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WIC NEWS

I hope everybody had a good visit with Jim and Beth last Sunday. It was so good to see them. They will stay in our prayers as they get settled in their new home and hometown. We need to take a road trip one day and go visit them!

The July WIC meeting made some decisions. The present officers will remain in their offices for one more year since this year has been really unusual. Next summer we will elect a new slate of officers for the 2 year term. The new WIC year-book will be ready in September and hopefully we will be able by October to have family night suppers and other activities. Please keep each other in your prayers as the virus is still around and be aware of needs within and outside the church.

We will be helping Ernest, who we helped with a Christmas Box, with his electricity bill. Jimmy Dickson and Austin Curtis have already done a lot for him. If you would like to contribute to this fund let me know. We will not have another WIC meeting until September or October unless we need to have a called meeting. We have several cookbooks still available for sale if anybody needs some.

There are boxes in the vestibule and fellowship hall for Wesley's pounding.

Birthdays: 5-Danielle Fielder & Jada Gilliam; 6-Dianne Ham; 12-Bo Lohman; 15-Beth Dickson, 16- Becky Smith; 19-Remley Gorsuch; 22-LeAnn Weathersby; 23- Jean Eady; 31-Sandra Thaxton

Youth News

I've moved into the Little Manse! I would like to thank all the people who have put in time and effort to see that my future wife and I have a wonderful place to live. I have been so encouraged by this church community.

The youth are doing a Sunday school series through the book of Jonah. We are discussing the idea of grace as it plays across the story of the wayward prophet. I was given my first opportunity to preach this past Sunday night, and I could not have asked for a more supportive congregation to listen to me open up God's Word. The elders have graciously invited me to preach the evening service on August 16.

If you are ever by the church, and you see that I'm in my office, don't hesitate to swing by and talk!

Yours in Christ,

Wesley

Missions Minute

We sent \$1500 to Mission to the World for Clay Quarterman (Ukraine) and \$300 to Engaging Disability With The Gospel and \$1000 to Consulting Services Foundation.

FROM THE OFFICERS

Does our Church have a lot of activities going on? Let's start with the Pulpit Search Committee. Elder Richard Batton & his committee (Todd Davis, Keith Hood, Susan Lee, & Stacey Lee) have been hard at work. They have looked at numerous pastors and evaluated them for our Church. They are continuing to work and hopefully will have a recommendation in the near future. The Women In the Church (WIC) continues to work hard for our Church. WIC officers will continue for one more year. Please pray for them. The Mission Committee is continuing to assist the missionaries we support. While not missionaries we support, they are really assisting the work of Bebo Elkin & Wayne Herring by supporting their efforts to provide us with Supply Pastors as we await a new pastor. The month of August will feature Wayne Herring as our Sunday AM pastor. Bebo Elkin will assist in the Sunday PM Pastor. The Safety Committee chaired by Deacon Jim Trunzler is working and will meet on Sunday PM, 2 August 2020. All other Committees are continuing to work on Church issues.

Now for a minute from the Church Officers. The Deacons have many projects they are working on. The repair of the Little Manse has been completed & Wes has moved in. A "Pounding" is ongoing for Wes and there are boxes in the Vestibule of the Church for items to be provided to Wes. Work now centers on the Manse & the Church. Pray for the Deacons as we move forward in getting our Church ready for the Future. The Session is dealing with many things. Summer Sunday School, Wednesday night Vespers, Outreach, & attendance are some of the issues. If you have not attended our Summer Sunday School on Sunday AM at 1000 hours, you are missing something really great. We are studying "Gentle & Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. This is a really great book that causes you to think about you as a Christian & how you relate to Christ. Wednesday night Vespers is studying the book "Corona virus & Christ" by John Piper. This is very applicable to the current situation in our country & the world. We encourage you to participate. Outreach with Mercy Ministries in Georgetown is ongoing. It is vital to the guys down there & they appreciate the efforts of our Church. Our Copiah County Jail Ministry is on hold due to the COVID 19 situation but the sheriff wants us back as soon as possible.

On Sunday, 26 July 2020 during the AM service we were finally able to say a "THANK YOU TO DR & MS SHULL" for their service to us. If you missed it, you missed a great time celebrating the work of our LORD through both of them. Mayor Garland provided a Crystal Springs Proclamation for the work accomplished. The WIC provided gifts and thanked them for their service. The officers of the Church also provided gifts that included a photo of Dr Shull (that will be placed on the "Wall of Fame" in the Fellowship Hall) & a plaque designating him as Pastor Emeritus. To our knowledge, he is the only pastor with this designation. That night Wesley Presnall gave a very interesting and good sermon from Deuteronomy, Chapter 10, verses 15-17.

Finally, we encourage each of you to participate in our Church activities. We have safety standards that are meeting all of the local, state, & federal requirements. Lets try to make attendance in the sanctuary a priority. Online services are great but they really do not take the place of attendance in the Church Sanctuary.

Pray for our Church & all of us.