

JJ white memorial presbyterian church

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Join us 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. Chancel choir

Missions Conference

Feb 26, 27,28

Ben Mathes
Expositor



Resolve...

- To pray.
- To read the Bible.
- To attend church.
- To care for others.
- To love the Lord.
- To have the best year ever!

Can you believe it's already January?

Time to put up the trees and the tinsel and get ready for another year. And with the new year comes new resolutions. So what have you decided to do? Are you going to lose weight? Be kinder? Get out of debt?

I must confess to you all that New Year's Resolutions and I don't work well together; I have a hard enough time keeping my Lenten resolutions, and that only lasts 40 days much less the whole year! And however hard or easy it is for you to keep your resolutions, I think it's important that we keep trying. I'm sure you've heard the saying, "God loves us enough just as we are not to leave us there." God loves us all, but he wants us to be better, to be closer to him. And God will draw us near to him if we will offer our hearts.

So this year, let's make a resolution not only as individuals, but as the church, as the community of faith to be open to God's work in our lives. Let's decide right now that we want God to be in the center of our lives together, and that we will follow where God leads regardless of the cost.


Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

We don't need the whole path to be illuminated all at once; just enough for one foot after another. So in the coming year, may we all have enough faith to keep taking one step at a time and together, let's see where God takes us.

Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard



Music Notes... from your Director



First I want to thank the Chancel Choir for their fantastic presentation on Sunday, December 20th.

The “Ceremony of Candles” cantata was a quality presentation and will long be remembered as one of your finest gifts to both the community and the J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church family. Your long hours of hard work on the cantata, both during choir rehearsal and at home, allowed us to reach our ultimate goal for the performance: creating beautiful music while sharing the message of the Advent season.

I personally look forward to 2010 as a time to share the love of Jesus Christ through music and the spoken word.

In His service,
Dr. Roger G. Nickerson
Director of Music

What does the Bible say about worship and expression of our faith through music?

- PRAISE: Psalm 150 “Praise ye the Lord.. praise Him with the trumpet: Praise Him with the psaltery and harp....”
- THANKSGIVING: Psalm 92:1-3 “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and sing praises unto thy name, O most High. To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night. Upon an instrument of 10 strings, and upon the psaltery, upon the harp with a solemn sound.”
- COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP: Mark 14:26 “And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.”
- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Psalm 33: 1 & 3 “Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for praise is comely for the upright.....Sing unto Him a NEW song, play skillfully with a loud noise.”
- THE BIRTH OF CHRIST: Luke 2, The Christmas Message !
- ONE WITH CHRIST: When we are one with Christ there is an inner song—a harmony of the soul. Church music, therefore, becomes not only an outer form of praise, but also an inner one. Ephesians 5:19 relates “Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody IN YOUR HEART to the Lord.”



WELCOME!

New members join J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church



Left to right: Dianne Solomon, Martha Simmons, Spike Simmons, Ann Jackson, Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard.

Dianne Solomon was received by the Session as a member of J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church upon transfer of her letter from Centenary United Methodist Church, McComb on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

Dianne and her husband, Hallem Solomon, live in McComb. (His mother, Genevieve Solomon—who recently celebrated her 100th birthday—is a long time member of the church.)

Dianne is an employee of Edgewood Interiors where, according to owner Billie Nance, she is not only Manager of all inside sales, but also “Morale Officer”.

Spike and Martha Simmons were received by the Session as members of J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church upon transfer of their letters from Centenary United Methodist Church, McComb, on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

Spike and Martha live in McComb, and also have a home at Lake Dixie Springs in Summit. Spike is the Commercial Application Manager for the John Deere company and Martha, a realtor, owns Simmons Real Estate in McComb.

Ann Carruth Jackson was received by the Session as a member of J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church upon transfer of her letter from the First Baptist Church of Summit on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

Ann, a native of Summit, recently moved back to Lake Dixie Springs after living several years in Ocean Springs, MS, with her husband—the late Colville Jackson—where they trained award-winning Portuguese Water dogs. Since returning to Pike County Ann has resumed her career as an artist, and currently exhibits in galleries across the Southeast.

ADVENT was a music-filled season at J. J. White!

CAROLS....

The evening of December 13 church members went caroling.

Visits included the homes of **Carl and Joan McDaniel, Newt and Mary Lucille James, Petey and Marge Smith, Tommy and Emily Austin, and Dr. Whip and Joan Kennedy.** Afterwards, singers returned to the church for hot chocolate and cookies.



HARPS...

On December 6, harpist and vocalist **Kristen Smith** performed an original composition during the Morning Worship Service.



MUSICALS...

“Baby Jesus, We Love You”

The newly formed Children’s Choir presented the musical “Baby Jesus, We Love You” on Sunday, December 13. They received a standing ovation for their exuberant rendition!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR meets each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. following the Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper. Dr. Roger Nickerson incorporates Bible studies with singing and choir etiquette.

Susan Gibbes, and Libby Simo take turns with crowd control. The children are having FUN!

Please bring your own children, grandchildren or little neighbors—it is truly an experience they will never forget.



2010 Upcoming Events

JAN

- 8** **Registration deadline for PW Winter Retreat**
Registration form online at www.jjwhitememorial.org
and at the church office.
- 10** **Ordination and Installation of Elders**
10:30 a.m.
Class of 2013
Segment of Morning Worship Service
- 16** **Elder Retreat**
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Home of Mike and Renee Belote
Rev. Clarissa Youngblood-Fuentes will be conducting
a visioning retreat.
- 22—23** **15th Annual PW Winter Retreat**
REGISTRATION DEADLINE JAN 8
- “Singing the Faith: The Music That Enhances Our Worship”
Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard and Dana Lamar
- Jan 22
3:00 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Welcome
7:30 p.m. Retreat
Jan 23
7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Retreat
11:30 a.m. Lunch

FEB

- 7** **Boy Scout Sunday**
Open house and dedication of Schroeder house
- 12—13** **Kaleidoscope**
A delightful learning experience with other leaders,
teachers, and musicians in the Presbytery of MS.
First Trinity Presbyterian Church, Laurel, MS
- 26—28** **Missions Conference**
Rev. Ben Mathes, Expositor
Special activities for children

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- 22—25** **Cursillo**
Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg

Do You Have News?

Please contact Beth Wild to include news or pictures in upcoming issues of the JJW Newsletter.

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*Make friends—
make a difference.
Get involved!*

- **SCOUT HOUSE.** The JJW BOY SCOUT cub pack is working on the Schroeder house and they **need any old furniture that can be donated.** They plan to have an open house and dedication ceremony on February 7, BOY SCOUT SUNDAY.
- **DO-RE-MI-FA...BASSES AND SOPRANOS NEEDED.** Try out the choir—you'll be glad you did. Fun group.
- **GRILLIN'.** Are you a grill master? Or wannabe? Contact Billie Nance and volunteer to stoke the flames for Wednesday evenings or special events. Call or text her at 601-341-1176.
- **13 .** The Seekers SS class is starting a new study: The Thirteen Apostles by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Come this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to find out about their personalities and passions.

NEWS

- **Janell Herring** will assume duties as our new Church Librarian in February. Visit our new location on 2nd Floor. Watch for new children's section with books and DVDs!
- **Betty Penick and the Knutty Knitters** have started a day session and welcome all beginners! Come experience the joys of knitting and fellowship on Tuesdays, 1:00 p. m.—3:0 p.m. (And, as always, Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)
- The **Offering Envelopes** for 2010 are available in the church office.
- Current lists of **prayer requests** are available each Sunday in the Morning Worship Service bulletin. Call the church office (601-684-4189) if you would like to receive a copy of the list, or make a request for prayers.

Walking with a Purpose

By Berde Nickerson

“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” I John 2:6 (KJV)

Did you know that the word ‘walk’ appears over 380 times in the Bible?

It must be important to walk. To walk with God. walk by faith, walk in the light, walk through the valley, walk and not faint—the list goes on and on. God wants us to walk in an attitude of prayer and while walking is good exercise it is also an excellent time to have a talk with God.

I walk every day with my dog Dickens, and very often we are alone in Hollywood Cemetery. It is not necessary for me to use a leash, as Dickens knows exactly where I am. He runs about, chasing a bird or a squirrel, but never strays far; I center my thoughts on God and pray for those concerns that are on my mind.

Two or three times a week I do meet other friends walking their dogs, and we stop and share thoughts and news or family concerns. This is an opportunity to enlarge my prayer list and add their concerns to my own. It is also a wonderful time to count my blessings, sing a hymn or just praise God.

And I do praise God for Dickens—who is my constant pal.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT STUDIES

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall
Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard

2010

JAN

6

The Liturgical Calendar

13, 20, 27

The Ministry of Hospitality

FEB

3

The Ministry of Hospitality

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Introduction to Lent

17

Ash Wednesday Service

24

The Lenten Journey

MAR

3, 10, 17, 24, 31

The Lenten Journey



Greetings from Belize

My name is Shane O'Neill. I am an ER doctor from Huntsville, Alabama. I have had the pleasure to serve at the Patchacan Medical Clinic this November and December and will continue to do so this upcoming January. I am here with my wife, Charity, and our four boys, Hudson (6), Bram (4), Grattan (2) and Athan (1).

We have been blessed by your support. We have been able to use the Ford Explorer that you all have been a part of funding for the ministry here in Belize. We have used it for a variety of things, including a couple of family getaways (Altun Ha, Cayo District),

transporting people to Sunday services in Caledonia (about a 30 minute drive south of here) and obtaining groceries from Corozal - for ourselves and the clinic.

Thank you very much for providing this means of transportation for us. It has helped us in our ministry here and for that we are eternally thankful.

We have been writing a blog about our trip at www.calledtobelize.blogspot.com - you can see what we have been up to thus far, and follow our experiences as they unfold over the next month, if you would like.

Yours truly,
Shane O'Neill



THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY



USHER/GREETER TEAM

Tommy Ratcliff, Captain
John Drummond
Stacey Moak
Johnny Nance
Mark Statham

FLOWERS

3 D/M Roger Nickerson
10 M/M John Drummond
17 Sharon White
24 D/M Van Simmons
31 Vicki Brill

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Chetta Hitt (1917)
1 Betty Lee (1923)
2 Nancy McElwee
7 Joan McDaniel (1929)
10 Toni James
15 Mark Statham
16 Marie Wells
17 Tommy Morgan
18 Louise Andrews
23 Ralph Brock
23 Jamie Hart
23 (Amos Hood)
25 Tommy Ratcliff
30 Bill Jones
31 Henry Gibbes IV
31 Roger Nickerson

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

6 Randy Burris,
Benny May
13 Bill Mitchell,
David Feldman
20 Phil Terrell,
Kennon Singley
27 Carl Lazenby,
Whit Whittington



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . .”

ELDER of the MONTH

SUSAN WHITE

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 (Jennifer Brill)
13 Emily Austin
14 (Roger Price)
20 Donna Smith
20 Susan F. Gibbes
21 Margaret Ann Morgan
21 Sam White
22 Hannah Catchings
23 Lillian White
24 Lucille Bleckley

Continental Breakfast & Fellowship each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

3 Nickersons
10 Ratcliffs
17 Rawlings
24 Belote
31 M. Singley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3 Susan Gibbes
10 Linda Miller
17 Susan White
24 Libby Simo
31 Lee Williams

Coming Events . . .

January

3	Roger Nickerson preaching
6	regular Wed. activities resume
10	Elder Ordination and Installation
16	Elder Retreat at Belote home, 9 a.m. –3 p.m.
17	Rev. Clarissa Fuentes preaching
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (office closed)
22-23	Women's Retreat, Chatawa

The Faith and Fiction Book Club for Women will meet at Centenary UMC on Thursday, January 14, from 7-8:30 p.m. to discuss "The Year of Living Biblically", by Al Jacobs.



From the book jacket: Raised in a secular family but increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in our modern world, AJ Jacobs decides to dive in headfirst and attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year. He vows to follow the Ten Commandments. To be fruitful and multiply. To love his neighbor. But also to obey the hundreds of less publicized rules: to avoid wearing clothes made of mixed fibers; to play a ten-string harp; to stone adulterers. The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, reverend and irreverent, personal and universal and will make you see history's most influential book with new eyes.

Elizabeth's comment: I love this book; it has been a long-time favorite of mine, and I encourage everyone to read it!

Presbyterian Women

Night Circle will meet Monday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m. with Carol Wood.

Day Circle will meet Tuesday, January 12, at 12 noon in the fellowship hall.

Please sign up for your 2010 Contribution Envelopes as soon as you can!
They are available in the church office during the week,
and in the Third Street foyer on Sundays.

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9
9:00 Refreshments 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 Vespers		1 pm New Knitters	7:30 am Men's B'fast 5:30 Supper 6:00 Adult Bible Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 Chancel Choir	7 pm Knotty Knitters		
10 Elder Ordination & Installation	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 Refreshments 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 Vespers	6 p.m. Night Circle of P. W. meets with Carol Wood	12 noon Day Circle of P. W., <u>FH</u> 1:00 pm New Knitters	7:30 a.m. Men's B'fast 5:30 Supper 6:00 Adult Bible Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 Chancel Choir	7 pm Knotty Knitters		Session Retreat 9 am—3 pm Belote home
17 Rev. Clarissa Fuentes	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 Refreshments 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 Vespers	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <i>(office closed)</i>	1 pm New Knitters	7:30 a.m. Men's B'fast 5:30 Supper 6:00 Adult Bible Study, Children, Nursery 6:30 Chancel Choir	7 pm Knotty Knitters	P. W. Retreat, Chatawa	P. W. Retreat, Chatawa
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard
Music Director	Dr. Roger Nickerson
Accompanist	Mr. Roger Price
Secretary	Mrs. Judy Deer
Treasurer	Mr. Whitney Rawlings
Janitors	Mrs. Lannette Williams, Mrs. Deborah Lee
Nursery	Mrs. Pat Bates, Mrs. Lynda Young

THE SESSION:

Renee Belote, Chip Gibbes, Bill Mitchell, , Tommy Ratcliff, Phil Terrell,
Whitney Rawlings, Sharon White, Susan White, Noggin Wild, Ron Yates.

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