

A Word From Our Pastor...

The end of June marks the completion of our eighth year of ministry here at First Methodist Church Wetumpka. Tammy and I began our ministry in July of 2017 and I preached my first sermon on July 2nd. Someone told me recently that “the church needed us, as much as, we needed the church.” I would wholeheartedly agree with that statement. You have blessed us and I pray that we have been a blessing to you.

Over the last eight years we have all been witness to the blessings of God. As God continues to bless our church we are riding a wave of momentum, and we don’t want it to stop. However, 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 in fact, your time is more constrained. Managing your time wisely is the key to maintaining this momentum.

How do we manage our time? By putting God first in your life. Your relationship with God is only as strong as your most recent encounter with Him. 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 or worship. You are never going to outgrow your need to study God’s Word or fellowship with other true believers. And you will never outgrow your need to be alone with God.

God is the one who gave us the momentum in the first place. He is the one who will help us maintain that momentum. God is also the one who will sustain us through that momentum, as the demands on our lives become greater. Even Jesus felt the need to go spend time with his Father in prayer, as people began to demand more of him.

Nevertheless, 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 toward your goal. Creating momentum in your life requires increasing the things that move you forward and decreasing those things 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. However, by creating momentum, you can move past those obstacles and move toward the life God has for you.

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.
That He will 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



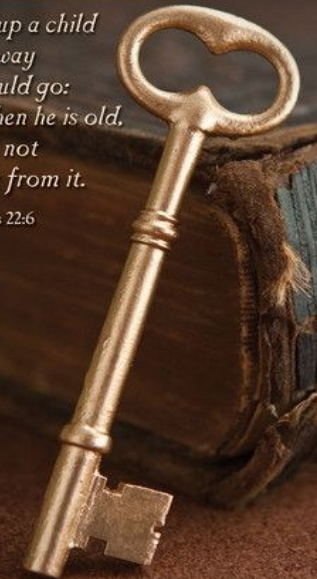
Come help us honor
and celebrate our
fathers on
Father's Day
Sunday, June 15.

A small token of appreciation
will be given to all the fathers
in attendance. If you are able
to, please bring your father to
church with you so that we can
thank him for all that he does!

*A
father's love*

*Train up a child
in the way
he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not
depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6





Thank you for providing beautiful altar flowers:

June 1—Communion

June 8—Brother Matt & Tammy

June 15—Davis & Marcia Bazzell

June 22—Sam & Susan Legvold

June 29—Available



Vacation Bible School's Mission Emphasis this year is IVY'S CLOSET.

Ivy's Closet in Deatsville serves foster children in our tri-county area to bring FREE clothes, furniture, toiletries and more. They work closely with Elmore County DHR and other local fostering agencies to meet needs of these children when they enter care. We will be collecting toiletries, sock packs, underwear packs and baby items (diapers, wipes, etc.)



VBS: JUNE 1—4, 2025

VBS is FINALLY HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kids—don't forget to register for VBS and be sure to tell your friends about it so they can come to!
For ages going into preschool—6th grade!

It takes all of us to make this event the biggest success possible! Whether you like to be behind the scenes, interacting with others and being more upfront, or a mixture of both, everyone can contribute their God-given skills and talents for VBS!

If you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact Ashley (ashley@wetumpkafirst.com).

THANK YOU!

Mission Project



OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE...

SUNDAY:

Early Worship 8 a.m. (Chapel)
Sunday School 9 a.m. (Ed Bldg)
Late Church 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)

MONDAY:

Fresh Start Recovery Meets
from 6—8 p.m. in the Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY:

- Soft Yoga class 9 a.m. (WH)
- The Bridge (children and youth activities)
- Delicious meal (5:15—6 p.m.)
- Adult Bible study 6 p.m.
- Choir Practice 6 p.m. in Chapel

THURSDAY:

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7 a.m. at
Burger King

FRIDAY:

Prayer Shawl meets from 10 a.m.— 12 noon
upstairs in Education Bldg

Keenagers meet the 2nd Tuesday of each
month. (Watch for details)

SIS (Sisters In Service) meets 4th Monday
monthly at 1 p.m. in Wesley Hall



We are starting a new series that will bring us through the summer months. **Live it Out: Discover How to Love Like Jesus** is not just the theme for the summer, but a call to action. It encourages kids to actively live out their faith through their words and interactions with others. And the more they become like Jesus, the more they can make a true difference in this world and in the lives of those around them.

Memory Verse

“As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.”
Philippians 2:5

Theme

Live it out: with Jesus, we can help change the world.



VBS: DEEP **Jonah's Journey** **of Obedience**

We are kicking off the month with VBS—June 1– 4!

We are looking forward to diving deep into the story of Jonah! If you haven't signed up, there is still time, or just show up and have a great time making memories to last a lifetime! Don't forget to bring a friend.

Later in the month, we will be having a field trip to the Wetumpka Splash Pad! Be on the lookout for more information.



As always, I want to thank all of our volunteers who made “The Bridge” possible this year! This program means a lot to the kids, and it would not be possible without all of their help.

Blessings, Mrs. Ashley



End of the year kid's splash party...



**Celebrating Cinco de Mayo with
our Hispanic Church Family...**



**You're invited to join the Soft Chair Yoga
Group each Wednesday from 9—10 a.m.
in Wesley Hall.**



**We have so
much fun and
laughter
while we get
stronger:)
Everyone is
welcome!**



Summer is here again, and there are so many opportunities to make new memories together, grow closer as a student ministry fam, and become increasingly transformed into Christ's likeness! From using our time, talents, and gifts to volunteer at Vacation Bible School this month to having a blast at Summer Camp, our regular hangouts, and events, we can't wait to see what God has in store for our lives and the lives of others throughout June!

I also want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who supported our church family's students in any way last month during the summer camp fundraiser. We are so blessed by your compassion, encouragement, and excitement to invest in their lives and ongoing transformation into Christ's likeness. We ask that you keep praying for not only those going but our whole ministry as well, and we cannot wait to see and share how God continues to move!

This Month's Series: More to the Story

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and started writing the most incredible story. It's not a story meant to be put away on a shelf somewhere, but one we're meant to explore and experience because we're deeply connected to it. God created a role for each of us to play. This month we'll explore the Old and New Testaments and take a look at the story of God and learn more about our lives and our roles within it. We'll see that **God is writing a good story**, how **sin isn't the end of the story**, the way **Jesus can rewrite our stories**, and that **we can be part of God's story**.

For all the other exciting weekly hangouts and community-building events happening this month, check out our page on the church's website, and/or contact me at jamie@wetumpkafirst.com 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*

God makes all the earth beautiful for us each day. June is just one of the examples of the beauty that we often do not take the time to see because we are so busy and in such a hurry. So please come to our Beach Party Luncheon on Tuesday, June 9th in the family life center and enjoy great company and fellowship with the Lord and your friends.

If you missed the trip in May to Whitewater in Montgomery you truly missed a blessing. We ate at Eddie's Restaurant and the food was wonderful. We ate on the patio beside the end of the white water run and it was like listening to a waterfall. The day was cloudy with a cool breeze and it was a relaxing and very enjoyable day. Also on the way back we stopped at Heady's for ice cream and it was not a disappointment! It was great.

June Keenagers will be a beach party in the family life center on Tuesday, June 10 at 11:45 a.m. Wear your favorite beach shirt or your favorite beach attire if you wish, but not required. This will be an exciting day so go ahead and add it to your calendar today so you don't miss it.

*Dear God!
If I am wrong, right me
If I am lost, guide me
If I start giving up, keep me going
Lead me in light & love.*

**Always believe,
Gloria 334-312-1764**



*Come by the office or
call me any time.
I am usually in my office
on Wednesdays
until 3 p.m.*

*Lunch and fun at
Whitewater and Heady's.....*



READING THE BIBLE THROUGH IN A YEAR



June

1 Job 21 – 24	16 Psalms 62 – 68
2 Job 25 – 30	17 Psalms 69 – 72
3 Job 31 – 34	18 Psalms 73 – 77
4 Job 35 – 38	19 Psalms 78 – 80
5 Job 39 – 42	20 Psalms 81 – 88
6 Psalms 1 – 8	21 Psalms 89 – 94
7 Psalms 9 – 17	22 Psalms 95 – 103
8 Psalms 18 – 21	23 Psalms 104 – 106
9 Psalms 22 – 27	24 Psalms 107 – 111
10 Psalms 28 – 33	25 Psalms 112 – 118
11 Psalms 34 – 37	26 Psalm 119
12 Psalms 38 – 42	27 Psalms 120 – 133
13 Psalms 43 – 49	28 Psalms 134 – 140
14 Psalms 50 – 55	29 Psalms 141 – 150
15 Psalms 56 – 61	30 Proverbs 1 – 3

Support Group

Fresh Start meets at 6 p.m. each **MONDAY** in the FLC. If you know who is struggling, please let them know that the Fresh Start Recovery Group is here for them. **For more information contact Paul Henderson at 334-201-5428.**



06/04	Necole	Kolendar	06/17	Sam	Legvold
06/05	Julie	Sumpter	06/17	Becky	King
06/07	Ryan	Easterling	06/18	Mary	Patchel
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
06/13	Marjorie	Roate	06/26	Karrie	Wheat
06/15	John	Bush	06/27	J.D.	Hobbie
06/15	Nancy	Jones	06/28	Neal	Pridgen
			06/29	Brysene	Lee



June 3	David & Becky King
June 4	Tommy & Nell Head
June 5	John & Carol Bush
June 8	Joe & Lyn McDonald
June 12	Ricky & Beth Roberts
June 17	Ewell & Pat Messer
June 18	Carmine & Virginia Vilardi
June 27	Marvin & Jane Salter
June 28	Jamie & Andrea Farquhar
June 29	Bill & Ann Lambert
June 29	David & Allannah Tindal

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



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Join us as we
celebrate our
fathers on
Sunday,
June 15.



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