

## SPOTLIGHT Sardis Methodist Church

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### Our Help and Salvation is in The Lord

I believe that the one thing that God wants the most from His children, the disciples of Christ, is our attention. He wants our main focus to be Him. He wants us to call on Him when we are in need, and He wants us to join in on His work which is focused on saving people from destruction, the destruction brought on by the work of Satan. So, we are to join in the work of negating or reversing Satan's destructive work in the lives of God's beloved creatures that He created for the purpose of receiving His love and in return loving Him.

How do we fight against Satan's destructive work? It is by helping others get their focus on the love and goodness of God. Every Christian who loves God has learned to call on Him when the enemies of God attack His children because we know that when we call on God those enemies are in trouble, they're ineffective and their attacks are impotent. To those who haven't learned that lesson definitively, Satan whispers in their ears the discouraging words that say don't call, don't ask, don't depend on God to do amazing things in your life. The devil tells them that they will do fine relying on their own cleverness, their own energy, their own power. Satan whispers those discouraging words meant to keep us from calling on the Lord because the devil is not afraid of our human efforts, but Satan knows that his evil intentions will suffer defeat if we lift our eyes, our hearts, and our voices to God. Satan knows God's word and God's character that says He sets apart Godly people for Himself and that He hears them when they call on Him. (Psalm 4:3) Satan may not fear us without God, but he knows the fear of God when we ignore his discouraging whispers and call on God to empower us.

So, "The people who call on the Lord" is a divine definition of "Godly people". Likewise, "The people who do not call on the Lord", is the divine definition of "ungodly people". This may seem odd, but trouble, while on this earth, does us a service in motivating us to become Godly people

because it reminds us that we need the Lord and to call on Him. God's word reminds us to call on Him in our times of trouble. Spiritual revivals always begin with the inward and desperate groanings of men whose eyes and hearts have been lifted up to initiate their call on the Lord for salvation.

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\*\*\*\*\***Stewardship**\*\*\*\*\*

2024 BUDGET \$197,888.00 MONTHLY FUNDING GOAL \$16,490.67  
 JUNE OFFERING \$12,380.10 YEAR TO DATE \$75,941.19

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	June 16	June 23	June 30
9:00 A. M. Service.....	30.....	24.....	25
Sunday School.....	16.....	10.....	23
11:00 A. M. Service.....	33.....	17.....	47
Vesper Service.....	NS.....	NS.....	7

**FINANCIAL**

Tithes / Pledges.....	1,225.00.....	1,415.00.....	4,640.00
Upper Room.....			23.00
Loose Plate.....	175.00.....	43.00.....	178.00
Sunday School.....	25.00.....	10.00.....	25.00
Utilities - Rotary.....	80.00		
A/C Heat Fund.....	11,252.00.....	300.00.....	230.00
Bible Fund.....		150.00	
Sager-Brown Mission.....			50.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$12,757.00.....</b>	<b>\$1,918.00.....</b>	<b>\$5,146.00</b>

**INVITATION FROM REV. JOHN GARROTT**

I wanted to extend an invitation to everyone and give my highest endorsement to an upcoming opportunity. A Friday night/Saturday seminar will be held at Hernando 1<sup>st</sup> GMC, July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> featuring **Jennifer Barnett**, best-selling author of "Freedom Tools." She and her team present transformational, Biblical, balanced, and professional-level information & training. Prayer, human destiny as freedom, hindrances, chemical addiction, the occult, mental health, among other topics, are addressed. For more information contact **Rev. John Garrott** at [jgarrott.gleneagleresources@gmail.com](mailto:jgarrott.gleneagleresources@gmail.com)

**GLOBAL METHODIST NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to subscribe to the weekly MS-West Tennessee Global Church newsletter, go to the website [www.ms-wtngmc.org](http://www.ms-wtngmc.org) scroll down to "stay connected" and send your e-mail address. A post on the history of the Global Methodist Church taken from a recent copy of this newsletter is attached to today's *Spotlight*.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

SUNDAY, JULY 7

**Darlene Patrick**  
**Brian White**

MONDAY, JULY 8

**William Fox Dean**  
**Lindsey Rice Petit**

**Sonni Smith**

TUESDAY, JULY 9

**Al Snellgrove**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

**Linda Ellis**

**Dayna Goff**

**Jacob Thompson**

THURSDAY, JULY 11

**Joseph A. Craig IV**

FRIDAY, JULY 12

**Gary Dellinger**

**Theo Lynn Gehringer**

**Jackson Thompson**

SATURDAY, JULY 13

**Reese West**

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

5:30 P. M. - Called PPRC meeting in fellowship hall

THURSDAY, JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 7

7:30 A. M. - Men's Breakfast

9:00 A. M. - Early Service - Holy Communion

9:45 A. M. - Sunday School

11:00 A. M. - Morning Worship - Holy Communion

6:00 P. M. - Vesper Service

MONDAY, JULY 8

10:00 A. M. - Women's Study on Whole Armor of God

TUESDAY, JULY 9

5:30 P. M. - Season 4 - Episode 2 of *The Chosen*

THURSDAY, JULY 11

12:00 Noon - Sardis Rotary Club

SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:00 A. M. - Early Service

9:45 A. M. - Sunday School

11:00 A. M. - Morning Worship

12:00 Noon - Trustees

6:00 P. M. - Vesper Service

**MEMORIAL GIFT**

SAGER-BROWN MISSION FUND

Given in memory of **Frank Hart** by **Paula Lundgren**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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### MEMBERS & CONSTITUENTS

**Libby Dorr, Sally Kyle Foshee, Brianne Harris, LaVerne Hawks, Wade Hudson, Deby Klyce, Tammy Lobin, Ron Rainey, Chuck Wallace**

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

**Lenny Baronowski, Cynthia Baine, Ridge Barlow, Gary Blair, Dan Brock, Peggy Carlisle, Daniel Cole, Jerry Crocker, Rocky Dafron, Linda Davis, Lee Fletcher, Brenda Green, Jim Harrell, Sharon Henry, Sara Jane Holloway, Steve Jameson, Amy Krahmer, Carol Ann Lightsey, Freida Masaitis, Gilda Merriman, Helen Graeber Overstreet, Jean Paslay, Caleb Peterson, Jamie Roberson, Catherine Hays Rowsey, Cammie Simmerman, Harper Walker**

Our Nation- Covid Patients - Healthcare Workers - Storm, Fire & Violence Victims  
UPDATES

**Deby Klyce** had a cornea transplant a few weeks ago and now has a low grade fungal infection which is causing severe sensitivity.

**Jean Paslay**, former member of our church, is scheduled for surgery on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have recovered and want to be removed from this list, please contact **Debbie Fletcher** at 1-662-609-0123

## ATTIC SALE

People can start bringing their items for the SMW Attic Sale. Call either **Paula Lundgren** (662-710-0549) or **Willa Floyd** (662-560-3304) The sale will start in August every Friday from 9 to 12.

## CHURCH CLEANING

In an effort to clean out items in the church that are no longer needed or used, the Trustees are asking for everyone to check on items in the choir room, hallway, storage area, etc, including the back room in the metal building to determine if these items need to be kept. This will enable us to move forward with the work to be completed in the Fellowship Hall. Any item not claimed or that appears to have no current use, may be discarded. Contact a trustee member for comments or clarification. The Trustees

## Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Morning Services at 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

Holy Communion will be served at both services.

SCRIPTURE - *Ephesians 4:14*

SERMON - *Living the Transformed Life*

FLOWERS - **Sally Foshee**

OFFERING COUNTERS - **Paula Lundgren, Brad Shideler**

USHER - **Brad Shideler**

If you can't attend the 11:00 A. M. service in the sanctuary, watch on Facebook Live or listen on FM Radio 98.3

## VESPER SERVICE

6:00 P. M.

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## SAGER-BROWN MISSION TRIP

The Sager-Brown Mission Team returned from their mission trip to the UMCOR warehouse in Baldwin, LA on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The following is a report on their trip from the team leader, **Paula Lundgren**:

Our mission team this year included **Stan Lobin, Ron Rainey, Makesha Rainey, McKenna Rainey, Leslie Laird, Ashton Shideler, Colton Shideler, Debbie Fletcher and Paula Lundgren**. We worked with a group from North Carolina. An awesome wheelchair ramp for an older lady in the community was built, 430 school kits and 1274 hygiene kits were completed with most going to flood victims in Iowa, vegetables were picked to be given to needy families coming for their monthly food boxes, and some power washing was done. One afternoon we toured an oil rig nicknamed "Mr. Charlie" that is now used for training. We also had an interesting tour at a museum on the Chitimacha reservation. The food served at Sager Brown is amazing, so it's a good thing we worked each day. On Thursday night we had a vesper service and shared our blessings experienced during the week. We would love to have more people join us next year as we serve others in need. We'll have a presentation on our trip soon so you can see our pictures. **Paula Lundgren**

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study got off to a good start at 10:00 A. M. on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, for the introduction to the 6-week study on The Whole Armor of God. There were 11 women in attendance, and it's not too late for more to join the group next week. No study book is required. Each week the group watches a stimulating video lecture presented by **Patricia Shirer** and answers questions during the lecture. It's a great way to start your week!!!!

## THE CHOSEN

On Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 P. M. those who have been attending the Pastor's Bible Study and anyone else who would like to attend will be watching the 1<sup>st</sup> Episode of Season 4 of *The Chosen*. This popular Christian Series, created by **Dallas Jenkins**, is set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1<sup>st</sup> century and follows the life and ministry of Jesus and the people who met and interacted with him.

## PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of the PPRC are reminded that on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 P. M. there will be a called meeting of the PPRC. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Don't forget the monthly Men's Breakfast on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 A. M. in the fellowship hall.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

We are excited to announce beginning in August, during the 11 o'clock service there will be two Sunday school classes available-K-4th and 5th-8th, with nursery available for those under age 5 (those not enrolled in K5 or higher). From 10-11, shoebox packing will be available for all ages in the 5th-8th grade classroom.

Each year our church presents Bibles to our students who will be entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade in the fall. Please text **Makesha Rainey** 662-292-2376 with the correct spelling (1st and last name) of any child who will be entering 4th grade this school year.

## JULY VOLUNTEERS

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

July 7 - **Sally Foshee**  
July 14 - **Grace West**  
July 21 - **Cris & Debbie Fletcher**  
July 28 - **Louise Arnold** (In memory of **Darrel Arnold**)

### OFFERING COUNTEERS

July 7 - **Paula Lundgren, Brad Shideler**  
July 14 - **Willa Floyd, Carla Gant**  
July 21 - **Delores Boland, Makesha Rainey**  
July 28 - **Debbie Fletcher, Iris Holloway**

### USHER

July 7 - **Brad Shideler**  
July 14 - **Robert Wilkerson**  
July 21 - **Ethan Simmerman**  
July 28 - OPEN

## GLOBAL METHODIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The First Annual Women's Conference of the MS West Tennessee Global Methodist Church is being held on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. at Lewis Memorial Methodist Church in Calhoun City, MS.

The agenda is as follows:

9:00 - 9:30 - Coffee, juice & muffins  
9:30 - 10:00 - Ice Breaker games  
10:00 - 10:15 - Break  
10:15 - 11:15 - Guest Speaker - **Cheryl Prather**  
11:15 - 12:15 - Lunch  
12:15 - 1:45 - Service Project  
1:45 - 2:00 - Basket of Blessings & Door Prizes

Deadline to register for the conference is July 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event. We plan to go as a group from our church. Let **Iris Holloway** (601-214-1154) know if you want to attend. She will register you.

