



Special WellsFest Announcements

It's time for procrastinators to panic and the pious to pray
—WellsFest is only 13 days away!

The first WellsFest event — the WellsFest Golf Tournament — is this Thursday, Sept. 20, at Live Oaks. Tee-off time is 1 p.m. Golfers can still sign up through Monday. Please see John Brashier.

During the next few days, getting the word out and generating excitement is critical. Spread the word. Use social media. Like and re-share the postings (see facebook.com/WellsFest) through your Facebook account.

Thanks to Raphael Semmes for again assembling a knock-out musical lineup, including some of the best Mississippi musicians and singers. Be sure to tell your friends about this year's music lineup and especially thank these outstanding musicians who give of their time and talent to help make WellsFest successful for the good of the community.

The next WellsFest Committee meeting is Sept. 23 following the mid-morning service.

Volunteer and encourage others to sign up. WellsFest needs everyone. Sign up at tinyurl.com/yd9kbzqk or tinyurl.com/ycv5qfsm, fill out the form in today's bulletin or see Ashley Rogers.

WellsFest Art Night is Tuesday, Sept. 25. If you know artists who might be willing to donate items, please encourage them to participate. Contact Sha Pollard at 601-937-0879.

Register for the WellsFest "Wells Done Run" at wellschurch.org/wellsfest/wellsfest-run.

WellsFest is a gift to the community. It also is a witness to the community of Christ's love, exhibited by Wells Church. Pray that the love of God is evident and Christ is proclaimed.

To Our First-Time Guests...

Welcome to Wells Church. Please know that you are truly welcome and that you can be at ease here. Wells is a United Methodist congregation, but we consider ourselves one vine of Christ seeking to love God and love one another as we seek and serve our Lord Jesus. If you want to know more about Wells, please visit our website, wellschurch.org, or feel free to talk with one of our pastors, staff or ushers. We respect your privacy and will not ask you to fill out forms, but you may fill out a pew card to request information or be added to our mailing lists if you wish.

Your infants, toddlers and preschoolers are welcome in our warm, nurturing and well-supervised nursery. A "cry room" also is available at the back of the sanctuary, where you may listen to the service while you care for your children's needs.

Restrooms are available down the stairs in the main entry foyer. Restrooms are also available through the right door at the front of the sanctuary.

Although all gifts are always welcomed to support God's work through the church, you are our guest and we seek to give to you today. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.

We hope you will join in all aspects of worship. The communion table is open to all. **Holy Communion** is served at the altar by intinction at the early service. There is no ushering. If you wish to receive, please come to the altar, take the bread and dip the cup and return to your seat.

Again, you are very welcome at Wells Church and we hope you will come again and consider making Wells your church home.



Wells Memorial United Methodist Church

Rev. Heather Hensarling, Senior Pastor
Rev. John Brashier, Associate Pastor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him.
— Mark 8:32 (NRSV)

We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. — James 3:2a (CEB)

The Prelude.....Church Musicians
Greeting.....Sha Pollard, Lay Minister
The Call to Worship.....“Woke Up This Mornin’”
Vivian Charleston & Kim Coalter with the Wells Choir

†The Opening Sentences:

Leader: Today we celebrate the variety and diversity of language and the written word.

People: We come acknowledging the power of words and the call that ours be gentle and kind.

Prayer: Today, O God, direct our ears to your message, direct the eyes of our hearts to the community around us, and direct our speech to express love for one another. Amen.

†Hymn.....“Jesus Shall Reign”
Verses 1, 2, 3, Hymnal 157

†A Shared Affirmation of Faith.....Hymnal 881

The Passing of the Peace and the Life of Our Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

†The Hymn of Consecration.....“How Great Thou Art”
Verses 1, Hymnal 77

†The Shared Scripture: Psalm 19:7-14.....Hymnal 751

†The Gloria Patri.....Hymnal 70

Giving God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: “Lead the Way”.....Krystal Jackson

†The Doxology.....Hymnal 95

The Anthem.....“Be Thou My Vision”
The Wells Church Choir

The Word of God Read.....Mark 8:27-38 (8:30 a.m.)
James 3:1-12 (11 a.m.)

The Word of God Preached

“The Clearness Is Gone”.....Rev. John Brashier (8:30 a.m.)

“The Power of Words”.....Rev. Heather Hensarling (11 a.m.)

Service of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

†Hymn of Invitation.....“Lord, Speak to Me”
Verse 1, Hymnal 463

†Shared Benediction.....“May the Lord Bless You”

Holy Communion is available in the alcove at the close of the 11 a.m. worship service.

† *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WELLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving • Caring • Sharing

Welcome to Wells Church. We gather this morning to give thanks for life and love and forgiveness. We gather to ask God’s caring intercession in the challenges we face. May we be surprised by joy in this hour of worship!

On Wednesday evening, we will gather to honor John Brashier and his ministry at Wells. There will be a special potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please bring something special to share for the table and join us as we express our love and appreciation to John, Lianne and the Brashier family for all they have done and meant to our Wells family.

Jamie Fowler Boyll Park will be full of the music and fun of WellsFest on Saturday, Sept. 29. This year, we want to carry that over to WellsFest Worship at the park. We will have an informal gathering for prayer and music at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, for those who want to add church to their WellsFest experience. Invite people at the festival to come back to the park Sunday morning.

Operation Shoestring, which has its roots in Wells Church, is renovating its facilities located down the street on Bailey Ave. During the renovation, our friends at Shoestring will move their offices to rooms in the James Club and Serendipity House. They will be moving in at the end of the month. Let’s welcome them back “home” during the construction. It will be good to have the Shoestring staff and the families they serve on the Wells Campus.

The WellsFest Committee meets at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

We want you to be “Wells-connected.” Please submit your contact info for the church directory at tinyurl.com/y9825fbh.

WELLS WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

TODAY	Men’s Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
	Worship Services	8:30 and 11 a.m.
	Sunday School	10 a.m.
MONDAY	Wells Yoga	5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Neighborhood Ministries	8 – 10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	Choir Rehearsal	5:15 p.m.
	Potluck Supper	6:30 p.m.
	John Brashier Recognition	7 p.m.
THURSDAY	WellsFest Golf Tournament	1 p.m.
	Wells Yoga	5:30 p.m.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

James 3:1-12 (CEB)

My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. ² We all make mistakes often, but those who don’t make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. ³ When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.

⁴ Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. ⁵ In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly.

Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. ⁶ The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell.

⁷ People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. ⁸ No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God’s likeness. ¹⁰ Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn’t be this way!

¹¹ Both fresh water and salt water don’t come from the same spring, do they? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn’t flow from a saltwater spring either.