



FEBRUARY 24, 2026

The Newsletter of First UMC
West Point, Mississippi

The Window

A Note from the Pastor

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:14-18

What Jesus does is really incomprehensible. Eternally divine, full of radiant splendor, immortal and unchangeable, he takes on the fullness of humanity. He shares in our flesh and blood.

He does this not so that he can experience the goodness of his creation. He's not a tourist acquiring a new experience in a new place. He hasn't come to enjoy food or drink or sex. He has come to die. And through his death, he destroys the devil and frees us from the fear of death. His self-offering is a sacrifice that overcomes our sin such that we can be united to God.

His offering, then, is not only for forgiveness. Though it certainly isn't less than that! He himself becomes a new and living way, blazing a new trail for us to walk. Because he was tested, he is able to better help us when we face tests or trials or temptations.

Jesus doesn't just save us. He doesn't just forgive us. He *helps* us. He helps us like a teacher whose patience is essential for us to learn how to do long division, like a coach who gives us repetition after repetition until we learn to hit a baseball, or like a parent who through tears and anguish teaches us to tie our shoes.

And if he helps us, there's an expectation that we're putting forth some effort, too, and that we're growing, and maturing, and learning.

Lent is a time that we embrace our need for God's help and remember that this life of faith isn't just a teleportation into heaven but a narrow way that we walk with Jesus as he guides us—helps us—to the throne of the Father.

In Christ,
Br. Chad

Angels in Aprons

Feb. 24 - Mar. 9 - Dee Echols and Donna Cook

Mar. 10 - 23 - Caroline Atkins and Helen Facella

Giving Up Study – Through the season of Lent, Br. Chad will be teaching a study on surrendering to God. Join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. If there is interest, we may also have a week-day option for the study. During the season of Lent, we will have a meal for all ages at 5:30pm. Classes will follow at 6:00pm.

Daylight Saving Time - Daylight saving time will begin on March 8. You will need to move your clocks up one hour.

Hydrangeas - The J. B. Cook Class is selling white hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area on Easter. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25. Call the church office to place your order by March 22nd.

Game Night - Mark your calendars for our next game night which will be Wednesday, March 4. Come and join the fellowship. You may play, watch the fun or just visit with friends. Everyone is welcome!



Shrove Pancake Supper

The Shrove Pancake Supper was a success! Over seventy people bought plates for this night, and \$1180.00 was raised for missions. Thank you to Julie Gray for decorating, Stacy Hays and Jim Helveston for organizing and all the volunteers who helped serve and cook. Everyone did a fantastic job!!!

Holy Rollers Game Night

Come join the fun!

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Dinner and dessert will be served.



MUSIC NOTES

The season of Lent invites us to draw closer to the heart of God. It is a time to slow down, to reflect, and to seek Him more intentionally in our daily lives. There are many ways to do this. You can draw nearer through prayer, Scripture, and acts of service, but one of the most powerful ways is through music. Scripture tells us that David was a musician and a “man after God’s own heart.” Through his playing and his psalms, David expressed the full range of human emotion, joy, sorrow, repentance, and praise. He used music to worship, to cry out to God, and even to bring peace and healing. In many ways, David shows us that music is not just singing or playing an instrument; it is also a way we draw near to God. During this Lenten season, may we follow David’s example. Whether through a quiet hymn, a favorite song, or the music we share in worship, may we use every note as a prayer to grow closer to His heart.

“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.” — Psalm 145:18



Baptism of John Michael Juckes

Br. Chad baptized John Michael Juckes on Sunday. John Michael is the son of Isabel and Shane Juckes. This was such a special event for our church and their family.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Mar. 1 - Jessi Sugg and Shannon Wallace

Mar. 8 - Linda Drake and Shannon Wallace

Mar. 15 - Shannon Wallace

Mar. 22 - Shannon Wallace

Mar. 29 - Kristen Williams and Shannon Wallace



CHURCH MEETINGS

Feb. 24 @ 6:00pm - Leadership Council

Mar. 3 @ 5:30pm - Personnel and Nominations

Mar. 10 @ 10:00am - Worship Committee

March 30 @ 5:00pm - CDC Board Meeting

YOUTH SUPPER NEWS

During the season of Lent, we will have a meal for all ages at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Youth will meet at 6:00 in the Bryan Youth Center.

TIME CHANGE



SPRING FORWARD

1 HOUR

MARCH 8TH



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 1/31/2026

Total revenue received in Jan.	\$25,274.38
Total expenses in Jan.	(\$32,327.84)
Year to date revenue	\$25,274.38
Year to date expenses	(\$32,327.84)

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

ATTENDANCE February 22, 2026

Sunday School.....	44
Worship Service.....	100
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	15
Total Worship	115

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
 Charlotte Portera
 Ben Rosenkrans
 Billy Buck & Judy Staggers
 Jimmy & Kathy Wood

Our Family and Friends:

Sammy Beal
 Ted Berry
 Wayne Brand
 Joe Brownlee
 Edith Carlisle
 Pam Chambliss (Superior Services employee)
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)
 Rosa Gonzalez
 Patsy Harrington (Bro. Chad's grandmother)
 AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)
 Rusty Iles
 Curtis Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's father)
 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 Mary Margaret Dill Case
 Family of GF Watson (Amy Buckley's cousin)

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

11:00 AM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

"Giving Up: Self-Sufficiency"

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Forrest

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray

LAY READER: Linda Drake

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.**