

**Reminiscing and Advancing Toward Retirement
by your friend and pastor, Mike Sahler:**

FaithFriends and Prayer Partners...June 12, 2022, will be my concluding Sunday at The Springs, and final Sunday in fulltime parish ministry, preluding my first days of retirement beginning July 1, 2022...

From the moment we start on our long obedience in the same direction toward God we are getting closer and closer to our destination, the nearness of God in his Heaven...Today, I am closer to that destined place than I have ever been, which brings me closer to my conclusion of fulltime Pastoral ministry on Sunday, June 12, 2022...

I thank God for my call to Ordained Pastoral Ministry; I thank God for the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for appointing me to churches throughout Mississippi; I thank God for the local congregations that received my leadership and gave me the privilege of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world; I thank God for the relationships and friendships that have been cultivated; I thank God for the mission fields that we have trod; I thank God for my family that grew up in many a parsonage; and I thank God for my wife Debbie who has walked by my side for 40 years and partnered with me in ministry for 34 years; that's a long time and now we are just days away from retirement!

Saying goodbye is difficult and just down-right hard, and yet necessary and essential, so, here goes: Goodbye, Adiós, Adieu, Addio, Adeus, Arrivederci, auf Wiedersehen, au Revoir, Bon Voyage, Sayonara, Shalom, Godspeed...that about does it for the words, and yet doesn't come close for the feelings of sadness, loss, easier-said-than-done, and grieving...we grieve whenever we experience significant loss and in this moving/retirement process are numerous significant losses beginning with many of you, members and friends of The Springs and our community...we have come to know each other beyond a mere "hello, how are you doing", and we've shared faith and family experiences...we have worshiped together and knelt before God at his communion table...we have joined in intentional faith development, committed to covenant groups, opened the pages of our Bibles, bowing at the teaching knee of Jesus...we have rolled up our sleeves and worked side by side loving and serving God's people...we have celebrated at graduations and birthdays, and we have cried together in deaths and at gravesides...we have laughed with one another and shared one another's disappointments...we have prayed with and for each other, and some of us have ventured to have tough conversations, agreeing that we might not agree...many of us have found common ground and experienced a fondness for our time together, and for a few in our tribe, I realize I've not been your favorite pastor and common ground has been fleeting...Friends, I will miss you as our daily paths of abundant living separate, even as we continue along our long obedience in the same direction toward God...I thank God for each of you and I Love you!

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New Prayer Requests

Wilbur Katzes and Family - loss of his wife, Claudia

Mavis Thrash

John Malone - Stroke

Ken LaBruyere - Cancer Treatments

Martha Hudson - Northpointe Rehab

June Estes - Hospice

Francois du Plessis - Infection/Surgery

Please continue to pray for:

Francois du Plessis, Vicki Coleman, Ken LaBruyere,
Gladys & Red Stewart, James & Glenda Smith,
Barbara Walker, Kelly Sikes, Julian Wall, Brenda Huffman,
Bill Atwood, Flora Shepherd

If you have a prayer request please let the office know.

Also, if there is a possible need for Hospitality please contact

Robin Thompson at 662-404-6014 or rbt613@gmail.com

Calendar

Sunday, June 5

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups/Sunday School

Sunday, June 12

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:30 A.M. Retirement Brunch for
Mike & Debbie Sahler

Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups/Sunday School

June Birthdays

1st Mike Partridge

3rd Harold McBrayer

6th Tootie Ellis

7th Carrol Barham

8th Ridge Brown

9th Steven Brown
Debbie Young

13th Robin Thompson

14th Darrell Gatlin
Bessie Kent

19th Rebekah Rhett
Zach Saxon

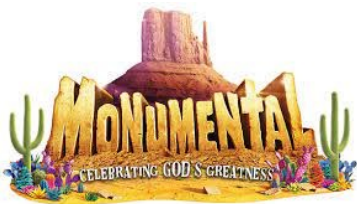
21st Robert Rhett

23rd Ken LaBruyere

24th Danny Young

27th Sandi Pupa

28th Katie Autry



"Monumental"

Vacation Bible School - Weekend Edition

July 8 & 9th

followed by Celebration program on Sunday,
July 10th during worship. Contact Ashley
Rue for more details and to volunteer.

Please join us for a

Retirement Brunch

**Honoring Pastor Michael Sahler
and his wife, Debbie Sahler**

Sunday, June 12th - 10:30 AM

**Poplar Springs Drive
United Methodist Church**

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As we began this new season in our journey of faith, I invite and challenged you, me and others to grow in our relationship with God, giving God all we've got, to love and serve the whosoever of God, and to mature in our faith...Further, I ask, "How is it with your soul?" "How is your daily walk with God?" "How are you involved in the mission and ministries of your local church?" "How is your attendance in Worship and Sunday School?" "How is your accounting in faithful financial stewardship?" "How is your prayer relationship with God?" We all play to an audience of One, God Almighty our Loving Father...My hope and prayer is that we commit to refreshing our hearts in Christ, revitalizing and ramping up our faithfulness and fruitfulness, as we aspire to make obedient disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

In conclusion, I thank you, the members and friends of The Springs, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you...I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made...As I leave, I carry with me all I have learned here, and it will be part of me as I take next steps in missions and ministry in Brandon, Mississippi, and beyond...We are anticipating a moving day of Tuesday, June 21, 2022, and I trust that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God...I release you from turning to me and depending on me as your pastor...I encourage your continuing mission and ministry here and will pray for you and your new pastor, Rev. Matt Hall and his family.

Let's Play/Pray: Almighty God and Loving Father, God of Endings and New Beginnings...thank you for calling me to ministry, thank you for sending me to The Springs, and thank you for faithful, fruitful ministry throughout 34 years of Pastoral Ministry...forgive me for the mistakes I have made, forgive us for the mistakes we have made, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...help me express an abiding farewell stepping toward retirement, and help me have a faithful, fruitful new beginning in Brandon, Mississippi...God of Endings and New Beginnings, Loving Father and Almighty God, I Love You! Amen, *There's Always Milk in the Refrigerator, Make Sure No one Misses God's Grace, God's Still Rolling Stones, Love All Around...*

Pastor Mike

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: June

June 5

Linda Long	40th Street
Sandy Thomas	Downstairs

June 12

Cindy Lang	40th Street
Luci Wolvers	Downstairs

June 19

Cathy Ellis	40th Street
Angie Sherrill	Downstairs

June 26

Robin Thompson	40th Street
Nancy Crews	Downstairs

Sunday Morning Snacks

June 5

Nancy Crews	Carrol Barham
Janet Barham	

June 12

Retirement Brunch/Sahlers

June 19

Cindy Lang	Jennifer St. John
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June 26

Robin Thompson	Dianne Shannon
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Daily Bible Readings

June 1	Romans 12:9-10
June 2	Psalms 42:1-2 & 11
June 3	Genesis 2:1-3
June 4	Psalms 43:3-5
June 5	Acts 2:1-21
June 6	Psalms 44:26
June 7	Genesis 6:9-22
June 8	Psalms 45:1
June 9	Genesis 11:1-9
June 10	Psalms 46:1-11
June 11	Genesis 12:1-3
June 12	Psalms 47:1-2 & 6-7

Scripture & Sermon Titles

June 5	Acts 2:1-21; Ephesians 2:19-22 "I Believe in the Holy Spirit"
June 12	Mark 1:9-11; John 1:1-14 "I Believe in Jesus, the Christ"

**Wesley House
Food Donations
June 2022**

Peanut Butter

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