

The Good News

First Methodist Church, Senatobia, Mississippi

September 2026

Greetings Church Family!

I'm writing about something that excites me greatly, and another matter that irritates me to no end. Let me explain...

First, the excitement....This Sunday, September 6, we will begin a new sermon series in our morning worship services. I'm calling it "The Five," and it's inspired by a Thom Rainer book entitled "5 Simple Decisions That Members of Healthy and Growing Churches Make." In fact, we still have copies of the book available at the church, so swing by this week or pick one up on Wednesday night! The book is only \$10 per copy, and it will make a fabulous conversation partner as we consider this subject over the next 8 weeks.

Now, on to what has me irritated...A week or so ago I got word that I had been "hacked" again. Actually, I haven't been hacked because all of my accounts and devices are secure. What appears to have happened is that some very unsavory person or group obtained our membership information. This could have happened through our online directory or another method, and there's really no way to know. However, the crooks know that I'm the pastor of our church, and they now have some contact information they can use to reach out to our members. Of course, Mary Day, our office manager, has changed all relevant passwords and taken every step we can to prevent this from happening again.

While having a fraudster impersonate me is disturbing, it's not unusual. It's happened before to other churches and even some of our bishops. The scam involves the pastor being so busy that he/she can't find the time to purchase gift cards, usually for women who are cancer patients. I know what you're thinking: How can a man who only works half a day per week be too busy to purchase his own gift cards? Exactly.

Here's what you need to know:

1. I will NEVER text you from a number that is not my personal number. If you don't happen to have me in your phone, my area code is local and begins with 662.
2. I will NEVER sign a text message to you as "Rev. Dr." How silly and pompous that would be!
3. I will NEVER ask you for a financial favor via text message—even gift cards for cancer patients.

Please be vigilante when you get a text message from ANYONE making a financial request. If it seems odd (like the person is texting you from an unusual area code), then please just consider it a scam and move on. These scammers prey on kind-hearted, loving people who want to help others. And, please, spread the word to your friends and family so they will be extra cautious when dealing with texts, emails, and other forms of communication that seem suspicious.

Thank you! Please know that I look forward to seeing you on Sunday as we kick off this new series!

Blessings,

Bro. Tim

Schedule of Activities

Tuesday, September 1-(Every Tuesday in September)

3:00 p.m. Love in Action

Wednesday, September 2-(Every Wednesday in September)

5:15 p.m. Dinner

5:45 p.m. Kingdom Kids

6:00 p.m. Youth, Discipleship groups, Bible study, Book study

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 3-(Every Thursday in September)

9:30 a.m. Explorer's Bible Study

Friday, September 4

3:30 p.m. Norfleet Room reserved for event

Sunday, September 6

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group

6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Monday, September 7

Church office closed in observance of Labor Day

Sunday, September 13

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

2:00 p.m. Special Needs Group going bowling in Southaven

4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group

6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Sunday, September 20

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

12:00 p.m. Children's Leadership Committee Meeting

4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group

6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Sunday, September 27

8:45 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship and Live Stream

4:45 p.m. Sexton Connect Group

6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights in the Prayer Room

Remember in Prayer

HEALING OF CANCER

Bernadean Taylor Morganti

Lindsey Massey

Renee King

Granville Sherman

Rodney Cain (uncle of Alysca Webb)

Jeff Patterson

Kent Davis (friend of Linda & Terry Kroush)

Robert Donner

Ladarius McCoy (Strayhorn High student)

Bobby Bouchillon

Robin Mackey Spahn

Debra Young (cousin of Les Young)

Erika Holland

Howard Patterson

Renay West Rucker (friend of Heidi Terrell)

Jonie Swanson

Linda Hankins

AnnaBeth Harrison (friend of Nicole O'Conner)

Amy Wooten Freeman (cousin of TA Wooten)

Jim Patterson

Eva Wilkerson Lenzi (friend of Marcia Kidder)

Sherri Surman Philbin (friend of Heidi Terrell)

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Lindsey Todd

Steven Dossett (son of Ken)

Bud & Deloris Trout

Simon Smith

Peggy Rotenberry (mother of India Hale)

Lisa Lucius (friend of Mary Ann Walker)

John Gotera (co-worker of Cliff O'Conner)

Noah Blue Webber (great niece of Russell & Kay Sowell)

Chris O'Conner

Levi & Lindsey Lance (family of Kristen Prince, South Asia)

Jere & Gail Gammon (father & step-mother of Heidi Terrell)

Charles & Beth Vail

Jan Christenson (friend of Linda Kroush)

Jo Bost

Christopher Jarman

Cherry Smith

NURSING/REHAB/RETIREMENT HOME

William Dorr (Providence — father of Jimmy Dorr)

Sue Anthony (Providence — mother of Marvin Lishman)

Robbie Sissell (The Langford of Collierville)

MILITARY SERVICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Landon Riley (great-nephew of Glenda Rhodes)

Brian Englund (nephew of Val Lyle)

David Neal (brother of Beth Dickerson)

Members of Mississippi National Guard Units

Members of the Senatobia Police Department

Members of the Tate County Sheriff's Department

Members of the Mississippi Highway Patrol

Will Parker (Navy; nephew of Phil & Sharon Coleman)

Parker Still

T.J. Dickerson

Please report to the church office any changes that need to be made to our Prayer List.

Flower Calendar

September 6 ***Open***

September 13 Jo Ann Chance

September 20 ***Open***

September 27 ***Open***

September 2026 Worship Volunteers

OFFERING COLLECTORS.....Stacye Trout & Bob Meacham

MONDAY MORNING COUNTER.....Clarann Spence

AUDIO/VISUAL OPERATORS (8:45) September 6.....Garrett Nickens

September 13.....Derek Prince

September 20.....Peggy Williams

September 27.....Phillip Frazier

AUDIO/VISUAL OPERATORS (11:00) September 6.....Kevin Coleman

September 13.....Lee Pinkston

September 20.....Eric McAlexander

September 27.....Robert Barnard

USHERS.....8:45 a.m.....Micah & Doug McClure

11:00 a.m.....Russell Sowell, Chad Groves, Isaiah Savage, and Sean Zeringue

*Wednesday Night
Dinner!*

Cost per plate

Adults and children 11 and up:

\$7 per plate

Children 10 and below:

\$5 per plate

Family of four or more: \$25

***All plates include main dish, sides,
dessert, and a drink***

We hope you can join us for a
night of fellowship and good
food!

Upcoming Activities

L-I-A

Love in Action

4th-6th grade

TUESDAYS, 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Join us for:

***Discipleship:** Prayer & Bible Study

***Missions:** volunteer at Hope Ministries, the Animal Shelter, Baddour Center, and more!

Starts
Tues.
Aug.18

Questions:
Amanda Vines:
662-292-5329

Senatobia FMC

Men's Breakfast



Sunday, September 13
7:30 a.m.

Exceptional Followers

Sunday Bowling Social

JOIN US SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH AT
2:30PM
FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP!

STRIKE ZONE
BOWLING LANES
3330 PINE TAR ALLEY

SFMC will pay for all
children attending.
Siblings welcome.

METHODIST
WOMEN'S
MEETING

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21
6 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP
HALL

All women of the church are welcome
for a time of fellowship, service to our
church and global community, and to
deepen our Christian faith. +

Refreshments will be provided! +

Meetings will be held on the third
Monday night of each month at
6:00 p.m. + + +

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Happy **Birthday**

1 Kevin Coleman
2 Marle Dodson
4 Joel Becker
6 Stephen Dilatush
7 Matt Sellers
7 Becca Vines
9 Cooper Battle
9 Susan Harthcock
9 Robin Johnston
12 Connor Burns
13 Cheryl Prather

Happy **Birthday**

13 Ezra Carpenter
14 Mary Ann Walker
14 Cara Matlock
14 Emily Walker
15 Christie Hoff
17 Jamie Beckham
17 Genevie Trout
18 John Matlock
21 Ricky Howe
21 Simon Smith
22 Alysca Webb
23 Jack Sellers
24 Dolly Becker

Happy **Birthday**

24 Colleen Gilley
26 Michelle Coopwood
27 Jesse Barham
27 Phil Coleman
27 Matt Hale
28 John Garrott
28 Alan Walker
29 Allie Crick
30 Haven Bell

Happy **Anniversary**

11 Sam & Jennifer Aker
14 Greg & Terri Morris
17 Scott & Laurie Billingsley
17 Kyle & Sarah Dixon
19 Johnny & Bonnie James
24 Matt & India Hale
24 Chad & Lacy Groves
27 Terry & Gay Bell
27 Matt & Allie Crick

If your name is not on the birthday list and **SHOULD** be, please contact Mary in the church office.

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for all of the calls, texts, cards, acts of kindness, and most of all, the prayers over the past year since my cancer diagnosis. You will never know how much your love, support, and prayers have meant to me and how much they helped me through all of the chemotherapy and radiation treatments. One of the children's Sunday School classes made get-well cards for me that I will cherish forever. I have saved all of my mail, get-well cards, and notes of encouragement in the cancer prayer box that Becky McAlexander and Pam Spier gave me. Each one has been such a special reminder of how loved and prayed for I have been throughout this journey. Several of you brought food for Bobby and me, and some of you even took entire days out of your busy schedules to take me to appointments, tests, and treatments. For these acts of kindness, I will be forever grateful. Your willingness to help also meant so much to my family and was a tremendous blessing as they tried to manage their own busy schedules while being there for me.

I am so thankful to share that my treatments are now complete, and my follow-up tests showed **no evidence of cancer. No further treatment is recommended!** What an answered prayer and a blessing from God! God bless each and every one of you. I truly believe First Methodist Church Senatobia has the very best church family, and I will never forget the love you have shown me throughout this past year.

With Love and Gratitude,
Marcia Kidder