

JJ white memorial presbyterian church



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**WORSHIP
STUDY
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MISSION
YOUTH
CHILDREN
BIBLE
PRAYER
CHOIR
CARE
LOVE
SPIRIT
JESUS
GOD**

**WHERE YOU WILL
FIND PEACE**

SUNDAY

09:00 a.m. Breakfast
09:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
05:30 p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
6:00 p.m. Adult study
Youth activities
6:30 p.m. Choir practice

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JOIN US!

**Volunteer
Participate
Attend**

Lots will be going on the next few weeks.

- April** Our new website will be launched! Thanks, Suzi Drummond.
- April** Our new church directory will be completed and mailed. Thanks, Mary Ann Ratcliff!
- April** Our Wednesday Night Fellowship is growing stronger than ever! Have supper, have fun, learn together. The children wouldn't miss it!
- April 19** 9:00 a.m. Clean Up day for church recreation area. Ends at noon with a picnic lunch provided by Christian Ed.
- April 21** 3:00 p.m. Nursing home visitation.
- April 23** 5:30 p.m. Helen Lacey, missionary in Belize, to speak during Wednesday Night Fellowship
- April 24-27** Cursillo Retreat (see page 4 for information)
- May 14** 5:30 p.m. Ben Mathes with Rivers of the World to speak during Wednesday Night Fellowship
- June 16-20** Vacation Bible School.

Publicity

If you have church related events or projects that should be mentioned in the newspaper, please contact our new Publicity chairman, Margy Wicker. 601-684-5087.

PW

CIRCLES

The PW Night Circle, under the leadership of Dixie Fouche, pinned more than 1200 blue ribbons to be used during April in Pike County for Child Abuse Awareness month during last month's Circle meeting.

All women are welcome to join Presbyterian Women. We have refreshments, Bible study and fellowship together once a month. There are two circles—

During April, the Day Circle will meet at in the church Fellowship Hall at noon on April 8 (bring sack lunch), and the Night circle will meet at 6:00 p.m. on April 8 at home of Beth Wild.



(left to right) Maxine Brock and daughters Elise Brock Reeves and Lauren Brock Jones, pin together blue ribbons that will be worn on lapels during April, for Child Abuse Awareness month.

A FRIEND IN DEED

Beverly Yates, chairmen of the Bereavement Committee, along with volunteers Dolores Duczer, Barbara Hebert, Billie Nance, Carolyn Ray and Susan White graciously served lunch at the church for families of Mrs. Katherine McRaney and Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, on the days of their funerals. If you are interested in helping with this service committee, please let Beverly know. 601-276-2051

PNC PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our Pastor Nominating Committee has already met two Sunday nights in March and will continue meeting *weekly* on Sunday nights for the next several months. Please keep them in your prayers, and give them your support.

Whitney Rawlings, Moderator

Bill Mitchell

Renee Belote

Stacey Moak

Robbie DeCoux

Kathy Parker

Chip Gibbes

Noggin Wild

Presbytery of MS

Did you know that three of our members have been tapped to serve at presbytery level?

Committee on Ministry

Beth Wild

Communications

Beth Wild

Finance Committee

Johnny Nance

Missions Committee

Whitney Rawlings

Easter 2008

J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church observed **Lent** with 40 days of reflections from church members, heard thoughtful sermons from Charles Ray, and listened to carefully selected music by Dana Lamar and the choir.

The **Maundy Thursday** service of March 20 was one of the most poignant we've ever held, with communion served around a table as each group of 12 gathered together.

On Saturday, March 22, an **Easter Egg Hunt** was held for the children at the home of Billie and Johnny Nance. Twelve children attended and hunted eggs, played games, and had a great lunch!

Easter Sunday was celebrated with joy and thanksgiving and grand attendance!



Egg Hunt at Nance's home.

Cursillo

A Cursillo retreat will be held on April 24-27 at Paul B. Johnson State Park (near Hattiesburg). Anyone in our congregation may attend....thought there is usually a \$50 per person fee, that has been waived for those from our church who want to attend. Up to six people may sign up.

To sign up, please complete forms available in our church office. Hurry.

A note from Steve Ramp, inviting up to six members of J. J. White to this retreat.

Here's the deal in a nutshell.

Cursillo is a Spiritual Renewal Retreat. The staff consists of 33 lay people and 3 pastors. I am one of the pastors involved. The week-end is structured around talks on various topics (faith, grace, sin, sacraments, etc.). Lots of singing and discussion at tables. We sleep in barracks at Paul B. Johnson, eat together, and worship together. At the end of 3 days, you will have a whole new set of friends in Miss. who are PC(USA) and love Jesus and love you.

I believe this is EXACTLY what our Presbytery needs. Politics is not on the agenda. It is not pushing an agenda. It is to help you fall more deeply in love with our Savior and then to take this love back into your home church.

Georgia folks taught Alabama folks, who are teaching Miss. folks how to do this. The retreat April 24-27 will be called Miss. #1. It is our maiden voyage behind the wheel. Ellen and I went in Nov. when the Alabama folks put it on for Miss. pilgrims. Awesome.

The only rule is: you need to come Thursday night and plan to stay until Sunday afternoon. It is an integrated whole and if you leave early, it's not good.

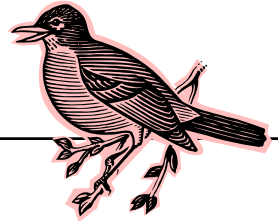
We can take 36 pilgrims. No church is supposed to send more than 6. The Coast churches are holding back to give other churches a chance to send folks. I think it would be marvelous if JJW could send 3 or 4. Then, in October, they can be on staff and encourage others from JJW to come.

I encourage you to send this letter to your elders, your PNC and your congregation. Put my name down as sponsor. It's first come, first serve, so don't delay. Right now we've got openings.

I really hope you will get involved in Cursillo. Let me know how I can help.

Blessings, Steve

THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL



USHER/GREETER TEAM

John H. White, Jr., Captain
 John Drummond
 Stacey Moak
 Steve Price
 Tommy Ratcliff
 Mark Statham

FLOWERS

6 Maxine Brock
 13 Rusty Whittington
 20 Jackson Jones
 27 M/M Barry Hart

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Meredith Rawlings
 3 James Whitney Rawlings
 Sue White
 16 Bill Catchings, Jr.
 Kay Robinson
 Tommy Catchings
 19 Lee (DeCoux) Williams
 20 William Addison Burris IV
 24 Mrs. Jimmy (Leslie) Dykes
 27 Tom Warren Wild

BE KIND

Be kind to others, for God loves them as much as He does you. They may not dress, talk, or live the same way you do, but He still loves us all. Please try to get along, for His sake. Each of us was created to be different in some way. (It would be too boring if we were all alike!) So, be kind!

Love is of God.



Isaiah 35:1-2

ELDER of the MONTH

SUSAN WHITE
 684-7552
 or
 810-0094

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6 Susan White
 13 Libby Simo
 20 Susan Gibbes
 27 Lauren Jones

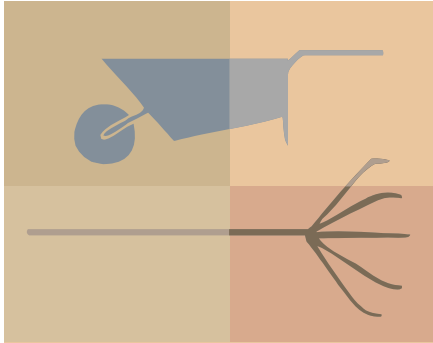
**Continental Breakfast
 & Fellowship
 Ewell Martin Room
 each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

6 Libby Simo
 13 Becky Morgan
 20 Renee Belote
 27 Betty Penick/Margy Wicker

Spring Cleanup

Dear J.J. White Friends,

The Christian Education Committee (Susan White, chair) is organizing a fun day to spruce up our gym and playground area. Details are below. We'll see you there.



- **Where:** Clean up of gym and playground area at JJ White MPC
- **When:** Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 am until noon*
- **Who:** For all ages—no one is too young or too old to help!

**Please bring a broom, rake, work gloves,
or you name it.**

A picnic lunch will be provided by the Christian Education Committee.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Day Circle** will meet at in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, April 8, at noon.

The **Night Circle** will meet April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Beth Wild.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

April 11-12 will be Girl Scout work Days

April 18 Handicapped Prom

April 20 Girl Scout Farewell Ceremony

DESIDERATA

(found in Old St. Paul's Church in Baltimore, Maryland, 1692)

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; listen to others, even the dull and ignorant, for they, too, have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons. They are vexations to the spirit

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Youth (6-7:30) Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	3 12:00 noon MICA Board meeting, 1st Christian Church 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	4 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	5
6 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers 6:00 p.m. Session meets	7	8 12 noon—FH Day Circle 6 p.m. Night Circle meets w/Beth Wild	9 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Youth (6-7:30) Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	10 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	11 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	12 Girl Scout Work Day
13 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	14	15	16 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Youth (6-7:30) Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	17 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	18 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn) Girl Scout Prom	19 9:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup in the Gym and Rec. Area
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Music Director	Dr. Dana Lamar
Youth Director	Rev. Eamon McGraw
Secretary	Mrs. Judy Deer
Treasurer	Mr. Whitney Rawlings
Janitors	Mrs. Lannette Williams, Mrs. Deborah Lee
Nursery	Pat Bates, Jackie Moore, Lynda Martin

THE SESSION:

Bill Mitchell, Becky Morgan, Billie Nance, Tommy Ratcliff,
Whitney Rawlings, Susan White, Bubber White, Beth Wild, Ron Yates.
