



## BACK TO MAIN STREET BBQ

Fall back to Main Street as we kick off our Wednesday night activities with a Southern style BBQ and a friendly game of Fellowship Feud. We will have two teams, staff vs members, face off in a friendly game to see who can name the most popular responses to survey questions based on the Bible. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend, Wednesday August 21st beginning at 5:30 pm. Dinner will include a quarter chicken with baked beans, potato salad, roll and dessert. The cost will be \$6 per person. Please call the church office to reserve your spot. **The deadline to sign up is Monday at noon.**

## PRIMETIME SUMMER OUTING

On Friday, August 23rd we will tour the lovely First United Methodist Church of Richton, MS on our way to Fulmer's Farm and General Store. Due to the great response that we have had, we will be traveling by charter bus. If you have signed up to go, please meet in the small parking lot on Main Street at 9:30am. The only cost for the trip is \$12.00 per person for lunch. There is still room for more, **please call the church office by noon on Monday if you would like to go.**

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

**STOP HUNGER NOW** - Our next Stop Hunger Now packing event will be on Sunday, September 22nd. We need volunteers for the following Sundays:

**September 1st, 8th and 15th** - man the 'sign up' tables before and after each worship service.

**September 22nd** - set-up, pack meals or take-down for the Stop Hunger Now Meal packing event.

**ALDRERSGATE BACKPACKS**- This ministry is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school holidays. Now that the building addition is complete, we need volunteers to come to Aldersgate at 4:15 on Friday afternoons and help the teachers hand out the food packs. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. If you are willing to help or just need more information, please call Micky at the church office.

## DISASTER FUND UPDATE

Following the tornado in February over \$18,000 was donated to the Main Street UMC Disaster Relief Fund to help those in our community devastated by the tornado. As of August 13, \$10,300 in financial aid has been given to seven church families and \$7,587 in aid through R3SM to seven additional families. Only \$309 remains in the account. Funding was approved by the Disaster Relief Committee and has been used for debris removal, building materials, rent, and other necessities. A.D. Hunt chairs the committee and also represents Main Street on the R3SM Long Term Recovery committee.

## *Words of Appreciation...*

*We appreciate all the prayers, cards, food items, visits and phone calls. We are recovering as quickly as can be expected, but have been told it may take up to 3 months to get there. We are truly thankful that our injuries were no worse than they were. God was watching over us again!!*

*Don & Mim Adamson*

## **AUGUST HUNGER OFFERING**

Stop Hunger Now

## **BACK TO PRESCHOOL!**

Preschool Open House  
August 29 at 10:00am

First Day of Preschool  
September 3

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

8:30 Relaxed Sanctuary Worship  
9:00 Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion (The Fellowship)  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Sanctuary Worship

# TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible Group will be doing a study on denominations....what others believe and why. The first few weeks we will look at Mormon, Scientology, Quaker and Amish. Then we will start on Adam Hamilton's book *Christianity's Family Tree* which will be available in the church office.

This is a wonderful group of men and women of various ages and backgrounds which makes for lively discussions. We meet from 10:30-11:30 on Tuesdays and would love for you to come join us! We would be thrilled to have YOU!

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

**Promotion Sunday and Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles** will be Sunday, September 8th. If you have a rising 3rd grader (or older who has not received a Bible and would like to during this special event), please contact Maria Askea, maria@mstreetumc.org, or the church office to ensure we have all children included in this long standing tradition within the United Methodist Church.

**Acolyte Training** - If you have a child 3rd grade - 6th grade interested in serving as an acolyte, during the 11:00 worship service, please contact Maria Askea, maria@mstreetumc.org, or call the church office. An acolyte training session will be held on Sunday, September 1st, during the Sunday school hour.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday school meets at 10 a.m. upstairs in Ferguson**

**Sunday Night Kickoff This Sunday!** Join us for our annual Kick-off event from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Come hungry as dinner will be provided! Make sure to bring everyone with you, reach out and invite folks you haven't seen in a while as well as those who may need a place to belong and connect.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**August 21st** - Wednesday Night Kick-off 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, August 25th** - Parent Meeting during the Sunday School hour

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## A SERVING STORY: TUTORING AT ALDERSGATE MISSION

A few weeks ago, I helped out at the Aldersgate Mission, mainly with the Compass Reading Program. The Compass Reading Program is a computer program that is made for elementary age kids. It uses games based on school subjects, such as English and reading comprehension, to make the learning more exciting and fun. Each kid would do a lesson based on their ability and if they made a passing grade on a lesson (70% or above), they would move on to the next lesson. While I couldn't give them the direct answer, I was able to give them some thinking clues and hints that would help them on their quiz. I was able to help one kid breakthrough and get a passing grade on a suffix test, which allowed him to move up to the next lesson. Even though I wasn't actually taking the test, I was glad to see him succeed on his quiz and move on to another lesson. One day while I was sitting at a table watching some of the kids color a Mickey Mouse coloring sheet, I was able to talk to some of them about random topics (favorite sports team, favorite Mario Kart character, etc). I got several different answers, but when one of the teachers came by to check on them, one of the students said that I was his "best buddy". This comment made me feel great because I felt like I was able to make a person's day better. Overall, I had a good experience at Aldersgate.

Patrick McGee



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