



The Messenger

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Happy New Year! I feel like we just did this not that long ago. It is hard to believe that we are already a quarter century into a new millennium! Things sure have changed. Some for good and some not so much. Nonetheless, it is a new year and with it comes new opportunities. I challenge you to make some bold steps forward in your faith. One thing I am sure of is the promise of God that he grants us new mercy every day. So, I invite you to step into 2025 confident that God is with you and will supply you daily with everything necessary to follow Him faithfully into the future -whatever it may hold! I am grateful to be on this journey with you and I am “confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

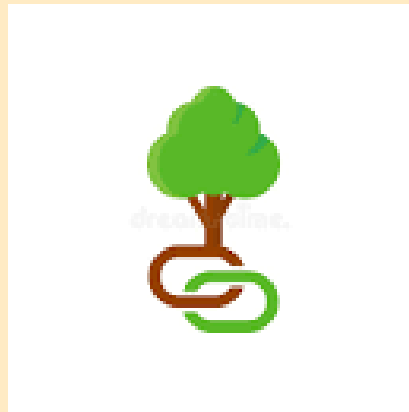
God bless you,
-Ben



Announcements & Events



In an effort to promote safety and well being in the congregation, we have installed two AED's (defibrillators) @ the main campus. They are located in the lobby (just outside the sanctuary) and in the Christian Life Center (on the east wall).



Get connected through Linktree

Scan the code below to get connected to First Methodist Church Long Beach. You can sign up to get text messages and emails regarding upcoming events and newsletters. You can also access the main campus and The Well websites, as well as much more. If you have any questions contact the church office @ 228-863-9619.





YOUTH - JANUARY

January:

5th: Youth @5

8th: Heart & Soul @5:30

12th: Youth @5

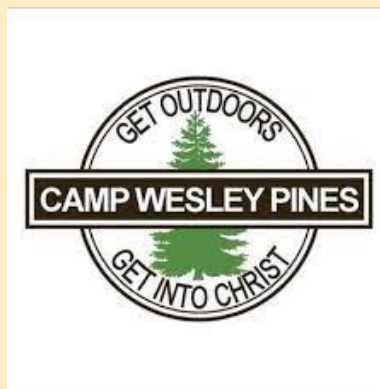
15th: Heart & Soul @ 5:30

19th: Youth @5

22nd: Heart & Soul @5:30

26th: Youth @5

29th: Heart & Soul @ 5:30



Camp Wesley Pines

Kids who will have completed 2nd-8th grade this summer are invited to attend Camp Wesley Pines in Hazlehurst, MS. Camp Wesley Pines is a week-long camp for students to spend time in God's word, with their core

values being faith formation, leadership development, authentic community, and outdoor appreciation. If you have any questions or want to find out more about this camp opportunity, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.



Upcoming Opportunities for Women

We will have two **weekday discipleship groups** for women beginning this month. One group will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 beginning on Jan 28th, and another group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 beginning on Jan 29th. Both groups will be using the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby on Sunday morning.

Save the date for a Women's Night Event on Friday, February 21st. More information to come soon!



Opportunities to Support our Youth

Our youth group for teenagers in 7th-12th grades meets regularly on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. They spend time in community, time in God's word, and time sharing a meal together. If you would like to provide a meal for our youth group one night, they would very much appreciate it! If you can't commit to a meal but would like to supply snacks

or drinks for them to stock their kitchen, that would be such a generous gift. Please contact Mandy Long at (228)697-5034.



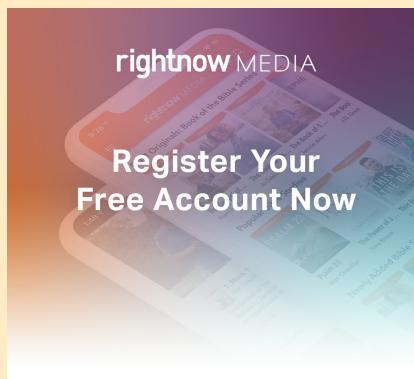
O.A.K.S Luncheon
Older Adult Kindred Spirit

The O.A.K.S. Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. All are invited and please bring your favorite dish to share.



Open Table Ministry

Open Table will be serving at Gulfport's 19th Street Park (3319 19th St., Gulfport, MS) on Saturday, January 11th. We will meet at the Church at 10:30 a.m. to load supplies and food offerings. Contact Terry and Glenda Hull at tgkhull@icloud.com for more information.



I'm excited to share that our church now has unlimited

access to **RightNow Media**—the world’s largest streaming library of video Bible study resources (it’s been called the “**Netflix of video Bible studies**”). This extensive library has **more than 20,000 videos** from leaders like Francis Chan, Jennie Allen, Matt Chandler, Dr. Tony Evans, and many more. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include **free discussion guides and handouts**.



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Upcoming Sermons

January 12th

“Daniel: Resolved to not Defile”

Daniel 1:1-21

January 19th

“Daniel: Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream/Daniel’s Interpretation

Daniel 2:1-49



PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Marie Ward, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Spencer Humphrey, Pam Upton, Louise Travis, Candy Claeys, Dawn McGinn, Cindy Gates, John Bull, Joyce St. John, Harry Brax, Pete Seyfarth, Charles & Lisa Oliver, Imogene Hoffman, Pam Buell, Johnny Kersnac, Linda Robison, Ricky Bullock, Jake Dehut, Tyna Youngblood, Mark Ernst, John Quinn, Rick Beeson, Gary Smith, Jerry Bowlin, Joanne Jenkins, Betty Stafford, John Miller, Jay Reagan, Genia Humphrey, John McCardle, Emily Romano, Cindy Tredway, Steve Burton, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, David Berry, Leiland Humphrey, Kathy Hogan, Mildred Dilley, Rose Draime, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, April Ross, Jim Collins, Nan Nabor,

Kendra Reed, Glenda Hull, Betty Stafford, Rocky Ruello, and Leo LaCour.
*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 863-9619 or by email to firstmclb@gmail.com.



The 2025 Altar Flower calendar is in the lobby @ the main campus If you would like to sign up to place the flowers in the sanctuary.



In Loving Memory

Donations was given in memory of Elise "Sissy" Meadows by Larry & Beth Lewis, Bob & Carolyn Rhoades. and Betsy Bullard.

A donation was given in memory of Warren Poarch by John Blake.

A donation was given in memory of Bill Denmark by John Blake.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Joye & Jacquelyne Pierce and family at the death of their mother/grandmother, Elise "Sissy" Meadows.



Acolytes

January 12th Amiyah

January 19th Jack

January 26th Malaina



Church Finance Report

2024 YTD General Budget Receipts: \$745,005

Plus 2024 Line-item gift receipts: +\$ 61,420

Less 2024 Budgeted Expenses: -\$734,359

Equals 2024 Net Income: =\$ 72,066

Calendar

Sunday, January 12th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online

5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth Hall

Monday, January 13th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the Side by Side room

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the Side by Side room

Tuesday, January 14th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side room

Wednesday, January 15th

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room

5:30 p.m. Youth Heart & Soul in Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, January 16th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

Sunday, January 19th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online

5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth Hall

Monday, January 20th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

Tuesday, January 21st

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side-By-Side room

Wednesday, January 22nd

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room

5:30 p.m. Youth Heart & Soul in Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, January 23rd

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

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Our Mission

Make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

To be a church that makes disciples that Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus,
and Serve Like Jesus.

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