



# COALVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## June 2026 Newsletter



### From the Pen of Bro. Len:

#### **Our Father who art in heaven.**

What does this mean or imply?

Many of us approach Father's Day with mixed emotions. Some people

have hands-on fathers who are available and interested in their lives; others have somewhat distant, disinterested fathers; while others still were abandoned by their fathers altogether. And some have fathers who have died.

But one thing we all have in common, no matter what kind of dad we have or have had, is that we have a Father in heaven. And regardless of how your father on earth has treated you, you have a Father in heaven who has always been there and always will be there for you.

The Bible says that God is a "father of the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5 NKJV). And David wrote, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me" (Psalm 27:10). We have a heavenly Father, and the way that we communicate with him is through prayer.

The greatest prayer that was ever prayed is often called the Lord's Prayer, where Jesus taught us to pray:

**"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver  
us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom**

**and the power and the glory forever. Amen."  
(Matthew 6:9-13)**

To address God as "Father" was a revolutionary thought to the Jewish mind. The Hebrews feared God and attached such sacredness to His name; they would not even utter it. In the Old Testament, God is referred to as "Father" fewer than seven times. And when He is, it is either indirectly or rather remotely. In fact, when Jesus referred to God as his father, he was accused of blasphemy.

One of the reasons he was crucified was because he spoke of this special relationship he had with his father. And now, because of his death and resurrection, we can have that relationship, too. After rising from the dead, he said to Mary Magdalene, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God" (John 20:17).

As you were growing up, if your father was disengaged, disinterested and passive, you might think of God that way: disconnected, oblivious to what is going on in your life, not really caring. Then again, if your father was an involved, nurturing and affirming dad, you might apply those same qualities to your perception of God.

But we need to view God not the way we view an earthly dad; we need to view God as He is presented in Scripture.

Not only does the Bible tell us to address him as Father, but we are to do so in an intimate way. The apostle Paul wrote, "So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his

own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father’” (Romans 8:15 NLT).

The word Abba speaks of intimacy, like calling your father “Daddy” or “Papa.” The idea is that of an affectionate relationship.

If you want an accurate snapshot of God, a proper portrait of the Father, just look at the story Jesus told about the prodigal son (see Luke 15). The story isn’t all about the son, however; it is also about the loving father. And who is more qualified to talk about a loving father than Jesus?

In this story, Jesus presents him as an engaged, loving, affectionate father who loves his sons. The father has two sons, the youngest of whom demanded his portion of the estate before the father has died. This son went off to a distant land and lived like a fool – as a prodigal – blowing his money, consorting with prostitutes, literally ending up in a pig pen, and finally coming to his senses and returning home. Back at home we see a father who longed for his son’s return and ran to throw his arms around him, kissing him over and over again.

The conclusion of the story from a modern paraphrase goes this way:

The son started his speech: “Father, I’ve sinned against God, I’ve sinned before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son ever again.”

But the father wasn’t listening. He was calling to the servants, “Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a grain-fed heifer and roast it. We’re going to feast! We’re going to have a wonderful time! My son is here – given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!” And they began to have a wonderful time. (Luke 15:20–24 The Message)

That is your Heavenly Father. Although he is our God, there is intimacy, there is relationship, there is closeness, and there is affection.

If you want to know what kind of Father we have in heaven, just look at Jesus. Because Jesus said, “He who has seen Me has also seen the Father” (John 14:9 NKJV). He also said, “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father

...” (John 8:19). Just look at Jesus with the little children in his arms, blessing them. Just look at Jesus with tears streaming down his face at the grave of his friend, Lazarus. Just look at Jesus, washing his disciples’ feet in the Upper Room. That is what your Father in heaven is like.

**May God help us to imitate our “Heavenly Father” as we celebrate Father’s Day.**



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It is an expression of love to call each other 'brother and sister'. As children of God, we need to learn to **'love' His word, the very essence of life**, and experience the spiritual blessings.

He has a purpose for your life being here, to bring 'His truth' to a hurting, dark world. How blessed we are to see 'the Light - our living Lord and Savior.' Others helped lead us to the light, Jesus Christ. It is our duty to do the same for our other 'brothers and sisters'. In order to be effective in this endeavor we must saturate ourselves with His 'Truth' through His Word. Reasons for learning to 'love' His Word, His spiritual blessings:

**June 1st - 6th:** He will guard your steps. Ps. 119:105

**June 7th - 13th:** He equips you for righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16-17

**June 14th - 20th:** You will know the truth that will set you free. Jn 8:31-32

**June 21st - 27th:** He will bring life into situations. Jn 6:63

**June 28th - 30th** - You will abide in His love and presence. Jn 14:23

**Align your mindset with God's promises.**

**Put His Word inside you and it will be your armor on the outside!**

**God will fight your battles - great and small.**

**His Word - His promises are TRUTH and will win every battle!!**



Hello from Cornerstone. Welcome to June!

We wish all fathers a very HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken...Yes, my soul finds rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." Psalm 62:1-2,5-8.

Zac Hicks writes:

"As a worship song, Psalm 62 teaches us that our weekly gathering is a context for countercultural 'wait training.' It's a place of pausing where we can cut ourselves off from our devices for an hour or so. It's a place of quiet where we can wait in silence. It's a place of praise that helps us remember we worship a God big enough to trust. It's a place of relief where we release control of our schedules, our emotions, and our lives. It's a place of surrender where we submit to letting God and his Word do the leading. It's a place of hope where we are repointed to the promised coming of the King and his kingdom."

For God alone our souls wait.

Come and worship with us.





## Annual Conference

Wednesday June 3 to Friday June 5 at Millsaps College, 1701 N State St, Jackson, MS.

“When Believers Pray, Vision is Revealed.” Habakkuk 3:2-3. Please be in prayer for Bishop Sharma D Lewis Logan, our annual conference planning team, our clergy and lay members to annual conference and for our Mississippi Conference churches.



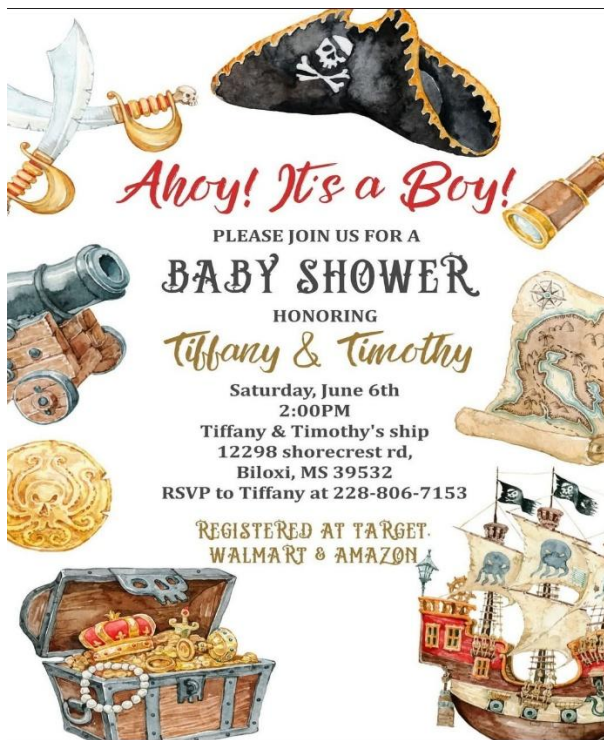
### Happy Birthday John Wesley, born June 28, 1703, founder of the Methodist Church

John Wesley, (June 28, 1703 – March 2, 1791) was an English cleric, theologian, and evangelist who was a principal leader of a revival movement within the Church of England known as Methodism. The societies he founded became the dominant form of the independent Methodist movement that continues to this day.

A key step in the development of Wesley's ministry was to travel widely and preach outdoors, embracing Arminian doctrines. Moving across Great Britain and Ireland, he helped form and organize small Christian groups that developed intensive and personal accountability, discipleship, and religious instruction. He appointed itinerant, unordained evangelists—both women and men—to care for these groups of people. Under Wesley's direction, Methodists became leaders in many social issues of the day, including the abolition of slavery and support for women preachers.

Wesley's evangelicalism, firmly grounded in sacramental theology, maintained that means of grace played a role in sanctification of the believer; however, he taught that it was by faith a believer was transformed into the likeness of Christ. He held that, in this life, Christians could achieve a state where the love of God "reigned supreme in their hearts", giving them not only outward but inward holiness. Wesley's teachings, collectively known as Wesleyan theology, continue to inform the doctrine of Methodist churches.

There is a book, **Five Marks of a Methodist, the Fruit of a Living Faith**, by Steve Harper, which draws on John Wesley's vision by making the case that **love, joy, gratitude, prayer, and care for others** aren't abstract ideals. They're a way of life.



Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower for Tiffany Ludlow as we wait for the arrival of Beauden Keith. Please select your favorite Bible verse so you can mark and sign a Bible for him!

Also, bring a pack of diapers, any size, for your chance to win a prize. And instead of a card, please bring a book that you like so that each time we read it, we think of you. For more info, please see Jan, Beth, or Tiffany.

## Missions Team

**Thank you everyone for your support of the RADA knife sale. We were able to raise over \$700.**

**Missions Committee meeting Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Missions Team will have a patriotic wreath making event on June 6 from 9 to 12 in the CLC. Cost is \$30 and the money goes to shoeboxes.**

Coalville's info and event text chain is up and running. If you would like to be a part of this text chain, please text Michael Roberts at 228-236-5496 and let him know!

## CHURCH DIRECTORY!

*Portraits will be taken July 12 and 13. Please mark your calendars. Everyone that participates will get a free 8x10 and directory. Lots of members have grown their families since the last directory. There are also new faces in our congregation. We want everyone represented. Even if you are not a full member, but attend regularly. Call 1-877-896-9667 Ext 360 to schedule. Or Phyllis Trochesset 228-596-1049.*

June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day



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**YOUTH CAR WASH**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

**Drive-ups are welcome, no ticket necessary**

**VBS SAVE THE DATE**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> thru June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 8:15**

**27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 1**

**28<sup>th</sup> 6 PM Closing Program**



**Come join us as we explore God's word together! This is a very important outreach ministry so please spread the word! There are lots of ways to help: Pray!...provide food and snacks...donate to VBS fund...volunteer to help...and bring the children you know!**

**In this day and age, sports and other activities have become a priority in many of our children's lives. Those things are fleeting but their relationship with Jesus is everlasting. Help us to reach them and show them that learning about Jesus and the Bible is more exciting and fulfilling than anything else!**

