

# First United Methodist Church

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## Your Bible Is What's In Your Head

Dick Murray, retired professor of Christian education at Perkins School of Theology, says he used to think that his Bible was the black book with gold-edged pages that he could pick up and hold in his hand. But as a young man, he had a foxhole experience; he was alone, isolated and in danger. So he decided to pass the time and fear by reciting all the Bible verses he knew. He thought it would take several hours, but fifteen to twenty minutes later, he had completed his verses. Then he realized, his Bible was the Bible he carried within him, in his head.

Murray tells us that memorizing Scripture is not just for reciting; it's more than rote memory. He says that in his fearful hours, the Scriptures brought God to him. The verses brought the God of rescue, of comfort, of peace, of consolation, of love...of hope. The words brought memories of godly people who had cared for him and shown him God. And the Holy Scriptures were able to drown out the voices of fear within.

Psalm 119:11 says, "I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you." God's word does keep us from sin. Scripture brings us good news: hope, forgiveness, and comfort. (copied)

Although memorization seems to have fallen out of favor, we certainly are still capable of memorizing. Many of us know every word to our favorite songs and can recite dialogue from favorite movies. Rather than filling our minds with secular things, why not fill those minds with spiritual truths?

Parents are encouraged to sign up their children, ages 4 years – 6th grade, for Treasure Hunters. Treasure Hunters is our home-based Scripture memory program through which children learn one age appropriate verse per month. It's a simple, no pressure way for children and their families to learn God's word so they can carry their Bibles wherever they go!

For more information, contact Dana Franz, Denise Adair or Carrie Beth Randall. You may sign up in the Gathering Place or by calling the church office.



# Order of Worship

8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
THE CHURCH GATHERS  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Adante sostenuto* from Sonatina for Trombone and Piano Jacques Casterede

Informal Moments, Ritual of Friendship & Announcements

*May we enter now into a time of silence, actively opening our spirits to God's presence.*

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desire known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise #399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* MESSIAH

The Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Craig Courtney  
(Chancel Choir)

Giving of Our Tithes, Our Offerings and Ourselves

\*Doxology #95 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00) **Lee, Emily & Colt Woods**

The Scripture **Luke 14:25-33** (Pew Bible NT - Page 76)

The Meditation **"Terms of Peace"** David Shumaker

The Invitation

The Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory be to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and by the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the powers of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

*The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

*The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

### **Communion Offering Today - Seminary Student Fund**

\*Hymn #382

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ADELAIDE

\*Choral Benediction

*Grace, Love and Fellowship*

Tom Fette

**May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Father,  
and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. Forever and ever. Amen.**

Postlude

*Great and Glorious Is Our Lord*

Arranged

### **SEMINARY STUDENT FUND**

Please remember that today's Communion offering has been designated to help a deserving seminary student. Thanks for your generosity.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We are happy to welcome our newest additions to our church family -- **Gerald & Emily Rowland**. They both come from other denominations, and they are both employed with the Chemistry Department at MSU. Gerald & Emily had their infant son, **Nicholas Bradley**, baptized here this past Sunday as well and he will be placed on our preparatory roll. Gerald is a nephew of Danny & Marilyn Rowland.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & WELCOME**

We rejoice with **Emily and Lee Woods** as they present their two children for baptism today at our 11:00 service. **Emily Ann Woods** and her brother, **William Colter "Colt" Woods** are being baptized today along with their dad, Lee. The children will be placed on our preparatory roll and Lee and Emily will be placed on our membership rolls. She will move her membership from another denomination. Grandparents of the children are Fred & Donna Matthes and Libby Woods and the late Wayne Woods, all of Madison, MS.

Lee is an anesthesiologist at Oktibbeha County Hospital and Melanie is an RN at the Starkville Clinic for Women.

Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to all of our new members and let them know how happy we are they chose FUMC as their church home.



# Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service

## **PRAYER**

This week's prayer list includes: Terry & Will Jayroe; Scott & Holly Johnston, Taylor; Ricky & Angels Kendrick, Chastity; Jeff & Stevanie King; Moultrie & Leigh Ann Lacey; Pat & Jim Lathum.

## **PRESENCE**

Total Membership	2,212
Church School Attendance Last Sunday	432
Pathways Service	172
8:30 Traditional Service Attendance	218
11:00 Traditional Service Attendance	273
Total Worship Attendance	663

## **GIFTS**

Offering Received Last Sunday	11,002.55
Received to date for 2010	793,950.36
Expenses to date for 2010	840,026.59
Difference in Receipts & Expenses	(46,076.23)

This is a weekly report. The numbers change from week to week due to income and expenses. We have drafts that are posted at the end of each month and payroll that is paid out twice a month which causes this report to vary greatly.

<p><b>Worship Greeters:</b> Frank Bonner &amp; Paul Sellers <b>Sunday School Greeters:</b> John &amp; Christy Savage, Sid &amp; Amy Crigler</p>
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## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

The flowers on the altar today are in memory of **Horace Adams** on the occasion of his birthday, given by his family.

## **OUR SYMPATHY**

Our love and prayers are extended to the family of **Mrs. Martha McKenzie** of our church who died last week; and

To Libby Pollard of our church in the death of her brother, **Mr. Van Cagle** of Tupelo.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, September 19th from 3:00-4:30 pm the Women's Ministry Committee will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" party in the Fellowship Hall (the Gathering Place). There will be food, a nursery, and information about the church programs of interest to women of any age. We will also be gathering ideas about how we can better meet the spiritual needs of the women of our church and community. Tell your friends and plan to be here.

## **CROSS FITNESS TRAINING**

We have decided to extend the cross fitness training on a month to month basis beginning September 16. We will continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Cost will be \$40 a month. You may contact Lynn Berch at the church (323-5722) for more information. You may also register at [www.crossfitnessstraining.net](http://www.crossfitnessstraining.net).

# Calendar Activities and Events

## **Sunday, September 5**

9:30 AM	Gathering Place	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	Jr. High Spark	Youth Room
6:00 PM	Youth Supper	CLC
6:00 PM	NO Sunday Evening Bible Study	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Sr. High Flame	CLC

## **Monday, September 6**

### **Church Office Closed Today**

3:00 PM	NO Open Gym K - 2nd grades	CLC
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, September 7**

7:00 AM	Walking Track Open until 5:00 PM (T-F)	CLC
3:00 PM	Open Gym 3rd - 6th grades	CLC
5:30 PM	Taekwondo Class	CLC
5:30 PM	Finance Committee	Room 207
6:00 PM	Re-Run Traditional Worship Service	Channel 5
6:00 PM	Girls Scouts	
7:00 PM	Cross Fitness Training	CLC
8:00 PM	Insight for College Students	Wesley Foundation

## **Wednesday, September 8**

10:00 AM	David Shumaker's Bible Study	Room 204
2:00 PM	Prayer Quilt Ministry	Room 226
3:45 PM	Youth Choir	Room 224
4:00 PM	Grief Group Meeting	Room 204
5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper	CLC

<b>Menu for September 8</b> Ham & Hashbrown Casserole
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5:30 PM	Youth Small Groups Begin	
5:30 PM	Elementary Gap	
5:45 PM	Preschool Choir, Spiritual Formation Classes	
6:30 PM	Brass Ensemble	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Music Suite
7:00 PM	Pathways Praise Team	CLC

## **Thursday, September 9**

1:30 PM	Senior Game Day at Sr. Enrichment Center	Miley Road
5:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Room 202
5:30 PM	Taekwondo Class	CLC
7:00 PM	Cross Fitness Training	CLC

### **FUTURE DATE**

September 19 - Women's Ministry Meet and Greet

### **SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

No study tonight, but be sure to join us next Sunday evening at 6:00 in the sanctuary as David Shumaker leads us in a study on the Gospel of Mark. We encourage your attendance as we begin something new on Sunday evenings.

Growing Like Jesus  
2:40 KIDS

Luke 2:40

Acolyte training is Tuesday, September 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All children 3rd - 6th grades are encouraged to serve as acolytes for our traditional services. We provide training for those who wish to serve and schedule the children to acolyte in the traditional service of the family's choice, 8:30 or 11:00. Children who are currently serving as acolytes do not need to repeat the training session.

## **BLOOD DRIVE TODAY**

The blood mobile will be here beginning at noon today in the tennis court parking lot across the street. We have only had four people to sign up to give blood, but United Blood Services will welcome any others that choose to come as walk-ins. If you know of others in our community that might be willing to donate blood, please encourage them to come as well. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to give.

## **METROCAST USERS**

Have you had any difficulties viewing the Sunday worship services? To hear a sermon you can either go online at [www.growasdisciples.com](http://www.growasdisciples.com) and click on the "Listen to Sermons" button in the top right corner or call 323-5722 for a DVD copy.

## **ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!**

We want your smiling face! Please come by the TV Studio and let us take your picture. We will be there on Sunday September 5th and 12th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

## **MISSIONS NEWS**

The Missions Committee thanks all of you who contributed items, bought a treasure, and/or worked during the successful Garage Sale for Missions. Because of your generosity, \$4,200 was cleared for mission work. We appreciate all you do in support of our church's mission efforts.

## **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Join us for Spark and Flame Worship on Sunday evenings! Junior High Spark Worship at 5:00, youth supper at 6:00, and Senior High Flame Worship at 6:30.

See You At The Pole will be on Wednesday morning, Sept. 22nd at each school. Each school (home school combined with Starkville Christian) will have a time of worship and prayer at 7:00 a.m.

Sunday Night Sept. 27th - Worship, Football game, and cookout with First Presbyterian in the CLC. 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 8th - 5K planning meeting in Rebecca's office at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15th - Pumpkin Patch planning meeting in Rebecca's office at 5:15 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 1st our youth group will host a community 5th quarter in the CLC featuring Worship Leader David Ashley! This awesome night of worship and fun will begin at 10:30 p.m. and wrap up at 12:30 a.m.