THE WITNESS

First
United Methodist
Church
Demopolis, Alabama

August 2021

Dear Church Family,

The month of August, named after the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus, arrives filled with enormous possibilities.

August is the month for School to begin.

August is the month of my Father's birthday. He will be 89 this year. We plan to be with him and celebrate as a family.

Somehow Summer feels less like "the lazy days of Summer" and more like a race track where we move with speed. Do we even remember slowing down for the Summer?

Perhaps we need one simple goal for August—renewal by God!

Renewal does not come by over programming our lives or by staying busy. Renewal comes from prayer, studying the Bible, and being in Christian Community. I would add a bit of quiet time to that quest for renewal.

Recently, I heard author Julie Funt speak of her new book, A Minute to Think: Reclaim Creativity, Conquer Busyness, and Do your Best Work.
It was enlightening to hear her describe an MRI of a human brain at rest. She described the human brain as lighting up with creativity, surges of renewed energy and becoming a seedbed for innovative thoughts. Rest is where healthy brains are renewed and restored.

I pray for time of rest and a quiet walk or run for all of us. I pray for more fresh food (the peaches have been divine). I also pray for more people to become vaccinated so that we may live more safely.

We need a season to care for our souls and the souls of our neighbors.

And, I pray for all to find renewal in August.

Faithfully Yours,

Bill

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 am - Grab and go breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
8:45 am - Contemporary Service
10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service
You may listen to all services live on FM 87.9. Close proximity to church property is required.

Rising 3rd Graders will be given their very own Bible on **August 8th.** It is our way of fulfilling our baptism covenant - *To raise another generation to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.* This year it is our pleasure to present Bibles to: Murray Busby, Ridley Colvin, William Michael Coplin, Jayce Day, Teal Hall, Bailey Hewitt, Stokes Hewitt, Mary Mil Mabry, Toni Quarles, Webb Reynolds, Austin Rice, Brady Windham, Rhett Windham.

We want to send all students back to school with our prayers and blessings. We will have a time of prayer during each worship service. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks or bags to the service to be blessed. Also, there will be a special prayer for all education personnel.

Sunday, August 8th, Fellowship Hall. Rising 6th graders and parents meet at **5:30 pm**, for orientation then **ALL youth and parents will meet at 6:00 pm**. We have so much to discuss, but will make it as brief as possible. We need you there! Bring your calendar.

The **SALT** program begins on **August 19th.** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bambi Hamilton. Monetary dontations are always welcome.

Annual Youth River Day, Sunday, August 22nd, 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Natalie and Harold Quinney's home. All 6th – 12th graders are invited. Join us for a fun day on the river! Mark your calendar and look for a food/drink sign up sheet coming soon.

Friday, August 27th All middle schoolers are invited to join us at church immediately following the first DHS home football game. **Drop off** on the Decatur Street side after the game, pick up at 11:00 pm. We will meet on the third floor of the Education Building for snacks, lots of fun, and fellowship. Bring a friend!

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September

September 8th: Wonderful Wednesday
Wednesday Night Delight

Adult Handbells
Youth Bible Study
September 12th: Acolytes
Children's Church
Children's Choirs/Handbells
Youth Sunday Nights
September 17th: Kidz night out

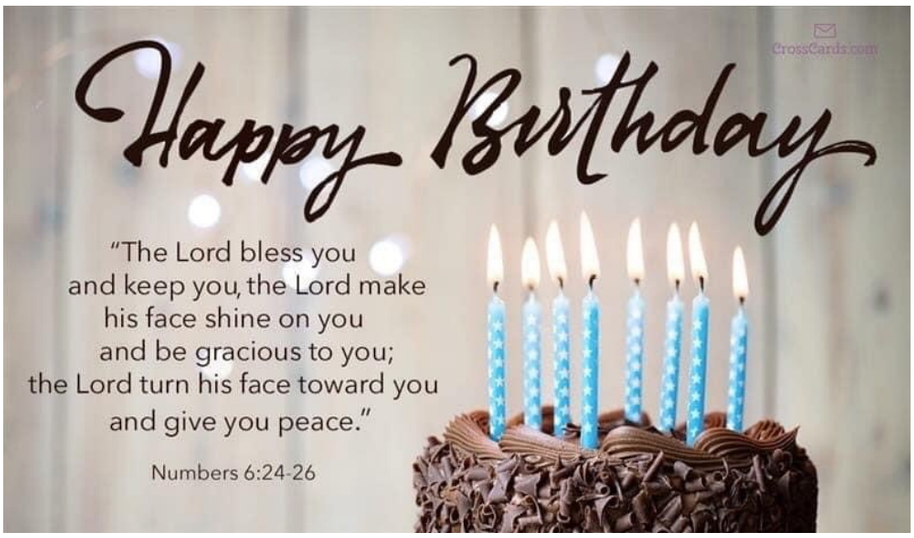
We would like to have contact information for all of our college students.
Email information to: aover1@me.com
Student Name, College attending, Parents Name, Phone number

THIS MONTH WE ARE COLLECTING PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS. Examples are: Toothbrushes, combs, brushes, deodorant, soap, washcloth, hair bows, barrettes, hair bands, wallets, and money for shopping and shipping.

MEMORIALS /HONORARIUMS

TO THE FOOD PANTRY

John Kane, Rebecca Marlow, Evelyn Maxey, Linda Jones: *Gerald & Ann Parsons*



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Michael Mullins

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William Pettis

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Chip Hammons
Letty Seale

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Ashton Overton

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Stephanie Parten
Wells Walters
Andy Smith

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Janet Byars
Miller Hughes
McKewn Dannelly

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Buddy Perry
Claud Neilson
Riley Reynolds

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Alle Quarles

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Ann Ketcham

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Luke Lindsay
Gina Martin

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Tyson Bucurel

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David Mellown
Jennifer Cassity
Paul Bucurel

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Woody Dinning

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Sarah Beth Smith
Scot Freeman
Dana Freeman

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Patricia Quinney
Kay Hudgens
William Michael Coplin

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Jensen Hammons

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Renee Robbins
Ella Yelverton

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Barbara Spahos

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Will Fitzgerald

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Connie Burdett

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Lee Pritchett
Gibbs Bozeman

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