



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LUCEDALE, MS

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June, 2021



Pastor's Letter . . .

This June marks one year since moving to Lucedale. To say this has been an unusual year for a move is an understatement. Most of us were not able to meet in-person for several months. Even after we were able to meet, many could not because of health or safety concerns.

I am thankful for the kickoff Sunday for renewal of full activities during the "Back-to-Church" Sunday. Almost 300 people participated in a time of worship, eating and fellowship. Wednesday, May 19th, was a special evening as we enjoyed corn dogs, desserts, popcorn and a movie. Children ran around, danced, spilled drinks and popcorn and jumped from one lap to another. Youth gathered and visited. Old and young conversed and lingered after the movie to clean up and visit.

Milestones such as graduation, football spring training and baseball renewed a more "normal" format. While we are not out of the woods with COVID, we are breathing some sigh of relief. Remember to give God thanks. We prayed for relief, sensible economic policies, perseverance and faith. God is faithful and good.

We've known a focused time of prayer and evaluation as a congregation. God has taught us much. We are not as in control of our lives as perhaps we once believed. Being together feeds our souls. Worshipping is not taken for granted. We should all look forward to participating in our Church Sacraments as we begin this next Conference year.


Yours in Christ,

Brother David

June 13 is a National Day of Prayer and Appreciation for Law Enforcement. Please join in expressing support and appreciation to these public servants!

June 23-25 Annual Conference. First UMC will livestream Annual Conference in the Chapel. Please join us for worship and fellowship with area congregations. Once known, a full schedule of events will be published in the bulletin and emailed.

Please give generously to the Annual Conference Offering (June 13) for disaster response. Make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and memo: Disaster Response Offering.

Brother David invites you to . . .
Morning Devotional Monday thru Friday
 **WRBE 106.9 FM**
6:00 to 6:20 AM
Devotional is normally 6:15 to 6:20 AM

Children's Ministry . . .

Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

It is that time again. SUMMER! The flowers have been in bloom, the skies are bright, the sun is hot, school is out and playing has begun. Last year, we were all captivated by Covid. There was no playing in the parks, going on vacation or having fun with friends. This year a lot has changed. Everywhere you go people are going, going, going. The mad rush has started again. Ball games, birthday parties, gatherings and fun times; we can't miss one.

Yet, there is one thing that has stood the test of time. One thing that will not and cannot change: God and His Word. A love letter written by our Father for us. The Bible holds powerful truths, insightful messages, enduring promises and redeeming Grace.

Through all the pandemic, in all the uncertainty of life, and for the race of the future - God's Word remains a constant. He never fails and His Word never fails. We can trust that. As Isaiah 40:8 states "the grass will wither, the flower will fade, but God's Word stands forever." He gave us a compass, a guide, a strength to carry us through.

The Summer will soon fade. It will be Fall and then Winter. Time passes so quickly. Let us not get so caught up this year in what is happening and where to be. Let's get caught up in what lasts forever. WHO remains faithful? Our children are growing up so fast! Time is running by! We all need each other and we need to be faithful to our church and to our God. Our children need to see that Christ is our companion not just our Sunday friend. Make church a need-to-be place this Summer. Make Christ your number one priority. Let us teach our children what really stands; not what withers and fades but what really stays. Let us make memories for a lifetime in Christ.

We have many activities on Wednesday nights and Sunday morning for our kids. We are offering a Day Camp for 3 days this Summer, to draw us closer to Christ. Please allow me the great pleasure to pour into your children as much as I can. I look forward to learning more about Christ with them this Summer too!!

We love you all. Happy Summer and Jesus loves you! --*Pastor Chrissy*



**Day Camp July 19, 20, 21 FOR FUMC KIDS!! Fun activities, places to go, devotions and inflatables.
Family night Wednesday night, July 21st 5:00!**

Registration starts soon!

Memorials, Announcements, Missions, Thank You's . . .

In Loving Memory gifts have been given...

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Virginia Havard** by Mike and Donna Bragg, A.B. and Jean Brantley, George and Carolyn King, Joe and Belinda Taylor, Jessie and Brenda Underwood

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Mary Lou Ware** by Lee and Lisa Hedegaard, Faye McNeill

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Margaret Graham** by Mavis Dungan, Maxine Goff, Faye McNeill

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Joe Cowart** by Mavis Dungan, Faye McNeill, Joe and Belinda Taylor, Jessie and Brenda Underwood

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Mary Lou Ware, Erik Ward, Joe Cowart, Margaret Graham** by A.B. and Jean Brantley

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Margaret Graham, Joe Cowart, Erik Ward, Raymond Cook** by Gayle Gill

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Joe Cowart, Erik Ward** by Lee and Tonya Harbison, Betty Henderson, JoAnn Weaver

To First United Methodist Church in **Memory of Erik Ward** by Faye McNeill

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:

- ♦ Margaret Graham passed away Sunday, May 9. Her Homegoing Service was held on Thursday, May 13, here at First Methodist. The Burial Service was at Crawford UMC. Please keep Ruffin and the rest of the family in your prayers.
- ♦ Joe Cowart passed away on Tuesday, May 11. His Homegoing Service was held on Monday, May 17, here at First Methodist. The Burial Service was at Magnolia Cemetery. Please keep Rose and the rest of the family in your prayers.
- ♦ Erik Ward passed away on Sunday, May 16. His Homegoing Service was held on Friday, May 21, here at First Methodist. Please keep John, Alceon and the rest of the family in your prayers.



For the month of **June**, the **Shoebox Ministry** is collecting **Girls and Boys underwear sizes 2-14 year**. Thanks for helping! --**Beth Smith**

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
IN HONOR OF
Ronnie and Janice Miller
a gift has been presented to
First United Methodist Church
for the General Fund
by A.B. and Jean Brantley

Call the
Church Office
(601-947-8132)
if you would like to
place flowers in the
Sanctuary



Thank you for your support this year in making the teachers and staff at

George County High School feel loved and appreciated. It could not have been done without your help. We have great community support in our County. Thank you once again for being a blessing and supporting GCHS.

We enjoyed the "Come Back to Church Sunday" on April 25, 2021. The Service blessed us all and the food was wonderful; but most of all, the friendly people who attend there that makes the church a church family - a special place for Kayla and her children.

**The Family of Kayla Broome, Noah and Khloe,
Sandra and Thomas Saunders
Larry & Lisa Topham**

Thanks for Serving in June

8:30 AM Service Readers:

6th Ashley Lawrence
13th Tanya Beech
20th Jason Ardoin/Father's Day
27th Jody Hataway

11 AM Service Readers:

6th Tonya Harbison
13th Nancy Jo Maples
20th Michael Hedegaard/Father's Day
27th Chris Whites

Doorstep Visitation:

Mark and Nancy Jo Maples

Money Counters:

JoAnn Weaver, Brenda Underwood

8:30 Ushers:

Ray Dees, Bethany Dees,
Lainey Dees, Kim Dees

11:00 Ushers:

Payton Dudley, Jim Glawson,
Mike Nyman, John Ward

If you are unable to serve this month, please call the Church Office 601-947-8132.

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**Tom and Sissy Bailey
Marilyn Bounds
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First United Methodist Church of Lucedale



Sunday Schedule:

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School
8:30 AM Children's Church (CLC) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 AM -11AM Food Pantry	2 6 PM Small Group Bible Studies for all ages	3 6 AM Prayer & Praise—Chapel	4 6 PM Ukulele Concert, CLC	5
6	7	8 9 AM -11AM Food Pantry 1 PM Hospital Auxilia- ry Meeting, Chapel	9 6 PM Small Group Bible Studies for all ages	10 6 AM Prayer & Praise—Chapel 6:30 PM Ultreya, Chapel	11	12
13 MS Disaster Relief Offering National Day of Prayer & Appreciation for Law Enforcement	14	15 9 AM -11AM Food Pantry	16 6 PM Small Group Bible Studies for all ages	17 6 AM Prayer & Praise—Chapel	18	19
20 Baby Bottle(s) Return 	21	22 9 AM -11AM Food Pantry	23 Virtual MS UM Conference Simul- cast, Chapel 6 PM Small Group Bible Studies for all ages	24 6 AM Prayer & Praise—Chapel	25	26
27	28 John Wesley's Birthday	29 9 AM -11AM Food Pantry	30 6 PM Small Group Bible Studies for all ages			



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Father's Day

June 20

*The best thing you
can do for your
Dad is to live for
Jesus!*

The
righteous man
walks in his integrity;
his children are *blessed*
after him.

Proverbs 20:7 NKJV