

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Sunday School Total.....464
 First Day Worship.....365 (19)
 11:00am Worship.....121 (10)
 Total.....486 (29)

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sunday School Total.....435
 First Day Worship.....306 (16)
 11:00am Worship.....144 (10)
 Total.....450 (26)

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Sunday School Total.....394
 First Day Worship.....276 (23)
 11:00am Worship.....138 (11)
 Total.....414 (34)

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Sunday School Total.....418
 First Day Worship.....299 (25)
 11:00am Worship.....119 (15)
 Total.....418 (40)

FEBRUARY 2023 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$132,611.94
 Received YTD.....\$125,030.98

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Luncheon on
Monday, March 20 at 12:00pm
 in the FH.

Bring a dish and join us!
 Guest will be Matt Laubhan from
 WTVA

Sr. Adult Day Trip
 to McCarty Pottery in Merigold,
 MS on March 30.

(\$10 plus spending money)
 Call the church office to sign up.



Hey FirstKids and Parents!
 Spring Break is almost here! On
 the Monday afternoon of
 Spring Break (the 13th), we will have a
 gym and pizza night for k-6th graders
 from 5:00-7:00pm. If you plan to join us,
 please contact me by Thursday March
 9th to let me know so I can get a count
 for food! I'm looking forward to a fun
 night!!

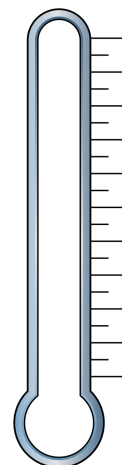
FBC YTH

REMINDER!!!

Spring Break will be March 13-17.
 There will be
NO CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES!
 Youth will have games in the Gym.

Bro. Ken will be speaking at 12:00pm at
 First United Methodist Church
 for their Lenten Luncheon on
 Wed, March 8.
 We need homemade desserts to be
 brought to FUMC that day.

GOAL!



We are getting closer
 to our goal of
\$2,000,000 to begin
 our
**Building
 Renovation-**
 Currently we are at
\$962,503.97

11:00am USHERS
 for MARCH 2023
 (* indicates prayer door)

March 5

*George Stegall Phil Webb
 Tim Burchfield Dee Atkins
 Freddie Bridgeman Joe Austin

March 12

*Jerry Bell Terry Butler
 Joe Brown Phillip Cox
 Roger Gentry Glenn Gillen

March 19

*Richie Chrestman Howard Hill
 Wally Henry Mitch Montgomery
 Rickey Littlejohn Jay Hughes

March 26

*Jody Stringer Bob Ray
 Jay Reeder Clark Sexton
 Sam Dowdy Eddy Taylor

DEACONS ON CALL for MARCH 2023

March 5-

Jerry Robbins
 Eddy Taylor
 Terry Wood

March 12-

Jim Long
 Mark Vandiver
 Larry Young

March 19-

Neal Anderson
 Craig Downing
 Jason Angle

March 26-

Chad Anthony
 Mark Griffith
 Mark Crenshaw



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MARCH 2023

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP

GRIEFSHARE

Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm in the church gym.

COFFEE & DONUTS FUNDRAISER

The Youth will host their annual
 Coffee & Donuts fundraiser on
 Sunday, March 5 before First Day
 and Sunday School.



There will be a variety of coffees
 and donuts to choose from.
 Donations are appreciated!

DEACONS MEETING

Sun, March 19 at 3:30pm
 in the FH



rCESS

Sat., March 24, 2023

rCESS is a ministry that
 serves the entire family
 experiencing disability
 through a monthly
 respite night.

Who wants to volunteer?
 Please see Danielle Davis
 or Emmie Chavers

You are invited to a
 Bridal Tea
 honoring



Miss Shannon Montgomery,
 Bride-elect of Nick Burrow,
 on Sunday, March 26 from
 1:30pm-3:30pm in the
 Fellowship Hall.

Nick & Shannon are registered
 at
 The Red Door, Millie Grey,
 The Gift Shop, City Mercantile,
 Ultra Violet, and Amazon

You are invited to
 a Bridal Tea honoring
 Miss Brooke Chism,
 Bride-elect of Sheffield Anthony,
 on Sunday, March 19 from
 1:30-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
 Sheffield & Brooke are registered at
 Millie Grey, City Mercantile,
 Amazon & Wal-Mart



BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Sun, February 26
 at 7:00am

in the
 Fellowship Hall



Join us at the Gateway Pavilion
 on March 31 at 6:00pm for
A NIGHT OF WORSHIP!

We will join together with other
 Pontotoc County churches as we
 Worship our one true God.

You don't want to miss this!!
 Guest Speaker will be Dr. Ronald Meeks



FIRST THINGS FIRST

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March 2023

Parson to Person

Spring is springing out all around us! Baseball, post-season basketball, turkey hunting, yard work, tulips, redbud trees, dog wood trees, Day-Light Savings, warm weather, all mixed in with a random chance of snow. In all of the excitement, I want us to get ready for Easter, which is at the very first part of April.

Holy Week is April 2-9.

*Unity Worship: That Friday before Palm Sunday, we will have a community worship service at the Tanglefoot Pavilion. That's on the 31st.

*Sunday, April 2, I will preach on "Christ in the Passover," which explains the Lord's Supper.

*Easter Lunches: Monday-Thursday at noon in our Fellowship Hall we will serve a free lunch with someone to lead us in music and then a Word. You will be out by 12:45pm.

*Prayer Vigil: Beginning Thursday at 6:00pm till Friday at 6:00pm. We invite you to join us in the Sanctuary to pray.

*Good Friday Lord's Supper: At noon on Good Friday, we will have a powerful (albeit short) Lord's Supper service in the Sanctuary.

*Easter Sunday School.

This Easter we are trying to beat our last high attendance from back in November. We had 510 people. Usually on Easter we will have 700+ in worship. Yet, most of the 700 don't make it to Sunday School. I understand that people usually have family Easter traditions. I am going to ask you to move those back an hour for Sunday School. I know that some will be coming in from out of town and don't have a Sunday School to attend. We are making plans for them as well. We are calling this "Plus 1." Our goal is to get at least 511 people in Sunday School for that day. We really could/should have 700 in Sunday School.

This is why getting people to Sunday School on Easter is so important. People will come to worship service on that day, but they aren't necessarily going to be connected until they get into a group. Without that connection, they won't have a group of people to love them and support them when times get tough. They won't have a group of people to help them navigate through the tough issues of life-raising kids, having a healthy marriage, love, forgiveness, grief, an knowing God. It is through Sunday School where kids get their foundational understanding of God and salvation. Sunday School is made for families. Parents need to bring their kids to Sunday School and parents need support on their own.

So, I am going to ask you to bring one. On a recent wedding invitation, I was asked who is my "Plus 1?" I am asking you to bring your "Plus 1." And if each of us brings our "Plus 1," we will not only meet 511, but surpass that number.

Remember, 511 is not the goal. The goal is to help people. I believe having a loving support group is a vital help to people and families.

Plus 1,
Ken Hester



March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER LOVER'S DAY	2	3 NATIONAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY	4
5 Donuts & Coffee Fundraiser	6	7 NATIONAL CEREAL DAY	8	9	10 NATIONAL PACK YOUR LUNCH DAY	11
12	13 NATIONAL NAP DAY	14	15 No midweek children's activities	16	17	18
	SPRING BREAK					
19 1:30-3:00pm Bridal Tea for Brooke Chism 3:30pm Deacon's Meeting in FH	20 12:00pm Senior Adult Luncheon	21 WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY	22	23 NATIONAL CHIP & DIP DAY	24 6:00pm rECESS	25
26 7:00am Brotherhood Breakfast 1:30-3:00pm Bridal Tea for Shannon Montgomery	27	28	29 NATIONAL LEMON CHIFFON CAKE DAY	30 Sr. Adult Day Trip to McCarty	31 6:00pm A Night of Worship	