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Join us each week
for Bible study,
worship and
fellowship.

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
5:30 p.m. Fellowship
supper
6:00 p.m. Adult, youth,
and children
activities
6:30 p.m. Choir practice

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MISSION TRIP

Sign up to go to Mississippi Gulf Coast in July. Help victims of Hurricane Katrina rebuild their homes and lives. For more information, call :

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Bill Mitchell 601-249-3243
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EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Communion

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Morning Worship Service

Sunday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATIONS

 by Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard

As I'm writing this, I'm re-watching the movie, *Prince Caspian* based on the book by C.S. Lewis. It's the second book and movie in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series, and it continues following the children Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy as they journey from England into the magical land of Narnia that is ruled by the mighty king Aslan. But when they return, they discover that Narnia is not as they left it. Hundreds of years have gone by since they were in Narnia a mere year ago, and the land is at war. But more than that, the people don't believe in Aslan anymore; they think the wise and mighty lion who freed them from eternal winter has deserted them.

In the course of the movie, the children keep wondering where Aslan has gone to and why he isn't there anymore. As they are hiking one day, Lucy looks across the river and sees Aslan; she gets incredibly excited and tells the others, but when they look again, the lion's not there. Peter, the eldest brother asks why he wasn't the one who saw Aslan, and Lucy replies, "maybe you weren't looking."

Just as Aslan ended the perpetual winter for the people of Narnia, so Christ comes into our lives to end our own winter and bring spring into our lives. So many people claim that they don't believe in God, but how many of them are really looking? So many Christians complain that God isn't really doing anything in their lives and in the world, but how many of them are really looking? This Easter season, let's not only remember the miraculous resurrection that Jesus gave us, but let's stop and look around for what Christ is doing in our lives. Because God's presence in our world is clear for us to see when we look at the beautiful flowers in bloom and hold newborn babies. The resurrection, just like the bloom of spring, is the promise of new life and God's presence in our lives, if we would only look for it.

WELCOME!

Janell Herring was received by the session as a new member of J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, March 1, 2009. Janell has already been actively involved in working with the Fellowship Committee on Wednesday evenings.



Bradley Alan Howell

was born Wednesday, March 18, at 1:30 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz., and was 20 1/2 in. long. His parents are Katie and Brad Howell.

Alan is also welcomed by his grandparents, Tommy and Jane Walman, and great-grandmothers, Bae Magruder and Marie Howell, all of McComb.



David Kirkfield Gibbes

was born Wednesday, March 25, at 7:57 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21 in. long. His parents are Susan and Chip Gibbes and he has one brother, Henry.

Kirk is also welcomed by his grandparents, David and Delores Feldman of Summit, and grandparents Chip and Mary Bell Gibbes, and great-grandmother Mrs. Walter Henry Gibbes, of Learned, MS.

Children

MAKE WORSHIP A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Worship is a family experience. Look over the following ideas to help make this a positive family experience.

Relax! God put the wiggle in children – don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and to hear what is going on.

Use a gentle touch: an arm around your child's shoulder, your hand in his/hers to give reassurance and appropriate redirection.

Quietly explain the service.

Help your child find the pages in the Hymnal. Do not become distressed if your child is unable to find the proper page.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying yours.

If your child needs to leave the service, feel free to do so – please come back!

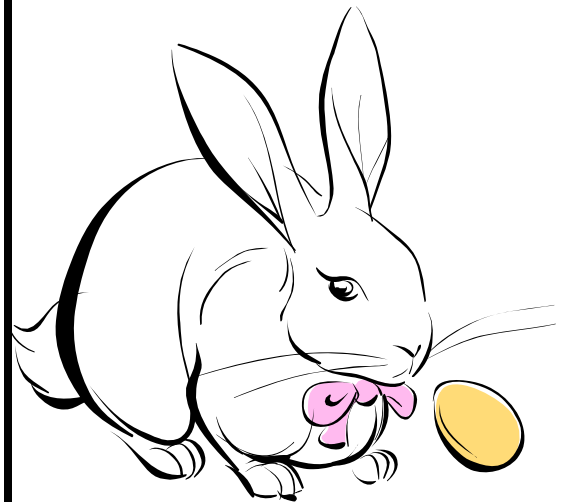
Always remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they re-spond to church. Let them know that they are at home at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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**Vacation Bible School 2009
June 22—26**

“Camp Edge”

We will be joining Centenary this year at their church.
To volunteer, please call Susan White, 601-684-7552.



EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

**Saturday, April 11
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**At home of Billie and Johnny Nance
2318 Arrowhead Drive**

**Fun, food and games.
Bring a friend!**

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Our first GAME NIGHT, held on Friday, March 27, was a GREAT SUCCESS! Over 25 people came to play games and enjoy snacks.

We're planning MOVIE NIGHT for Friday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. Plan now to attend and bring a friend.

Missions Conference 2009

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Mission's Conference such a success. It was fun!

Missions pledges so far exceed \$22,000. For more pictures, see our website www.jjwhitememorial.org

The Red Cross collected twenty-four units of blood from donors on Saturday (35 had signed up—some were ineligible.) The drive was to benefit Tommy Morgan, who recently needed a great deal of blood during an emergency surgery.



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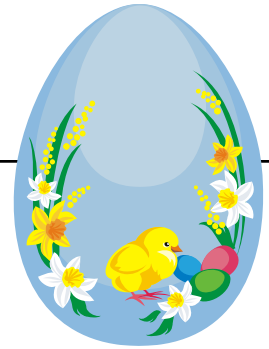
Presbyterian Women by Renee Belote

The Presbyterian Women of the Mississippi Presbytery met at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gulfport, MS, on Saturday, March 14 for their 21st Annual Gathering. Eighty people were present. A budget for 2009-2010 and a slate of leaders were accepted. Pam McDonald from First Presbyterian Church in Natchez will be the new moderator.

On July 22-24, 2009 at Starkville, MS, Dr. Mary Mikhael from Beirut, Lebanon will be the guest speaker at the AL/MS Conference. She is the author of our Bible study for next year. [Joshua: A Journey of Faith](#). This is an excellent opportunity. I hope we can get a group to go. I will be mailing out more info.

2009	Looking Ahead	
APR		
09	Maundy Thursday Communion 6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
11	Eggstravaganza for children 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	Home of Billie and Johnny Nance
12	Easter Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
25	Movie Night—all ages 6:30 p.m.	New Fellowship Hall
30-May 3	Cursillo Retreat	Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg
JUN		
22-26	Vacation Bible School	Centenary United Methodist Church
JUL		
22-24	PW AL/MS Conference	Starkville, MS
26-29	Gulf Coast Mission Trip	Long Beach, MS

THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL



USHER/GREETER TEAM

Tommy Ratcliff, Captain
John Drummond
Stacey Moak
Steve Price
Mark Statham

FLOWERS

5 Palm Sunday
12 Easter lilies
19 M/M Whitney Rawlings
26 Mr. Jackson Jones

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

1 Bill Mitchell,
David Feldman
8 Richard Holmes,
Phil Terrell
15 Carl Lazenby,
Whit Whittington
22 Steve Blue,
Tom Dupree
29 Whitney Rawlings,
Jimmy C. Robertson



Jesus is risen from the dead!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

1 Meredith (Rawlings) Singley
3 James Whitney Rawlings
Sue White
16 Bill Catchings, Jr.
Kay Robinson
17 Tommy Catchings
19 Lee (DeCoux) Williams
27 Tom Warren Wild

ELDER of the MONTH

SUSAN WHITE
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Continental Breakfast & Fellowship

Ewell Martin Room
each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

5 Suzi Drummond
12 Beth & Noggin Wild
19 Mary Ann Ratcliff
26 Susan White

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5 Libby Simo
12 Lee Williams
19 Angie Simmons
26 Billie Nance

Coming Events . . .

- The Mission Pike County Prayer Group will meet at our church on Thursday, April 2, at 7:a.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Please join us on April 9 for a Maundy Thursday Communion Service. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

EASTER HONORARIUMS/MEMORIALS

Please fill out a form (in the bulletins) or contact the church office by Tuesday, April 7, to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter or to make a donation to any of our church programs.

Cost of the lilies: \$10 each.

Presbyterian Women

Day Circle meets Tuesday, April 14, at noon in the fellowship hall.

Nigh Circle meets Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Wood.

**The Girl Scouts will host their annual
“Prom for the Handicapped” on Friday, April 17th.
Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated on April 19.
Their Farewell Service will be held on April 19
at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>He's the "Lily of the Valley"!</i></p> 			<p>1</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>2 7:00 a.m. FH Mission Pike County Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. (E. M. Rm.) Knutty Knitters</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Girl Scout Work Day</p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday</p> <p>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</p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Good Friday</p>	<p>11 EGGSTRAVAGANZA 10 a.m. at home of M/M Johnny Nance</p>
<p>12 Easter</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>PW Day Circle, 12 noon, FH PW Night Circle 6 p.m. with Carol Wood</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Girl Scout Prom for the Handicapped</p>	18
<p>19 Girl Scout Sunday</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Nursing Home visitation</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>Movie Night 6:30 p.m. (FH)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers</p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters</p>		

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Nursery	Mrs. Pat Bates, Mrs. Lynda Young

THE SESSION:

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