



First Church of Lucedale
A Global Methodist Congregation



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Notes From the Pastor's Desk . . . November, 2024

All Saints Sunday. . . We will remember those who have gone before us in faith during the morning service, November 3. They now know the promise we journey toward in faith. Each person who will be remembered have left an indelible mark on our lives and countless others. Holy Communion will be celebrated as we remember the One who is Lord and Savior. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a "means of grace." God is present in this time and our souls are fed by Christ!

District Rally. . . Our Charge Conference will be held 3-5 PM this coming Sunday, November 3 at **Palmer Creek Campground in Harrison County - 14428 Campground Road.** Why would I ask you to drive an hour for five minutes to approve the work of Nominations, Staff-Parish, and to approve a pastoral report on membership? I am not asking you to drive one hour to approve these reports. I am asking you to drive an hour for vibrant worship with our district churches including music by a new church plant in Bay St. Louis that has moved three times over the last 18 months in order to find a building large enough to hold the congregation! I am asking you to drive to hear the Word proclaimed by Rev. Eddie Kirby, pastor of Pascagoula First Methodist Church. I am asking you to travel a modest distance to choose from one of three gatherings to hear from Rev. Brian Scott on fulfilling the Lord's command to make disciples of all nations. The signs of Christ's return are upon us. The need to go and make disciples is not an option. It is a command and a delight! I am asking you to join in hearing how the Lord is using our new denomination to reach people for Christ. Structure can enable or hinder evangelization. I will speak on how we are fulfilling the vision laid out in the Word of God to disciple our congregation, community and the world. The title of my talk refers to organization of the denomination. I will speak on the purpose and vision as we seek to spread Scriptural holiness. Cheryl Prather will speak on the primary means of intentional discipleship. As you reflect upon why you believe, names of people will come to mind that planted seeds, held you accountable, and encouraged you to live for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom! You will grow deeper in love and the faith will become a delight as you band with other believers.

Prayer Vigil Monday and Tuesday. . . Chief to the renewal of our congregation and the Church is a commitment to spending time with our Lord in prayer. Monday and Tuesday are set aside in the life of this congregation to intercede for our Nation in this historic election. The community is invited to pray at home and in the Sanctuary. I am thrilled by the renewed emphasis on prayer. The ladies of our church gathered last Saturday morning for prayer. We have an early Thursday morning prayer for the needs of families, the Nation, and the world.

Your brother in Christ,

Brother David

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Bishop Scott Jones has been appointed to continue serving our Conference. In the Global Methodist Church, bishops oversee several conferences in the model of the early Methodist Church. They are not primarily administrative leaders. This is a return to the biblical role of teaching, preaching, evangelism and upholding doctrinal faithfulness to the Word of God. Bishop Jones served in our previous denomination and taught at Southern Methodist Seminary's school of theology. He led his home conference through a time of disaffiliation and became one of the first two bishops of the Global Methodist Church. As a presiding elder, I was given the opportunity to voice my preference in our bishop. He was my first choice!

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Children Ministry . . .

to the praise of His
glorious grace, which
He has freely given
us in the One He
loves. Ephesians 1:6

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I heard a story long ago about a young child being trapped in an apartment building way up on the 6th floor. There was a raging fire and no one could reach the child. This happened years before the big huge fire trucks with their huge ladders. Everyone stood listening to the child's cries and watching in horror as the building was engulfed in flames. One young man in the crowd could not stand the scene before him. He took one look at the situation and began to climb a near-by metal pole next to the building. He thought nothing of himself watching the small child in the window engulfed by flames. With great difficulty he climbed the pole and made it to the little child. He grabbed onto the child with such force, helped him on his back and started down that same metal pole towards the ground. This time though, the metal pole had begun to radiate with the heat of the adjoining building. The young man grabbed the pole and worked as hard as he could to bring the young child safely down. He finally made it! The crowd went wild, the mother of the young child grabbed her son and in all the excitement, the hero was pushed to the side. No one noticed him as he quietly limped away. His hands were burned and scorched so badly that he almost lost the use of them. It took weeks and months to bring healing to them. His hands were burned so horribly that permanent damage was done and permanent scarring. Yet, every time the young hero looked at his hands, he only thought of how grateful he was that he was able to save the little child. His hands told a beautiful story of grace given. He suffered, he gave, so that another might live. Grace (unmerited favor) had been given to someone he didn't even know. That fire changed two lives forever.

Life is about GRACE. We have a choice everyday to accept it or refuse it. We also have a choice to give grace or keep it for ourselves. That young man could have stood with the rest of the crowd watching the horrible events unfold or he could go into action and make a difference. He chose the latter. He chose to give grace, not just take GRACE. Moment by moment of our daily lives we have that same choice. We can accept the grace God offers us or refuse it. Then we have that same opportunity to bestow GRACE to someone or hoard it for ourselves. JESUS paid a precious price for us. Jesus scarred His entire body so we could have grace. When He looks at His hands, He sees us, not the scars. He loves us beyond measure. Yet, how many of us who have received this Grace, hoard it for ourselves and never bestow it to someone else? How many people do we pass everyday looking for a Savior? How many do we see looking for an answer? How many broken-hearted people do we just ignore? We have freely received a gift; we have been commissioned to freely give that same gift to others. When Jesus looks at His hands He sees us, when we look at our hands what do we see? Hands that reach out? Hands that pray? Hands that give? Hands that love? What do you do with the GRACE you have been given? In this broken and hurting world how do you make the world better? This month as we give thanks, let us be willing to offer Grace and love to those around us. Let us stop and freely give to those who need His love the most. We can be like the man in the crowd and give our all or we can be like the crowd and do nothing. I am reminded of the story in the Bible about the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus asked for the disciples to find someone who had some food. Out of all those people, there had to be someone else with a lunch. Yet, only that one little boy gave his 5 loaves and 2 fishes to Jesus and what a difference it made. But what if he had kept his lunch to himself? Jesus never forces us to give He just simply gives us the opportunity; the rest is left up to us. So, what do you do with the GRACE you have been given? What do you do with Jesus?

There is someone out there needing you to choose to be a Grace giver.

November 6: Decorating Christmas Ornaments

November 13: Ga Ga Night

November 17: Join us for our Church Family Thanksgiving Night

November 20: Kids Thanksgiving night November 27: No Wednesday Classes

Youth Ministries, Announcements, Thank You's . . .

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October was a busy month full of football, marching band, and golf as the youth participated in their respective sports. Currently, the George County football team is 6-3 on wins, and the marching band got all ones in their last competition.

On **November 3rd**, the youth will be celebrating **Friendsgiving** in the CLC after church service. They will eat lots of good food, share what they are thankful for, and spend time with each other.

I hope everyone is having a great holiday season full of Halloween fun in October and stepping into the beauty of Thanksgiving in November!

-Annie Hillman

Kids/Youth Wednesday Snack Supper:

6: Glenn and Jan Lowery
13: Lee and Lisa Hedegaard
20: Susanne Whites, Missy Whites
27: Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Thank you for serving!!!

★ **Finance Meeting**
Wed. - Nov. 20
5:15 PM ★

Thank you for your expressions of love given this Sunday for Pastor Appreciation. Amanda and I are overwhelmed by our gifts, cards, calls, and texts. We thank the Lord for the privilege of serving the First Church of Lucedale! God bless each and everyone of you!

Brother David and Amanda Newton



Thank you so much to all who blessed me and my family with cards, letters and love gifts for Pastor Appreciation. It meant so very much! I love you all so much. I am grateful to serve my Savior and my church. We are so blessed.

Pastor Chrissy, Courtland and Carrington



Our Wednesday night Ladies Bible study groups are hosting a **Ladies' Christmas Get-together** with an **Ornament Exchange** on **Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30 PM in the Stinson House**. Ladies, bring a finger food, an ornament, and join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship.

--Terri Nyman



Welcome!

Parker Rae Craft
Born October 24, 2024

8 pounds—5 ounces
Congratulations!

Parents: Crystal and Matthew Craft
Grandparents: Tanya and Terry Beech

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - **1 Thessalonians 5:18.**

Memorials, Missions, Announcements . . .

In Loving Memory, gifts have been given. . .

In Memory of Voncile Lamb

a gift has been given to First Church of Lucedale by Betty Henderson

In Memory of Lester Hatcher

a gift has been given to First Church of Lucedale by Jim and Carol Glawson

In Memory of Voncile Lamb, Mitchel Dixon

gifts have been given to First Church of Lucedale by Steve and Kelly Tipton

In Memory of Mitchel Dixon

a gift has been given to First Church of Lucedale by George and Nell McIntosh

In Memory of Gerard Thomas Neely, Sr.

a gift has been given to First Church of Lucedale by Betty Henderson

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Lillie Voncile Lamb,

Ronald Fay Cochran

**6 Pew Bibles have been presented to
First Church of Lucedale by Andy Brantley,
Jean Brantley, Carla Herrington Family &
Dana McMullan Family.**



Welcome
New Members

**We welcome the
newest member,
Pam Ammons,
into our
Congregation!!!**

Hunger Haunts Our Community's Children

This Halloween, while ghosts, ghouls, and children in costumes lurk the streets—the real fright is hunger. For children without stable food access, hunger is a daily nightmare, threatening their health, education, and future. Because of your continued support of our Food Pantry and the School Backpack Program, we help tackle this scary reality head-on. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love you show for these children through these ministries. God bless you all! --Food Pantry Team

Thanks for serving in November:

Communion Servers:

Dayton & Susanne Whites, Teena Mitchell

Scripture Readers: 3: Annie Hillman

10: Teena Mitchell 17: Connor Stringer

24: Sarah Stubblefield

Ushers: Roland Cochran, Ron Prescott,
Larry McDonald, Mike Nyman

Money Counters:

Melinda Howell, Eileen Ward

Doorstep Ministry:

James and Jennifer Walker

8:30 AM Chapel Fellowship:

3: Annie Hillman: Youth

10: Andy Brantley: Contemporary

17: Ronnie Miller: Discovery I

24: Marilyn Bounds: Fellowship

Kids/Youth Wednesday Snack Supper:

6: Glenn and Jan Lowery

13: Lee and Lisa Hedegaard

20: Susanne Whites, Missy Whites

27: Thanksgiving Holiday

Just a few more Shoeboxes left to be filled!!! Please take one or more and fill them up and return them on **Sunday, November 10**. Post age cost is \$10. Thank you all for your participation in this Missions Project! --Beth Smith

**Nov. 18-25
NATIONAL
COLLECTION
WEEK**



See Kim Dees



The South MS Cross of Christ Foundation will meet Tuesday, December 3, here at First Church of Lucedale at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. --Lee Hedegaard



Highlighting Our Families . . .



Pam Ammons:
Occupation: Retired Nurse
Interests/Hobbies: Reading



Tim and Jennifer Stringer:
Children: Grace and Connor
Tim: Senior Piping Designer/Senior Project Manager
Jennifer: RN
Interests/Hobbies: Church, Games, Soccer, Cub Scouts, Band, Family Outings

Jean Brantley and son, Andy Brantley:

Jean: Retired from Book Store and Cosmetology
Interests/Hobbies: Reading and playing games with the family



Andy: Human Resource Manager
Interests/Hobbies: Outdoor activities/watching MS State sports / family get-togethers



Valerie Carr:
Retired at: Refinery Mechanic/Shutdown Scheduler
Interests/Hobbies: Volunteering in Food Pantry, growing plants, taking care of our dogs

Volunteer Opportunities . . .

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November 6 – 9 Hurricane Relief Team to work in Florida to clear debris, serve food, distribute items. See Bro. David

November 18 – 25 National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. Times vary during week. See Kim Dees 601-508-3363

December 7 Breakfast with Santa, 8 -10 am.
See Kelli Ardoin or Terri Nyman 601-508-2603

December 13 Live Nativity Scene, 6 – 8 pm.
See Kelli Ardoin 601-770-1898 or Julie Hebert 228-365-0294

December 14 Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army.
Slots are available any time during the day.
See Kelly Tipton 601-770-0027

There are always opportunities to volunteer with the Food Pantry, Security Team, and with the Children and Youth Ministries.

Prayerfully consider any of these outreach ministries to find your place in serving our church.

Additional Information . . . We are excited about our two upcoming seasonal events "**Breakfast with Santa**" on **December 7** and our "**Live Nativity on December 13**". We have a wonderful opportunity as a Church Family to reach our community for Christ. We need volunteers for both events. For the **Breakfast** we need: **cooks, servers, and assistants**. For the **Live Nativity**, we need people to be a part of our nativity scene (Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, and angels). Donations would also be greatly appreciated. Donation boxes for non-perishable items are available in the foyer of the Sanctuary as well as by the Church Office for your convenience. Items needed include: **pancake mix (complete), syrup, sugar-free syrup, sprinkles, strawberry topping, blueberry topping, chocolate chips, patty sausage, butter, breakfast juices, and milk**. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be placed in Santa's Mailbox by the office. What a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful Church Family!

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Thursday
December 5th
6:30pm

Holiday Celebration

Watson Farms
11535 Weaver Rd
Wilmer, 36587


An evening of:
Worship
Consecrations
Ordinations
Testimonies

RSVP by 11/01/24
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Guest Speaker
John Darnell
Global Outreach



Celebration of
over 40 years of
Going & Sending 

*Invite friends or family
to introduce them to the
love of God we call*



IGO will 
Provide Grilled Steak
Please bring sides & sweets

Rain or Shine
Indoor
Community
Collection
Sale



Saturday, November 9th

7:00am - 3:00pm
8201 Wards Lane Semmes, AL.
International Gospel Outreach
Headquarters



Get great deals on household goods, antiques, collectibles, toys, furniture & much more.

All proceeds will benefit local and foriegn missions of IGO

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2024

Schedule: (Nursery provided) . . .

8:30 AM Chapel Fellowship 10:00 AM Children's Church
9:00 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Adult Choir Practice
10:00 AM Worship Service

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