

First United Methodist Church

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Today's Communion Offering Scholarships for Summer Camping Opportunities at Camp Lake Stephens

Games, canoeing, kayaking, rappelling, zipline into the lake, Vesper Hill, silly songs, swimming, playing in the creek, archery, ropes course, new friends, bonfire devotionals, hiking, family groups, treehouse camp, adventure camp --

If you have ever been to Camp Lake Stephens you recognize all of the above!

Over 60 years ago, Camp Lake Stephens was founded as one of the first summer camps in Mississippi. As part of the ministry of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Camp Lake Stephens is an integral part in the lives of many people.

The Camp Lake Stephens administration strives to keep the cost of camping as low as possible, but just like everything else, those costs have risen. The cost of the 3 day mini camp is \$150 and the week long elementary/jr. high camps begin at \$290. (Those are the early bird registration costs.)

We want to encourage our church's children & youth to attend summer camp. One way to encourage them to attend is to offer partial scholarships to all of our children & youth who attend summer camp. Last year our church provided partial scholarships to approximately 50 students. The parents of these children were very grateful for this assistance. Your generous giving to our camp scholarship offering made this possible.

This year we would like to offer the same assistance to those families who wish to send their child(ren) to summer camp at Camp Lake Stephens. Today's communion offering will go to that scholarship fund. Won't you please consider giving the gift of summer camp to our children and youth?

Camp Lake Stephens, a United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center, is committed to being a place where children, youth, and adults can encounter God and respond in faith to God's call to transform the world.

Order of Worship

Traditional Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude *Sostenuto* Charles Rinck

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 #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAIA

The Offertory *This Is Love* R. Kevin Boesiger
(Chancel Choir)

Giving of Our Tithes, Our Offerings and Ourselves

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

The Scripture **Psalm 147:1-11** (Pew Bible OT - Page 570)

The Meditation **"Great Is the Lord"** Giles Lindley

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 - Camp Lake Stephens Scholarships

*Hymn #77

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*Choral Benediction

Grace, Love and Fellowship

Tom Fettke

**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.**

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ATTENTION LADIES!

Please join Circle Sarah for an evening of fellowship and service. We will be meeting in the home of Carol Jones, 306 Greensboro Street, on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30. The service project for the evening will be Valentine cards for our church Shut-ins. Circle Sarah meets on the first Tuesday night of each month. Please join us!

Growing Like Jesus
2:40 KIDS

Luke 2:40

Treasure Hunter Checkoff Sundays are February 5 & 19.

6th & 7th graders - Verge Lunch & Bowl at Bulldog Lanes, Sunday, February 12. Meet us at Bulldog Lanes right after church. Make sure to wear or bring socks. The cost is \$10/person.

Pretzel Sunday will be February 26 in Children's Sunday School. If you would like to help make pretzels with the children that Sunday, please contact Jane Windham.

Vacation Bible School this summer will be June 17 - 20 at 5:30 p.m. each night. Please mark your calendars.

Pathways

Song Set:

Salvation Is Here

Marvelous Light

The Wonderful Cross

Hungry

Scripture: **Mark 1:29-39**

(Children may exit now for Children's Church through north door.)

Sermon: **Why Pray?**

Communion

Response Song:

Jesus Paid It All

***If at any time during the singing you wish to stand, you are invited and welcome to do so.**

REFUGE

Important Reminders for youth and parents!

February 5th – **Super Bowl Party** sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes of SHS and SA at the First Baptist Church Outreach Center. T-shirts will be on sale during the event for \$11.00.

Marines Week for 10th-12th graders is February 19-23. It is a 5-day intense training break from students normal lives. A structure of discipline is set in place which includes Bible study, exercise, school work, cleaning, and some meal preparation. The cost is \$25.00 and deadline for sign-up is February 5th.

MYAC will be held in Jackson March 2 – 4 and the cost is \$90.00 + 4 meals this includes conference fee and two nights at a hotel. Deadline for sign-up is February 5th. The speaker will be Olu Brown and worship leader is Kristian Stanfill.

Winter Jam is February 26th at the Bancorp South Center in Tupelo. The cost is \$10.00 at the door. This year's artists include: Skillet, Sanctus Real, Peter Furler, Kari Jobe, NewSong, Building 429, Group 1 Crew, Brock Gill. The sign-up deadline is February 19th.

To sign-up for any of these events call the church office at 323-5722.

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service

PRAYER

This week's prayer list includes: Carroll & Georgia Murphy; Tim & Janice Muzzi; Rebecca Nash; Marcia Neal, Jonathan, Rachel; Ray & Janie New, Shelly, KC; Mary Sue & Marco Nicovich.

PRESENCE

Total Membership	2,276
Church School Attendance Last Sunday	388
Pathways Service	95
Traditional Service Attendance (8:30)	288
Traditional Service Attendance (11:00)	338
Total Worship Attendance	721

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of **William Flowers and Marilyn Flowers**, given by Hembree & Jean Brandon.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

A Ladies Lenten Breakfast will be sponsored by the UMW Priscilla Circle on Saturday, February 25th at 9:00 A.M.

Tickets will be on sale January 29 through February 19 for \$15.00 per ticket. Tickets will not be available at the door. The program will be a spiritual journey with special music that you will not want to miss!! Proceeds will go towards the mission projects of Pricilla Circle :

- *Providing monetary assistance to The Breast Cancer Program for Uninsured Women.
- *Youth programs of our church.

Tickets will be available between church services on Sundays or you may contact the following people: Grace Ward (662) 323-4530, Barbara Tucker (662) 323-5381, Connie Forde, Carol Lehman, Beth Parsons, Barbara Stewart, Ruth Stewart, or Dianne Vaughn.

Bible Studies Now Underway

Giles Lindley's Esther Study on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in Room 204.

Sunday evening study at 5:00 with David Shumaker in the sanctuary.

Calendar Activities and Events

Sunday, February 5

9:30 AM	Gathering Place	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Confirmation Class	
5:00 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Youth Program at First Baptist Outreach Center	
7:00 PM	NO Messengers Youth Choir Tonight	Room 224
7:00 PM	Re-Run Contemporary Worship Service	Channel 5

Monday, February 6

3:00 PM	Open Gym for K-2nd until 5:00	CLC
5:15 PM	Trustees	Room 204
5:45 PM	Beth Moore Study	Room 203
6:00 PM	Re-Run Contemporary Worship Service	Channel 5
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts until 7:00	CLC
6:00 PM	Men's Study	Room 207
6:00 PM	Kay Arthur Study	
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 7

11:00 AM	Men for the Master	Choir Room
11:00 AM	Bible Study on Esther w/Giles Lindley	Room 207
12:00 PM	Women's Devotions	Bookmart Cafe
3:00 PM	Open Gym for 3rd - 6th until 5:00	CLC
5:30 PM	Taekwondo	CLC
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts	CLC & LP
6:00 PM	Re-Run Traditional Worship Service	Channel 5
8:00 PM	Insight at Wesley Foundation Worship	MSU Campus

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 AM	Beth Moore Study	Room 203
9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Ladies Parlor
10:00 AM	Bible Study on Joel with David Shumaker	Room 204
1:30 PM	Grief Group	Room 204
2:00 PM	Prayer Quilt Ministry	Room 226
5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper	CLC

Menu for Wednesday, February 8 Baked Potato & Salad Bar / Hot Dogs

5:45 PM	Wednesday Night Activities (Children's Choirs, Gap, Adult Studies, etc.)	
5:45 PM	Handbells	Music Suite
5:45 PM	Youth Small Groups until 6:45	CLC
6:30 PM	Brass Ensemble	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Music Suite
7:00 PM	Pathways Praise Team	CLC

Thursday, February 9

1:30 PM	Senior Game Day at Sr. Enrichment Center	Miley Road
5:30 PM	Taekwondo Class	CLC
7:00 PM	Re-Run Traditional Worship Service	Channel 5

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR MEN

Beginning Wednesday night, February 8, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. we are offering a Men's Study on the book "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller. This study will meet in Room 204. It will begin with a dvd message and time to respond to the study material. Please tell all the men you know who might be interested in this study to join us this upcoming Wednesday night. For more information call Bill Thurlow at 242-0532 or the church office at 323-5722. We hope to see you there!