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2024 Convening General Conference

As I mentioned last Sunday, it's an exciting time to be Global Methodist. Next week the long-awaited Convening General Conference begins on Friday, September 20, in San Jose, Costa Rica. Rich Knox and I will be there as two of the fourteen delegates representing the Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference.

Please pray for the nearly 350 delegates that will be gathering from all over the world for this conference. Some will be coming from as far away as Bulgaria, Kenya, and the Philippines. So, please pray for safe travel for each of the delegates. But, especially, pray for wisdom and discernment, a spirit of grace and goodwill, and an openness to God's leading in all the decisions that come before them.

If you would like to watch the livestream of this historic meeting, a link will be posted on the official General Conference webpage: www.sotheworldwillknow.org

You can find a list of our delegates from Mississippi-West Tennessee provided below. And in next week's Messenger we will share more information about the two different plans for bishops and the possibility of electing new bishops in the GMC.

Brother Lauren

MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE

Clergy Delegates:

Paul Lawler – Christ Church, Memphis, TN
Lauren Porter – First Methodist Church, Yazoo City, MS
Jill Shaw – Liberty & Harris Chapel Methodist Church, Ashland, MS
Michael Lindsay – First Methodist Church, Indianola, MS
Joshua Groce – Hernando Methodist Church, MS
Andy Miller III – Wesley Biblical Seminary, Madison, MS
David Stewart – Atoka Methodist Church, TN

Alternates: (will travel to Costa Rica)

Guy Wimberly – Cornerstone Methodist Church, West Point, MS
Jim Genesse – Madison Methodist Church, MS

Reserves: (will travel only if needed)

Vaughan Stafford – First Methodist Church, Columbus, MS

Laity Delegates:

Audra Gaines – First Global Methodist Church, Olive Branch, MS
Don Bourland - Christ Church, Memphis, TN
Linda Ishee – Trinity Methodist Church, Gulfport, MS
Rich Knox – First Methodist Church, Yazoo City, MS
Jeannie Jones – First Methodist Church, Collierville, TN
Robert Bertrand, Jr. – First Methodist Church, Senatobia, MS
Iris Holloway – Sardis Methodist Church, MS

Alternates: (will travel to Costa Rica)

Don Dalton – Gaines Chapel, Corinth, MS

Reserves: (will travel only if needed)

Jim Ainsworth – Hernando Methodist Church, MS
Belinda Jo Mathias – Oak Grove Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, MS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 15. Lettie Terrell
- 16. Emily Poe
- Annsley Smith
- 20. Tony Martin
- 21. Jim Oakes
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- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Newman



Clara Jones Bufkin

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Oakes

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICE

Sunday, September 22, there will be a **Joint Service at 10 a.m.** We will have some special guests. Julia Sheets, Director of the Wesley Foundation at Delta State University, and some of her students will come to share about the campus ministry and the importance that this organization has on our young college students.



HANDBELL CHOIR

The Ladies Handbell Choir will begin its new season rehearsals October 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to meeting together to learn some new pieces of music and revisit some of our old favorites.

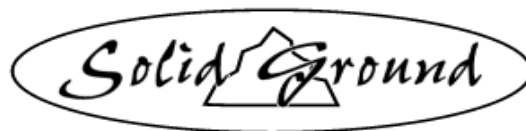
If you are interested and think you might like to join us in this ministry, please contact Lettie Terrell.



This Sunday in our series *My Church Family*, we will continue learning about the apostle Paul. We wrap up last week's lesson is called "Following Our Leaders." We will finish discussing the story of how Paul wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus to teach them about the leaders in the church, and how he explained the way God has given certain people the gift of leadership and how they should strive to work together.

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Our Children's Wednesday Night Bible study has resumed. Our children will continue to learn about the stories and people in the Old Testament. Last week we finished our stories about the Tribes of Israel and the fall of Jericho. For the next several weeks, we will be in the Book of Judges, learning the stories of Deborah, Gideon, Samson, and Samuel. This Bible Study has us moving through the Books of the Bible, one story at a time. We meet at 5:30 p.m. with Snack Supper at 6:15 p.m. We will dismiss at 6:30 p.m.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Bible Study for the Youth is back in full swing. We are moving through a study call "Confirming Your Faith." This study encourages us to talk about things in our everyday lives that can help strengthen our Faith or hinder it. We will also continue to have game night in our opening time as a fun icebreaker.

Sunday Night Supper List is being organized and will be sent out for Youth parents. Please be watching for this information. Thank you.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon

Debra Batton/Owen Richards
Acts 15:36-41
“The Breakup”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS SEPTEMBER

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| 15. 17 th Sunday after Pentecost | Luke 15:1-10 |
| 16. Self-control begins here | James 3:1-12 |
| 17. God will send fire | Amos 2:4-8 |
| 18. Who is like God? | Psalm 113 |
| 19. The Prophet mourns | Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 |
| 20. How long, O LORD? | Psalm 79:1-9 |
| 21. God's desire for everyone | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 |