

THE HILLSIDE

When contemporary Christian music was first coming on the scene there was a song titled "Shine Jesus Shine". I have been thinking about Moses specifically in Exodus 34:29-35. Whenever Moses met with God, there would be a glow or shine about him. It scared the Israelites, therefore Moses would wear a veil to cover his face until the glow faded away. Can you imagine how Moses felt with that glow? The warmth of love he must have felt probably not wanting the glow to fade. I find amazing in the Christian world today there is not much talk about being in the presence of God. Imagine if every time we left the sanctuary, we had a glow that people could not deny. However, we are in a different place from Moses; we do not have to go to a place of God. The reason is that we carry God everywhere we go; God dwells in us with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we should be glowing every day of the week; we should be energized by God.

I have made the comment that when I left Annual Conference this year, I did feel energized like I have in the past, I know why; it is because I had put the energy in the wrong place. I was expecting it from the Annual Conference when it comes from the Holy Spirit. I want to make this suggestion; when you go someplace expecting an energizing and glow from being in the presence of God and you do not get that feeling you were hoping to feel, remember it is not the external that causes the glow and energy, it is the Holy Spirit dwelling in you. Therefore, you should glow every day and everywhere so others will want what you have. You can share with them the

gospel of Jesus Christ as the reason for your glow.

Bro. Dwayne



Greeters: Ginger Ritter & Kylee Farmer
Ushers: JK Bales, Lana Burkett
Lawrence Weems, Robert Walker



UMW will meet August 8th at 6:30 PM. Ginger Ritter will have the program.



UMM will meet **Sunday, August 7th** at 7:00 AM.
Cooks are Pat Freeman, Marty Bigner, and Bro. Dwayne.

SUNDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Sunday night women's Bible study will resume on August 7th at 6:00 in the PEACE Sunday School classroom. Contact Angie Weems or Deedra Bales if you have any questions.



Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 we meet for Bible study in the fellowship hall. We are studying the book of **Mark**. Bro. Dwayne is our leader, and we would like to invite anyone interested. We serve coffee, or you can bring your favorite cola.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Family Night - August 3rd at 6:30
Meal Theme - Italian - pizza, spaghetti, pasta goodies, garlic bread, salads and more!



Blessing of the Backpacks - All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks so that our church family can pray over you.



Deedra Bales

MISSIONS UPDATE

Missions Update - By Carolyn Butler
Matthew 25:40b –

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.” Our mission work is so very important because the Scripture tells us that any time we do something for someone in need (child or adult) it is the same as doing it for the Lord. Thanks for all that you do through the mission efforts in our church!!

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION – This is a United Methodist campus ministry - At our Southwest MS Community College campus, it is a space for all members seeking to KNOW Christ through worship and spirituality, GROW in Christ through fellowship and study, and GO for Christ through Christian service and mission projects.

Our pastor has so graciously volunteered to sponsor this project with the help of other pastors in the Brookhaven district twice a year by raising funds through a fun event, a “dessert auction”, which will be held again at our church on Saturday, August 20, 6 p.m. As in the past, your donations of desserts are needed, then your attendance at the auction itself is a must to make this event a great success. Not only does it provide funds for the Wesley Foundation, but it provides a fun, entertaining time for all who attend.

Everyone who attends will be invited to participate in a contest between the pastors – a “taste testing” of the desserts brought by them personally. The winner of this competition will be the one with the most money placed in their collection container at the “taste testing.”

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this event!! Thank you!!

UMCOR SHOEBOXES – We are now preparing items to be packed in our 3rd set of boxes, which we had planned to pack in November. However, since we have all the items we need, we plan to set a sooner date to pack them (after we have the items prepared, such as breaking down crayolas and packaging 6 for each child). We don’t have jump ropes for this set, as we don’t have the tee shirts to make them. We can leave out this item this go round, but we’d still like to make this an option in the future, if you will continue to bring your large used tee shirts that we may use. Our next day to work on the items for the boxes is Wednesday, August 10, at 2 p.m. Anyone who wishes to help is welcome.

Please continue to bring items for future boxes. Your monetary gifts go to pay for the on-line orders and for shipping. Will let you know when the packing date is set. And, we have a new seamstress – Yvette Lott has made her first dress. Thanks to all of you for your continued support!!

MICA (McComb Interdenominational Care Association) –Your continued support of this ministry is appreciated. As you know Bro. Robert Walker has brought bags for their special “Christmas in July” promotion. There is a flyer available in the foyer and in the front lobby listing the items needed. It costs approximately \$65 to \$75 to fill a bag with all the items requested (since the price of groceries has gone up so much since this project was last done). The date to complete this project has been extended to the end of August. You may purchase all or part of items requested and bring them to the church, or you may give whatever amount you feel the Lord wants you to give towards this mission effort (using special lavender colored envelopes provided) and

the shopping will be done for you. Then at the end of August, we will fill as many of the bags as we can.

WESLEY FOUNDATION DESSERT AUCTION JOHNSTON’S CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP HALL SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 6 P.M.

Your are invited to participate in this special Fundraising event to support the Wesley Foundation at Southwest Community College.

(The Wesley Foundation provides a space for all members seeking to KNOW Christ through worship and spirituality, Grow in Christ through fellowship and study, and GOO for Christ ghrough Christian service and mission projects.)

Your participation is needed in two ways:
Donate a dessert to be auctioned
Attend the event

Everyone who attends will be invited to participate in a contest between the pastors of the Brookhaven District attending the auction,

There will be a “taste testing” of the desserts Brought by them personally (and you may have a serving of your favorite)> The winner of this competition will be the pastor whose donation container has the most money In it at the close of the auction.

Not only does this event provide funds for the Wesley Foundation, but it provides a fun, entertaining time for all who attned.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

KIM'S KORNER

The youth and children had a great July.

We had a great time shopping for flood bucket items and even had a scavenger hunt in Walmart.

We had a really good group of children and youth who went and helped at the McComb Animal Shelter. We had so much fun and we were able to help the staff clean the pens and that made them and the dogs so happy!!!

We also had a great group that enjoyed the water park together.

I want to thank Keith, Bridget, Logan, James, Amanda, and Angie so much. I have been out of town the last the two weeks and they have made sure the youth and children are there, having fun, and are fed!!! I could not have made it without y'all. Y'all are so amazing!

We also want to thank Mrs. Nancy and Mr. Larry and Mrs. Rhonda and Mr. Tony for letting us swim in your pools!!!

Water Wednesdays have been so much fun and we have had some really great devotions.

In one devotion we used the sponges to remind us that we are like sponges; we soak up what we are around. Sometimes life is difficult and we feel like we are getting squeezed. If we have surrounded ourselves with bad things, then bad stuff will come out and may hurt other people. But if we have surrounded ourselves with good

things, then good things will come out of us and may even change someone's life for the good.

Another devotion we had about sponges is that all of us are like a wet sponge filled to the top and overflowing and we feel good. If we are mean to someone even if it's a joke, it's like we are taking them and squeezing a little water at a time. If we keep squeezing, soon they want have anything left and they are left dry and feeling bad. But every time we are kind and say or do nice things for that person, it's like we are pouring water back into them and soon they are full again and can help others that may be feeling dry and empty.

Our Project Serve Weekend is at the end of the month and we will be talking about how if we do things for others it is as if we are doing it to Jesus. I can't wait to tell you all about our weekend!!!

As you can tell it's been a great July!!! God is so Good!!!

In August we have several things going on:

Sundays youth meet at 6:00.

Wednesdays children and youth meet at 6:00. If you would like to help feed the children and youth on Wednesdays please let me know.

August 13 Summer Time in the Pines at Wesley Pines see below for info on this trip. It's \$10 per person

August 21 Gathering tour at Madison UMC. We will get to worship with Big Al and Phil Joel. We get to have a foam party and have a silent disco party. This is for grades 6-12!!!

From Camp Wesley Pines Saturday Aug. 13:

The end of summer camp doesn't mean the end of summer! Join us as generations of camp alumni come together for a day of fun, fellowship, and food (that's right - lunch is included)! All campers, staff, and volunteers - past and present - are invited.

RSVP at www.wesleypines.com/upcoming-events so that we can have a general headcount of how many participants to expect.

We'll see you at the Pines!

See you at the end of August!!!

Kim Burkett





BACK TO SCHOOL QUOTES

- Education is a right, not a privilege; it is an opportunity, not an entitlement. Arne Duncan
- The best way to predict your future is to create it. Abraham Lincoln
- Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. Malcolm X
- If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. Andy McIntyre
- The highest result of education is tolerance. Helen Keller

WHAT IS THAT SONG?

One afternoon my next door neighbor asked if our church had a Bible study that she could attend. For whatever reason she didn't want to go to the one she had been attending and I told her, of course, and that I'd go with her. Miss Edith and I were both new to the Wednesday afternoon group and have attended most times since we began. Not too long ago Bro. Duane was reading through Mark chapter 8. When he read one of the verses out loud it reminded me of an older song by Toby Mac. This song is a great reminder to us that our soul and our devotion to God is much more important than anything else in this world.

Lose My Soul

by Toby Mac with guests Kirk Franklin and Mandisa

(SPOKEN)

Man I wanna tell y'all something man
Man I'm not gonna let these material
things get in my way y'all
I'm trying to get somewhere
I'm trying to get somewhere that's real
and pure and true and eternal
Toby can you do it yo boy
Let's go!

(SINGING)

Father God, I am clay in your hands
Help me to stay that way through all
life's demands
'Cause they chip and they nag and
they pull at me
And every little thing I make up my mind to be
Like I'm gonna be a daddy who's in the mix
And I'm gonna be a husband who stays legit
And I pray that I'm an artist who rises above
The road that is wide and filled with self-love
Everything that I see draws me
Though it's only in You that I can truly see
That it's a feast for the eyes - a low blow
to purpose
And I'm a little kid at a three ring circus

(CHORUS)

I don't want to gain the whole world and
lose my soul
Don't wanna walk away let me hear the
people say
I don't want to gain the whole world and
lose my soul

Don't wanna walk away let me hear the people say

(SPOKEN)

"Mr. Franklin, step up to the mic sir."
"Check it out."

The paparazzi flashes and that they think that it's you
But they don't know that who you are is not what you do
True, we get it twisted when we peak at the charts
Yo before we part from the start where's your heart?
You a pimp, hustler?
Tell me what's your title
America has no more stars now we call them idols, You sit idle
While we teach prosperity
The first thing to prosper should be inside of me, we're free!
Not because of 22's on the range
But Christ came in range we said yes now we changed
Not the same even though I made a fall
Since I got that call no more Saul, now I'm Paul

(REPEAT CHORUS)

Don't wanna walk away, walk away, walk away
"Mandisa, come on!"

How do I sense the tide that's rising?
Desensitizing me from living in light of eternity, eternity (Watch me now)

How do I sense the tide that's rising?
(The tide is rising y'all)
It's hypnotizing me from living in light of eternity, tell me
How do I sense the tide that's rising?
Desensitizing me (It's makin' me drown)
from living in light
Livin' in light of eternity

Lord what we gonna do?
We're relyin' on you
All eyes are on you Lord
All eyes are on you
All eyes are on you Jesus

I don't wanna gain the whole world and lose my soul, Light a candle y'all!
Lift it high y'all, come on!
I don't wanna gain the whole world and lose my soul
"No profit in gainin' the whole world and lose your soul, Yes sir"
I don't wanna gain the whole world and lose my soul
"Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess"
This is my honesty, Father won't you cover me.
"Come on!"
I don't wanna gain the whole world and lose my soul
"Lift 'em up y'all, lift 'em up!"
Don't wanna walk away, and all His people say
I don't wanna gain the whole world, and lose my soul
No I, don't wanna lose, I don't wanna lose my soul. "Come on!"

(SPOKEN)

Lord forgive us when we get consumed
By the things of this world that fight for our love
(Yes Lord) and our passion (Yes Lord)
As our eyes are open wide and on you
(Talk to 'em)
Grant us the privilege of your world view (Yes)
And may your kingdom be
What wakes us up, and lays us down
Hallelujah, hallelujah
(No, don't let me lose my soul)

Songwriters: Chris Stevens/Michael Ripoll/
Kevin Michael McKeenan

I know that's a lot of lyrics but several of them overlap with all three artists, especially toward the end of the song. I want to encourage all of you to not only read this article every month but to listen to these songs. You can find them on YouTube or do a search on Google. You might discover some music that you didn't know you'd like!

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?
Mark 8:35 & 36

Thank you Lord for the gift of music to help teach us your messages!

Yvonne Church

OUR FAMILY ALTAR

Church & Its Ministries Children & Youth
Our Nation Unspoken World Caregivers Homeless

Rev. Dwayne & Teri Scoggins

President Biden, Governors, Mayors, All in Leadership

All of the First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Hospitals, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Custodians, Everyone affected by Covid

Shut- Ins/Nursing Home

Loss of Loved Ones

Family of Kaleb Corbin – Son of Angie Bellipani
Family of Stan (Butch) Venable – Cousin of Wanda Bullock

Family of Faye Milner – Friend of Carolyn Butler

In Military or Working away from Home

Jonathan Young – Serving on the USS George W. Bush in Norfolk, VA
J.J. Boshart – Race Willoughby's Brother-In-Law – Kuwait
Nick Mercer–Fort Stewart, GA
Haley Richardson – Marine Air Station – Yuma, AZ

In Institution

Bridget Dillon, Chris Yawn, Landon Burrough

Working Away From Home

Paul Allred (Kansas), Mitchell Leon (Gulf of Mexico), Brett Stockton (Texas), Shane Williams (Saudi Arabia)

In Hospital/ Sick at Home/Need Our Prayers

Marvin Adams – Health
Aunt Nelvia – chest pains – Kim Burkett's aunt
Donna Bales – Health
Tammy Beard – Health
Jackie Boyd – Health
Kara Brashear – Cousin of Dwight, Glenda, & Darlene – Cancer has returned
Danney Bullock – Diagnosed with Merkel cell carcinoma - chemo treatments
Lana Burkett – recovering from Covid
Payton Burkett – recovering from Covid
Kathy Capral - Treatable but incurable cancer - Aunt of Yvonne Church

Chuck – Phil Caudill's associate – A non-believer and dealing with health issues

James Church – Recovering from a scooter accident

Yvonne Church – Orthopedic problems

Valencia Damond – Cancer – Kim Burkett

Carolyn Deer – Health

David Deer – Recovering from staph in his leg

Destiny Dillon – hairline fracture in her ankle

Jenna Dunaway & Baby Jax - Born June 30th – Carolyn

Butler's granddaughter and great grandson

Kaylee Dunaway – On medication for Hashimoto –

Carolyn Butler's granddaughter

Shannon Dunaway – Health

Curtis Edmonds - Health

Peter & Sonya Francis – Health, their new home in Scotland

Phyllis Freeman – Health

Brenda Green – Health

Dale Green – Got a good report from tests done - PTL

Eva Nell Green – Health

Kalie Green – Mental Health

Tony Handberry – Amy Campbell's Father - Stage 4 Cancer

Irma Newell Hart – Arm amputated – lung cancer – friend of Carolyn Butler

Gerald Howell – Health

Makayla Hughes gave birth to Hallie Rae Hughes –

Carolyn Butlers granddaughter & great granddaughter

Betty Johnson – Dale Freeman's Boss's Mother-In-Law – Not doing well

Thomas Johnston – Health – MS more advanced

Steve & Cathy Jones – recovering from Covid – Keith Burkett's mother and stepdad

Joseph Kalil - Rare cancer (reoccurrence) – recovering from surgery – Cousin of Yvonne Church

Courtney Jones – having problems with pregnancy

Tammie Jones – Improving, able to sit in a chair, off the breathing machine some, and able to talk a little

Tyler Jones – Recovering from thyroid surgery – Carolyn Jones

Lucy Lofton – Cancer Survivor

Kathy Martin – Health

Patrick McCaffery – mass on his lung – Nancy's Friend

Addy Meyers – Recovering from surgery

Craig Moak – Recovering from a kidney transplant

June Moak – Health

Susan Montgomery – Health – Barbara Rogers's Friend

Kim's Aunt Nelvia – stomach cancer – very painful

W.B. Netterville – Back Issues

Rachel Newman – Fell & broke her arm – Teri's mom

Francis Pace – Hospice – Carolyn Butler's sister-in-Law

Alma Partin – Liver cancer – Linda Roberts's mom
Robert Pennington – Stage 3 Small Cell Carcinoma
Tony Ramirez

Donna Reeves – Cancer

Mike Richard – Back Pain

Yancy Reynolds – Brain cancer – Friend of Carolyn Butler

Tony Ritter – Health

Clayton Roberts & Mary Roberts – Health

David Roberts

Jane Roberts – Diagnosed with Parkinson's

John & Sandy Roberts

Lamar Roberts – Health

Sharon Roberts – Health

Robin Roberts – Health

Jill Robinson – ALS

Jeff Sakemiller – Found unresponsive in car - ICU

Rhonda Scroggs – Recovering from foot surgery

Bro. Dwayne Scoggins – recovering from surgery

Jack Seale – Immunotherapy treatments for Cancer

Kinley Smith – On meds for seizures –

2 year old great niece of Dale & Brenda Green

Marge Smith – Barbara Mercier's Friend – Radiation Treatments

Snuffy Smith – Health – Brenda Green

Sue Smith – Recovering from surgery – Brenda Green's sister

Betty Speaks – Mental & physical health – aunt of James Church

Jean Spring – Breast Cancer – Chemo & Radiation

Landon Stamps – Cancerous tumor in his abdomen

Charles Stepter – Father of one of Kim's students

Amanda Stockton – Health, Dwight Stockton – Health

Connie & Maxine Stoddard – Health

Mary Ann Stotts – Recuperating from shoulder surgery – Kim Burkett

Mattie Taylor – Aggressive form of lymphoma – Pam Dixon's friend's granddaughter

Robert Walker & Marilyn Stutzman – Health

Deborah Tarver – Health – one of our former Custodians

Charles & Annie Waguespack – Health

John Paul Wallace – Having seizures

Priscilla Wallace – Chemo treatments – Eva Nell's neighbor

Carson Wallace – Cancer – Eva Nell's neighbor

Becky Wallace – Hurt her back, extreme pain

Linda West – Recovering from surgery on both legs – Brenda Green

Jason Williams – Very ill, but home from the hospital

Keith Williamson – Health

Renae Woods – Crohn's – Health issues

Joy Yawn – Health

Happy Birthday

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 03 – Jacob Dunaway
- 04 – Shelby Abdul-Hadi Miller
- 05 – Jennifer Newman
- 09 – Amanda Stockton
- 14 – Donald Jones
- 16 – Rhonda Scroggs
- 17 – Sandy Freeman
- 18 – Brad Tharp
- 19 – Amy Campbell
- 20 – Benji Stockton
- 21 – Rick Taylor
- 26 – Hannah Wallace
- 28 – Valerie King
- 29 – Phyllis Freeman
Adrienne Mercer
- 30 – James Church



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 – Ladd & Brooke Johnston
- 10 – Lawrence & Angie Weems
- 13 – Peter & Sonya Francis
- 14 – Dwight & Jennie Lou Stockton
- 19 – Rob & Leslie Johnson
- 25 – Jim & Missy Wisinger

I CHOOSE YOU.

*And I will choose you
over and over and over again.
Without pause, without a doubt,
IN A HEARTBEAT.*

*I will keep choosing you.
You will forever be my always.
UNTIL MY LAST BREATH...*

