry Mize  
 Johnnie Newell  
 Mike Reid  
 Ben Rosenkrans  
 Billy Buck & Judy Staggers  
 Gail Wolanek  
 Jimmy & Kathy Wood

### Our Family and Friends:

Ted Berry  
 Wayne Brand  
 Joe Brownlee  
 Edith Carlisle  
 Mary Margaret Case  
 Pam Chambliss (Superior Services employee)  
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)  
 Ellie Delk (Rachel Wood's niece)  
 Rosa Gonzalez  
 Patsy Harrington (Bro. Chad's grandmother)  
 AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)  
 Rusty Iles  
 Curtis Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's father)  
 Lynette Loud (Rachel Wood's mother)  
 Lynda Mize  
 Carole Higgins Morton  
 Susie Purnell Randall

Robbie Robinson  
 Andy Williams  
 Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)  
 Debbie Williams (Jason Williams' mother)  
 Sheila Wood  
 Family of Beverly Campbell  
 Family of Fox Haas  
 Family of Gene Killingsworth

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

11:00 AM

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-3

### SERMON

A Witness to Heaven

### ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord" - arr. McDonald

**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell

**LAY READER:** Elizabeth Bailey

**STREAM TEAM:** Art Shirley

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.**