

# MAPLES WINGSPAN



July 12, 2017

For ten days a group of Jesus followers gathered together with expectation. Jesus had given them a promise, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). On the day of Pentecost, God poured out His Holy Spirit and the Christian Church was born.

In August of 1727, a group of Christians who fled Moravia for Germany because of persecution found asylum on the estate of Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf of Saxony. Doctrinal differences among this group of refugees caused Zinzendorf to call this group to pray. Setting aside their religious bickering during those prayer meetings brought a sense of expectation. After a few weeks, at a communion service, the Holy Spirit came and a continuous prayer meeting lasted for 100 years birthing a missionary movement that eventually had an impact on two brothers, John and Charles Wesley.

In December of 1734, Jonathan Edwards, at his church in Northampton, Massachusetts, calls people to start praying after about five people gave their lives to Christ on a Sunday morning. This call to prayer sparked an expectation among the people. Six months later, 300,000 people give their lives to Christ causing a Great Awakening to occur that lasted from 1734. 1760.

On January 1, 1739, John Wesley, along with his brother Charles, George Whitfield, and some of his Moravian friends gathered for prayer, praise, worship with a spirit of expectation. Leaving that prayer meeting, John Wesley and George Whitfield start "field preaching" to crowds of 15,000 or more people and the Wesleyan revival is born.

In 1800, a Presbyterian minister named Barton Stone, witnessed the work of the Spirit at a small outdoor gathering in Logan County, Kentucky. After praying for a year, in 1801, another outdoor meeting was held at Cain Ridge in Bourbon County, KY. There were high expectations for that meeting. The Methodists and Baptists get involved and the Cain Ridge Camp Meeting begins to draw crowds of 25,000 people.

An attorney named Charles Finney comes to Christ and is filled with the Holy Spirit. His experience of God filled him with expectation and he set out talking about his experience which sparked expectation in others. Revival breaks out in 1,500 towns in the Northeast.

A Methodist women's prayer meeting led by Phoebe Palmer, and a noon prayer meeting of businessmen in New York City in the 1850's created an expectation among the people of the Northeast and even Canada. Prayer meetings begin to break out all over, some having as many as 6,000 in attendance. In New York City alone, 50,000 come to Christ because of the noon prayer meetings.

In 1904 in Wales, Evan Roberts prays for and receives the Holy Spirit's fullness which sparked an intense compassion for the unbelievers of Wales. At a meeting in his home on October 1, 1904, the Spirit comes in power on that small gathering and an expectation is birthed. They leave that meeting and start holding other meetings with that same expectation. Wales had a population of one million at the time and it is estimated that 250,000 gave their lives to Christ in Wales between 1904. 1906.

In February of 1970 in a chapel service at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, a group of college students who had been praying and meeting together in what they called "The John Wesley Great Experiment" began to share what God was doing in their lives and an expectation came upon the student body. That chapel service lasted 185 hours. Classes were cancelled, the news media began to report on it, and by the summer, 130 colleges and seminaries were touched by the Asbury revival.

In June and July of 2017 at Maples Memorial United Methodist Church, in Olive Branch, MS, a group of people gather on Wednesday nights to pray with expectation for God to move and bring renewal and revival that would not only impact our church, but the entire area as well as our denomination. Beginning on July 23, 2017 at Maples Memorial United Methodist Church the Holy Spirit came and

What are your expectations? What are you praying for? Remember, with God, all things are possible. Because of Him, Pastor Hal

## GLOW...Children's Ministries

- **Prayer Vigil:** A team of prayer warriors on the Children's Ministry Committee will be in prayer on the first day of school August 3 for children, youth and teachers and other school staff. Please fill out the blue card in your bulletin Sunday for your prayer request.
- **Still Need Backpacks for Candlelite:** You know the school year is not too far off when school supplies are the first thing you see in Walmart or Target! And that means it is time for us to start putting backpacks together for children whose families struggle just to provide school clothes and put food on the table. Our Children's Ministry is spearheading the effort to supply backpacks filled with school supplies for the children living at Candlelite. Backpacks will need to be turned in to the church by Sunday, July 30.
- **Acolyte Training:** Children in the 4th through 6th grades are invited to serve in worship as acolytes on Sunday mornings. We ask that all acolytes (even veterans) attend a training session to learn about the significance of elements of worship and the sanctuary and what role an acolyte plays in the service. For more information, you can contact Joey Lott at [joey@mapleschurch.org](mailto:joey@mapleschurch.org). The training will take place on Sunday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## Back to School Swim Party

Join us next door at the Y on Sunday, August 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for our annual Back to School Swim Party. There is no charge for swimming and pop-sicles will be provided to help you cool off!

## Wednesday Night Kick Off

We will kick off our **Wednesday night schedule** on August 9 at 6:30 p.m. with an exciting line up: Eddie Willis, Director of the Ole Miss Wesley Foundation, will lead worship and music and Methodist Healthcare will be represented to inform us about the services they offer. Revs. Hal Hall and David Laird will give brief overviews of the studies they are offering that will begin August 16. Hal will begin the semester with a study of the book, *The Quest for Holiness-from Shallow Belief to Mature Believer*, a seven week study written by David C. Long. David will be facilitating the new *Disciple Fast Track* which will begin with a 12 week in depth study of the Old Testament. There are sign up sheets at the Information Desk for both these classes. Participants are responsible for securing their own books.

**Wednesday night dinners** will also resume on August 9 with Memphis Chef Sean Gilliam in charge! We will still need our Feed My Sheep teams to help with preparation and serving, so please let Lynn Johnston know if you are interested in serving in this way. Just a heads up-this fall the price for adult meals will rise to \$7 and to \$3 for children 10 and under.

## Community Volunteer Opportunities

The next upcoming work time at the **Olive Branch Food Pantry** is Thursday, August 3 from 5:45- 8:00 p.m. Even if you are unable to physically volunteer at the Food Pantry, there is always a need for food items. Drop items in the bin near the Information Desk. Both the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry are located at 10947 Hwy 178 (near the intersection with Hack Cross Road).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- R360 Team: Thursday, July 20 at 6:30pm in Rm 120
- MLC Board: Thursday, July 27 at 6:00pm in the Chapel.
- Finance Committee: Thursday, July 27 at 7:00pm in Rm 118
- Staff Parish Relations: Thursday, July 27 at 6:30pm, Rm 120
- Administrative Board: Monday, July 31 at 7:00pm in Wesley Hall
- Mission/Evangelism: Thursday, August 3 at 6:30pm in Rm 120

## Spiritual Renewal!

Join us July 23-25 when Maples and The Well will offer 3 days of services to spark spiritual renewal in our congregation and community. Dr. Maxie Dunnam will be preaching July 23 on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. At 5:30 p.m. we will gather in Wesley Hall for a pot luck supper before evening worship at 7:00. Fried chicken will be supplied and we are asking you to bring sides and desserts. Our "daughter" congregation, The Well @ Lewisburg will lead worship and Dr. Dunnam will bring the message.

Christian music group "Redeemed" will be here on Monday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. to perform and lead a sing-along of old favorite hymns.

Then Dr. Ken Jackson of the Alabama/ West Florida Conference will be preaching on Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Jackson earned his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. Stay after worship on Tuesday to enjoy an ice cream/dessert supper and lots of good fellowship.

## Fried Chicken Count

Just a reminder that we really would like a head count of those who plan to attend our Pot Luck supper this Sunday night before we order fried chicken. Help us to be good stewards and let Jane know if you will be coming. You can email her at [jane@mapleschurch.org](mailto:jane@mapleschurch.org) or call at 662-895-2279. There is no need to contact us if you already signed up at the Information Desk or emailed Jane. *Please remember we need all our members to be sure to bring plenty of sides in case of visitors!*

## Attendance/Offering Reports

### Sunday June 4

Offering to Budget.....\$16,122.50  
Sunday School..... 133  
Morning Worship..... 234

### Sunday June 11

Offering to Budget.....\$13,851.98  
Sunday School..... 137  
Morning Worship..... 258

### Sunday June 18

Offering to Budget.....\$11,253.23  
Sunday School..... 110  
Morning Worship..... 202

### Sunday June 25

Offering to Budget.....\$14,124.50  
Sunday School..... 136  
Morning Worship..... 291

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Shut-In:** Helen Kee; Ann Williams; Louise Ragsdale; Jean Hall, Gracie Aldridge; Margaret Peden; Mildred Currie

**Military:** Adam Bazar; Brock McCullough; Michael Tucker; Joseph Barton; Connor Tappley; Mary Watford, Stephen DeCareaux; Aaron James; Taylor Downs; Caitlin Brooks; Cal Walls; Dawson Payne; Cameron Fletcher

**Sympathy to:** Family of Hettie Hayslip; Abbie Ventrini & family in the death of her son, Tony Ventrini; Bonnie & Earnestine Turner in the death of their sister, Nina Mae Swain

**July 16-18:** Geraldine Barnes; Alecia Fischer; Cheryl & Ray Rutledge (Cecelia Gilkey's family); hospitality to guests during the revival

**July 9-14:** Lyndsay Turner & family; David Smith; Leona Chrestman; Ann McClatchy; Charles Perryman (Nyla Osborn's uncle); Maddie Davenport; Dane Treadway; Funk family (Karen Moore's friends); Pam Morrison (Ann Busby's daughter); Pat Pacenza (Ricky Pacenza's uncle); Joyce Ash (Kristi Pacenza's grandmother); Frank Boatman (Allen Sanders' friend); Rita & Ed Welch (Allen Sanders' friends); Yogi (Lydia Jones' dog); upcoming revival

**July 2-7:** Billie Beasley; Jan Sprinkle; Pat Mayhall; Rick Wilkes (Waid Wilkes' brother); Nick & Krystal Gardner & Olivia; upcoming revival; Kathy Gullely (Donna Young's friend); Louise Hunt (Jill Sitton's friend); Lydia (Millie D's friend); Linda Weatherly; Bettie Scheuerman; Carolyn Morgan; Neal Springer

**June 25-30:** Anne Mills; Dakota Cunningham (Ruth Ellen Cetto's neighbor); Carolyn Morgan; Mary Schodar (Beverly Williams' mother); Michelle Cobb; Hartsell Wallace; family of Erin Worthy; Teresia Olivis (David Vaughn's sister); Bland family; Beverly & Bob Knopf (Linda Deyling's friends); Debbie Raymer & Ron Forsythe (Beverly Williams' friends); Jason & Anna Ryals (Judy Spurgeon's friends)

## SPECIAL GIVING

### Given in loving memory of:

**Tony Ventrini** By: Bill & Lavenia Acree; Dot Hays; Robby & Carol Allen

**Nell Daniel** By: Cleavy & Cole Hoover

**Maxine Rolofson** By: Milton & Dorgie Nichols

**Barbara Wallace** By: Milton & Dorgie Nichols

**Clinton Nichols** By: Milton & Dorgie Nichols

### Given in honor of:

**Dr. Greg Evans** By: Bob & Pat Mayhall

## Renew Family Life Conference

Hernando United Methodist Church is hosting the Renew Family Life Conference, an event planned for the entire family—both parents and children. The Conference will take place on Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family and registrations are due to Hernando UMC by July 30. The day will include worship led by Eddie Willis, keynote addresses by Alan and Tina Tatum and Mike Fitzpatrick and breakout sessions including Thrive, Not Just Survive, Moral Revolution: Raising Godly Young Men, Biblical Manhood, Breaking Free From Mom Guilt, Teens-Raising to Release, and The Focused Family. Lunch is provided. A free follow up Family eXperience Celebration will take place at the church on Sunday, August 13 from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. Registration forms are in the Maples church office. If you have questions about the event, please contact Hernando UMC at 662-429-7026. Hernando United Methodist is located at 1890 Mt. Pleasant Rd. in Hernando.

## Return to Sunday Schedule in August

Remember that on August 6 we will return to our normal schedule of two Sunday **morning worship services** at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Also we will resume **Sunday afternoon programming** on August 20. There will be some changes in the youth Sunday afternoon schedule. Worship Arts will begin at 3:00 p.m., Youth Choir at 4:00 p.m. and Confirmation Class at 5:00 p.m. with no Youth Small Groups on Sunday night.

## Senior Adult Lunch

Our August senior adult event will be a catered lunch on Thursday, August 17 at 11:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Featured speaker will be Lt. Kevin McKenzie with a program about staying safe! We will let you know about the menu and put out a sign up sheet closer to the date.

## Golf Tournament August 5

The Men's Club sponsored Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, August 5 with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. at Cherokee Golf Club. Entry fee is \$85.00 and includes 2 mulligans, breakfast and lunch, contests, prizes and awards. Entry forms will be in the Sunday worship bulletin for the next few weeks and also available in the office. Please make checks payable to Maples' Men's Club. Forms and checks can be turned in to the office or to Stephen Gullett or Rusty Smith. Proceeds of the tournament benefit the Leon Turpin Scholarship Fund awarded to one or more high school graduates each year.

If you aren't able to participate by playing in the tournament, you can still support this project by being a Hole Sponsor. Sponsorships are \$100.00 each and are a large part of the funding for the scholarships.

## Compassion Experience

The Compassion Experience is a landmark presentation visiting churches, schools, and other venues across the country. It allows guests to be immersed in the reality of daily life in poverty that millions of children face around the world. It brings visitors into cultures completely outside of their own. Most importantly, it presents the blessing of hope as these children are sponsored through Compassion's world-class child development program.

The Compassion Experience is housed in one gooseneck trailer. When deployed in a parking lot, the structure allows guests to take an immersive tour through replicas of the homes, environments and stories of two children who have been a part of Compassion's program. Each guest is equipped with an iPod Touch and headphones to guide them through the Experience. At the end of the tour, guests enter a World Impact Room where they can view photos and information about children of all ages who are waiting for sponsors. Compassion Experience will be at Hernando UMC September 15-18.

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## SERVING MAPLES FOR AUGUST 6-27, 2017

### August 6

**Acolyte:** Jon Lott (11:00)

**Counters:** Pat Dorr & Tom Peacock

**Greeters:** Lori Kirchhoff (8:30)

Barbara Watson, Lyndall Snyder (9:45)

Ann Busby, Wanda Vinson (10:45)

### August 13

Michael Pacenza (8:45) Jon Lott (11:00)

Ruth Ellen Cetto & Kenny Heath

Rose Tobey (8:30)

Earnestine Turner, Donna Zaino (9:45)

Mike Thomas, Jane Downs (10:45)

### August 20

**Acolytes:** Xander Otto (11:00)

**Counters:** Adam Kraft & Sandra Layne

**Greeters:** Charlotte Abrams (8:30)

Renee Hall, Cecelia Gilkey (9:45)

Beverly Williams, Shannon Suttlemyre (10:45)

### August 27

Michael Pacenza (8:45) Jon Lott (11:00)

Sam Jones & Rachel Farabee

Jill Sitton (8:30)

Becky Bright, Larry Bright (9:45)

B Ondo, Laura Lovelace (10:45)

**Glow Kids:** Misty Vanderburg, Sandra Jefferson (August)

### **Ushers:**

**August:** Ron Tucker, Jan Sprinkle, Jim Wadlington, Bryan Williams (8:45)

Bonnie Turner, Nick Gardner, Ross Turner, Jeff Taylor (11:00)

## STAFF

### Senior Pastor:

Rev. Hal Hall

### Associate Pastor:

Rev. David Laird

### Associate Pastor,

Church Planter:

Rev. Corey Truett

### Associate Pastor,

Children's Pastor:

Rev. Alecia Fischer

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