

Calendar of Opportunities

SUNDAY 10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
No Jr. & Sr. High MYF

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM **Chancel Choir Practice**
No Youth Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers: Sam Jaynes, Tom Crook, John Craig Griffith, David Seay

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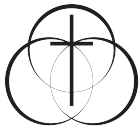
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REACH THE LOST, NURTURE THE FAITHFUL, BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM

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Dee Dee Jackson, Music Director Seth Shelnut, Sound Engineer
Sherri Armstrong, Church Secretary



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JULY 7, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COLOR: GREEN

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

** Call to Worship*

Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Jesus, I belong to you.

I lift up my heart to you.

I set my mind on you.

I fix my eyes on you.

**I offer my body to you as a
living sacrifice.**

Jesus, we belong to you.

Praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, **amen.**

** Hymn #47 (verses 1—3)*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

** Affirmation of Faith #691*

“The Apostles’ Creed”

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Ushers Distribute Registration Pads

DARLENE STOCKTON

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Special Music

“The Graduation Prayer”

HARRY & SUSAN REEVES

Offertory

DARLENE STOCKTON

**Doxology #94*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

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Scripture Lesson

Sermon

** Hymn #32 (verses 1, 2, and 4)*

“How Great Thou Art”

** Benediction #714*

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**The Lord Bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face
to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up
his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

**Choral Benediction #689*

“The Blessing”

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Make His face shine upon you,

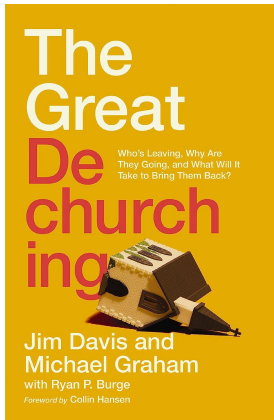
And be gracious to you,

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

(sing thru once only)

** Postlude*

DARLENE STOCKTON



We are currently experiencing the largest and fastest religious shift in US history.

It is greater than the First and Second Great Awakening and every revival in our country combined...but in the opposite direction. Yet precious little rigorous study has been done on the broad phenomenon of dechurching in America. Jim Davis and Michael Graham have commissioned the largest and most comprehensive study of dechurching in America by renowned sociologists Dr. Ryan Burge and Dr. Paul Djupe.

The Great Dechurching takes the insights gleaned from this study to drill down on how exactly people are dechurching with respect to beliefs, behavior, and belonging.

This book gives the church in America its first ever deep dive into the dechurched phenomenon. You'll learn about the dechurched through a detailed sketch of demographics, size, core concerns, church off-ramps, historical roots, and the gravity of what is at stake. Then you'll explore what can be done to slow the bleed, engage the pertinent issues winsomely and wisely, and hopefully re-church some of the dechurched.

The hardcover book is \$20.49 on Amazon. This will be the Wednesday evening study for adults in the fall. We will do "What Every Christian Should Know" at a later date.

✠ **Sign up for altar flowers:** Please sign up on the calendar in the narthex to provide flowers for our worship services. The months of **July thru September** are available.

Financial Update

Budget for 2024: \$345,826

Needed weekly for Budgeted Expenses: \$6,650

Needed to Date: \$179,550

Actual Offerings to Date: \$196,371

✠ **Jr. & Sr. High MYF** will **not** meet today.

✠ The **Chancel Choir** will practice Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

✠ **Youth Bible Study** will **not** meet this Wednesday night.

✠ Congratulations to **Dot Burrow** who was inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.



The Man Church meeting will be Tuesday, **July 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.** All guys from youth to senior adult are invited to take part. No book to buy. No prep to do. Just show up!

✠ **Amory District Rally**—The annual Amory District Rally will be held on Sunday, August 11, at 3 PM, at the Saltillo Methodist Church. The afternoon will include musical leadership from the praise band at Christ Methodist Church in Memphis, peaching by Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer from Wesley Biblical Seminary, and a love offering will be taken in support of WBS. After worship there will be two breakout sessions. Dr. Lohrstorfer will lead a workshop entitled "Reconstructing the Doctrine of Holiness," and Kyle Holder, Pastor of Contemporary Worship at Christ Methodist, will lead a session on worship. At the end of the sessions, we will fellowship with some homemade ice cream and desserts. It would be very encouraging to our District Presiding Elder, as well as all the churches in the Amory District, to have a large contingent from every church in attendance.

Prayer List

Paula Spruill
Justin Whitaker

Members:

Dot/James Burrow	John David Carlisle	Arvella Cox
John Issac Cox	Tom/Nina Crook	Carolyn/Wayne Fowlkes
Bill/Donna Griffith	Virginia Harris	Robbie Huffman
Bill Ingersoll	Valerie Jaynes	Ray Jones
Martha Journey	Joyce Leech	Bro. Jim McClurkan
Dorinda Miller	Maxine Pickle	Jay/Jasmine Roberts
Mary Frances Salter	Annette Smith	Darlene Stockton
Nancy Stockton	Becky Vallarian	Laverne Williams

Extended Church Family:

Date: 6/30/24

Jimmy Arnold
Dot & James Burrow (traveling to Boston)
John Caldwell
Debbie Campbell
Laticia Edwards
Ricky Marshall
Jason & Hillary Tubb
Mike Tubb

Date: 6/23/24

Frank Peeler
Maxine Pickle (Back Surgery)
Henry Pierce

Date: 6/16/24

Shawn McGuire
The Families of: Marshall Eubanks, Sr., Danny Vaughn,
Carroll Movvett & Hilda Cline
Addison Smith (Cancer Treatment)
Jodie Thompson (Cancer Treatment)

Date: 6/2/24

Jack Campbell
The Dale Howell Family
Kelly Martin (Knee surgery 6/7)
Sara Palmer
Frank Peeler

Military:

James Allen & Laken (York) Bennett
Austin Interrial (Husband of Karli Pearson Interrial), Ft. Moore, Columbus, GA
Thad LaPorte (Brother of Jotham LaPorte)

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
“My God, how great Thou art!”

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Service of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

The Confession

**Almighty and most merciful God,
we confess and lament that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can
bear, have mercy on us and forgive us.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
pardon us of all that is past
and grant that we may ever serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

The Pardon

In his great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to him. May he have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

The Comforting Words

Hear these comforting words that Jesus Christ, our Savior, says to all who truly turn to him: God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life, amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy to give thanks to you in all places and at all times, Almighty Father. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When in our sinfulness we turned away from you and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you with the angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All praise and glory is yours, O God our Father, for in your tender mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to the world. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to comfort those who mourn, to proclaim freedom for captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce the year of the Lord's favor. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

The Prayer of Consecration

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father, receiving these gifts of bread and wine with thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for us the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament and partake of his most blessed body and blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ and one as your church, that Christ may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ and gather us together with all your saints in the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. We ask this through your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit in your holy church be all honor and glory, now and forever, amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for you. May it preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray.

We do not presume to come to this your table,

O merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather

up the crumbs from under your table;

but you are the same Lord whose character

is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us,

amen.

The Reception

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the

spiritual food of the most precious body and blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work

you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses

of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,

now and forever, amen.