

## A Word From Our Pastor...

When we see God blessing our church with this current wave of momentum, we don't want it to stop. But as ministry gains speed, the demands on each of us will become greater. You might think that once you gain the momentum you've been working towards, it will finally free up time in your life. But it won't. In fact, your time will be even more constrained.

The temptation that we all face is to think; the great prayer time you had, last week. The eye-opening moment you had in Bible study, two months ago. Or the ministry success you had last year, will keep you riding that wave of momentum. But it doesn't work like that.

Your relationship with God is only as strong as your most recent encounter with Him. So, we have to make sure that our private devotion keeps pace with our ministry momentum. You must never get to the point where you're too busy ministering for God that you can't meet with God. No matter how great your ministry is going. You are never going to outgrow your need for prayer. You are never going to outgrow your need to study God's Word. And you are never going to outgrow your need for God.

God is the one who gave you the momentum in the first place. He is the one who will help you maintain that momentum. And God is the one who will sustain you through that momentum, as the demands on your life become greater. Even Jesus felt the need to go off by Himself and spend time in prayer as people began gathering around Him. Personally, I'm not going to be the one who says I need less private time with God than Jesus needed.

Bryant H. McGill said, "Enthusiasm is the energy and force that builds literal momentum of the human soul and mind." Enthusiasm is contagious and it gives us the energy we need to get the momentum going. Momentum is important to understand and recognize when you are moving towards your goals. When you start to feel the momentum, the key is to keep it going and ride that wave of momentum. The most important aspect of creating momentum is taking clear decisive action.

Creating momentum in your life requires increasing the things that move you forward and decreasing those that hold you back. Sounds easy; but I know, just like you do, that living the life that God desires is not always easy to achieve. You will have roadblocks to overcome. But by creating momentum, you can move past those obstacles and move toward the life God has for you. How do you get the momentum you need for change that lasts, that inspires, and that infuses every day with purpose? You begin with prayer. Prayer is God's idea. Spend time every day in prayer. And embrace the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. What did Jesus say when he went to the Father? He said he would send the Holy Spirit. And what would the Holy Spirit do? Give us power from on high.

These two great truths stand out when we see God blessing us with a wave of momentum. Where there is much prayer, there is the vivid presence of the Holy Spirit. This dynamic relationship produces that which is beyond us.

In describing the church without dependence on the Holy Spirit, Samuel Chadwick said, "the church fails at the point of self-confidence." What is true of the church is true of us as individuals. We don't do "greater things than these" because we don't believe we can.

So how do we continue to ride this current wave of momentum that God has brought us? Pray that God will open our eyes to what he is doing. That he will empower our prayers to do His will. And increase our faith to believe that we can do even greater things than these. "For nothing is impossible with God."

May God bless you and your family during the month of June, as we ride this wave of momentum together.

**In Christ's arms,  
Brother Matt**





Thank you for providing beautiful altar flowers:

*June 4—Communion*

*June 11—Brother Matt and Tammy*

*June 18—Grady & Sara Tyler Britton*

*June 25—Marvin & Jane Salter*

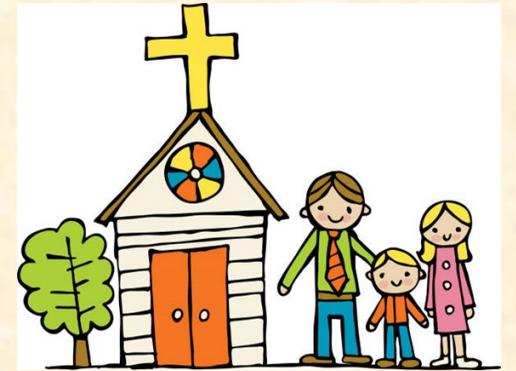
### SUNDAYS:

- Sunday Worship 8:00 A.M. (CHAPEL)
- Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
- Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary and Wesley Hall)

### WEDNESDAYS:

- NO Wednesday Morning Bible Study during June
- Wednesday Night meal 5:15—6 P.M. (FLC)
- Children and Youth 6 P.M.
- Choir Practice 6 P.M. (Chapel)
- Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 P.M. (Cornerstone Classroom)

**Our NURSERY (located on the first floor in the Education Building) is available for all services.**



**Father's Day—  
Sunday, June 18**

**We will be  
celebrating our  
amazing Fathers  
in both worship  
services.**

## **Vacation Bible School**

**June 4—6!!!**

*Shine a light on  
Jesus' love!*

DATE: June 4—6

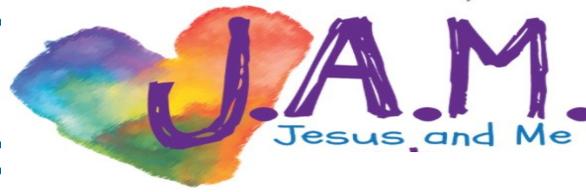
TIME: 5:30—8 p.m. (Meal will be served)

AGES: Children ages preschool through 6th grade

REGISTRATION: Printed forms are available or sign up online at [www.WetumpkaFirst.com/VBS](http://www.WetumpkaFirst.com/VBS)

HAVE QUESTIONS? Contact Michelle at [michelle@firstwetumpka.com](mailto:michelle@firstwetumpka.com).





VBS is almost here! Get ready for an awesome time on Sun., June 4-Tues., June 6. A kid-friendly dinner will be served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Our program blasts off from 6:00-8:00 p.m.. Have your kids grab a friend or two and come join the fun as they learn how to let Jesus' light shine! Get ready to see stars, planets, rockets, and comets throughout our church. Our decorating team has done a fabulous job! Pre-registration forms are available in the education building on the table or you can register online at <https://wetumpkafirst.com/vbs/>

Summer is here and we have some fantastic things planned for our kids! We will meet every Wednesday after dinner from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our kids will enjoy a devotion, prayer time, and outside fun. We have some awesome field trips and activities coming up this summer for the kiddos. Stay tuned for upcoming plans/dates. **If you are not a part of our Remind text group, be sure to get plugged in today. Text "@6df6h" to 81010 to join our group so your kids don't miss out on the fun!**

This month our kids will learn about faith. Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see. Our memory verse is *"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see."* Hebrews 11:1. They will learn that knowing Jesus changes how you see things. They will hear the stories of Paul becoming a believer, Ananias helping Paul, Peter going to the house of Cornelius, and an angel helping Peter escape from prison.

I am so grateful for the privilege of helping your kids learn about God and His love. Let's have a great summer!

In Him,  
Ms. Michelle





Summer is here! With it there's a ton of opportunities to grow closer as a student ministry family as we make great memories together and are transformed more into Christ's likeness and share that same light, love, and hope with others! There are a couple of VBS setup times, volunteering at VBS itself, a day to help at The Elmore County Food Pantry then eat together after, our summer kick off 2-part event, and Summer Camp! How amazing does all that sound (including our normal weekly hangouts) just for June?!

**This Month's Discussion Focus:**

We all want to be part of something significant and make a difference! We dream of making an impact and leaving the world better than we found it. Some people try to change the world all alone, but the people who've made the biggest and most positive differences in the world know you can't do anything truly significant on your own. Jesus told us this on his last day on earth. He gave his followers a mission that would change the world — but he made it clear we couldn't do it alone. He was sending us on a mission together. This month we'll explore and discuss together the New Testament as we learn from Jesus and some of his earliest followers that Jesus **sends us on a uniting mission** — a mission that can **bring healing**, that can only be accomplished **together**, and that we can **boldly** choose to be a part of.

For all the other exciting, weekly, and community building things happening this month, check out our page on the church's website, and/or contact me through the e-mail above if you have any questions! Please make sure you are on our text and e-mail list for all updates and access to other helpful tips, tools, and resources for growing a relationship with God personally and as a family!

**In Him,  
Jamie**



# Senior Adult *Ministry*

May was a very good month!!! On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> we had a Derby Day luncheon. We truly went to Churchill Downs. The women wore beautiful Derby hats, we ate delicious food and watched the race on the big screen. Everyone in the room felt as if they were running the race themselves. Hat winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place Jamie Horton, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Debbie Callahan, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Nancy Holbrooks.

For the month of June we will take a small break for all the vacationers, especially the beach goers, laugh out loud.

July will be our vegetable garden luncheon.  
**Tuesday, July 11 at 12 noon in our Family Life Center.**  
This lunch will consist of fresh cooked vegetables, cornbread, desserts and tea. **Call and tell me what your favorite vegetable is to cook.** This will be a great meal...see you there.

Proverbs 15:17

*It is better to eat vegetables with those who love you than to eat meat with those who hate you.*

**Always Believe, Gloria (334-312-1764)**



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!!

On Sunday, May 14th we celebrated our 2023 Graduates:  
**Mary Katherine (Kat) Macon, Samantha (Sam) Wheat,**  
**and Anna Willis!**



**Congratulations to these beauties!**

Kimberly Kolendar won 1st runner up and Necole Kolendar won 3rd runner up in the recent Wetumpka Beauty Pageant.





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## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH WETUMPKA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To apply you must be:

- a member of FMCW
- or a college student who has transferred his or her letter of membership to another Methodist Church in the city of said college or university.

Funds can be used for graduate or undergraduate students.

Applications may be picked up at the church or ask that one be emailed to you.

 **DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JUNE 15th!**

### DISAFFILIATION FUND UPDATE:

Thank you for your faithful giving to support our church in the disaffiliation process. To date, \$34,635.00 has been donated. The campaign will continue until the end of the year.

*(Reprinted from last month for those who might have missed it)*

### **Moving Forward...**

*Here is our new logo and the importance of each detail. Thank you Andrea and Jamie for working so hard on making just the right logo for us!*

From the design team: After much prayerful discernment and talking to Matt and other members about the heart of, and vision for, the church moving into this new season, this logo design is the outpouring of those events, discussions, and God's guidance.

**The goal:** To create a logo that honors our past, looks to where God is guiding us forward, and conveys the heart and vision of our church to all who see it. (To love everyone inside and outside of our congregation as Christ does)

-**The cross** in the middle of the heart is pulled from our old logo to honor our church's history

-**The blue ring**, broken up into 3 circular parts, represents the Godhead Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) while also making a nod to the three rings in the Global Methodist Church logo referencing the Trinity as well

-**The blue of the circle** is official Global Methodist Church blue to represent where God is leading us currently

-**The hand at the innermost part of the blue circle and close to the heart**, in combination with the encircling nature of the design element it is attached to is meant to convey to those looking at it as an embrace. When this idea is linked with the cross inside the heart it surrounds, the goal is for those who see it to understand our church's heart, and as a result our vision and atmosphere is to embrace and love everyone as Christ does.



**READING THE BIBLE THROUGH: JUNE**

- ☐ 1 2 Kings 4-5    Job 10    Rom. 10
- ☐ 2 2 Kings 6-8    Ps. 70    Rom. 11
- ☐ 3 2 Kings 9-10    Job 11    Rom. 12
- ☐ 4 **Reflect on God as Restorer**
- ☐ 5 2 Kings 11-13    Ps. 71    Rom. 13
- ☐ 6 2 Kings 14-15    Job 12    Rom. 14
- ☐ 7 2 Kings 16-18    Ps. 72    Rom. 15
- ☐ 8 2 Kings 19-20    Job 13    Rom. 16
- ☐ 9 2 Kings 21-23    Ps. 73    1 Cor. 1
- ☐ 10 2 Kings 24-25    Job 14    1 Cor. 2
- ☐ 11 **Reflect on God as Center**
- ☐ 12 1 Chron. 1-3    Ps. 74    1 Cor. 3
- ☐ 13 1 Chron. 4-6    Job 15    1 Cor. 4
- ☐ 14 1 Chron. 7-9    Ps. 75    1 Cor. 5
- ☐ 15 1 Chron. 10-12    Job 16    1 Cor. 6
- ☐ 16 1 Chron. 13-15    Ps. 76    1 Cor. 7
- ☐ 17 1 Chron 16-18    Job 17    1 Cor. 8
- ☐ 18 **Reflect on God as Living Water**
- ☐ 19 1 Chron. 19-21    Ps. 77    1 Cor. 9
- ☐ 20 1 Chron. 22-24    Job 18    1 Cor. 10
- ☐ 21 1 Chron. 25-27    Ps. 78:1-24    1 Cor. 11
- ☐ 22 1 Chron. 28-29    Job 19    1 Cor. 12
- ☐ 23 2 Chron. 1-3    Ps. 78:2-48    1 Cor. 13
- ☐ 24 2 Chron. 4-6    Job 20    1 Cor. 14
- ☐ 25 **Reflect on God as Perfector**
- ☐ 26 2 Chron. 7-9    Ps. 78:49-72    1 Cor. 15
- ☐ 27 2 Chron. 10-12    Job 21    1 Cor. 16
- ☐ 28 2 Chron. 13-15    Ps. 79    2 Cor. 1
- ☐ 29 2 Chron. 16-18    Job 22    2 Cor. 2
- ☐ 30 2 Chron. 19-21    Ps. 80    2 Cor. 3

**Support Group**

Fresh Start meets at 6 p.m. each **MONDAY** in Wesley Hall.

Children's activities are provided!

If you know someone who is struggling, please let them know that the **Fresh Start**

**Recovery Group** is here for them. For more information please contact Paul Henderson at 334-201-5428.



06/07	Ryan	Easterling	06/19	Sharon	Potts
06/08	Julie	Powell	06/21	Barry	Blackwell
06/08	Gwen	Browne	06/22	Leslie	Rider
06/09	Judy	Bianchi	06/23	Cindy	Jones
06/09	Mark	Langley	06/24	Ellen	Wells
06/10	Becky	Schultz	06/24	Mary	Boston
06/13	Margie	Roate	06/26	Karrie	Wheat
06/15	John	Bush	06/26	Cooper	Helton
06/15	Nancy C	Jones	06/27	J.D.	Hobbie
06/17	Sam	Legvold	06/28	Kelly	Macon
06/17	Tyler	Gates	06/28	Neal	Pridgen
06/18	Mary	Patchel	06/29	Brysene	Lee



<u>6/2</u>	Larry & Connie Mann
<u>6/4</u>	Drew & Candy Glass
<u>6/4</u>	Tommy & Nell Head
<u>6/5</u>	John & Carol Bush
<u>6/8</u>	Joe & Lyn McDonald
<u>6/12</u>	John & Dee Mann
<u>6/27</u>	Marvin & Jane Salter
<u>6/28</u>	Jamie & Andrea Farquhar
<u>6/29</u>	Bill & Ann Lambert
<u>6/29</u>	David & Allannah Tindal

*If you are a member of FUMC and your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the church office so that we can celebrate with you.*



**FIRST NEWS**

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