

JJ white memorial presbyterian church



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McComb, Mississippi

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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

**In the Book of Genesis
we read, "so God created hu-
mankind in his image, in the
image of God he created
them; male and female he cre-
ated them" (1:27).**

If you're like me, you've read the story of creation many times so this one particular verse doesn't contain anything you haven't heard before. We all know that we're made in the image of God, but none of us seems to know what exactly that means.

Some think that God must look exactly like a human; others argue that God must be a man or must be a woman; some say that because we have the ability to reason, we are in God's image. The truth is, no one knows for sure what exactly it means when we say that we are made in the

image of God; this is one of those questions we'll have to ask when we all get to heaven someday.

But even though we can't fully explain God's image, we can still act as God does. The best representation we, as Christians, have of who God is was in the life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus (the Word Incarnate) and the Bible (the written Word) were and are the best example of God's love and mercy for all of humankind, so we turn to Scripture to ask ourselves what does it mean to be made in the image of God? How should that affect my day-to-day living? How will this change the way I treat others?

As I said earlier, this is a familiar concept. But I was recently reading a devotion from *The Grand Sweep* by J. Ellsworth Kalas where he posed the question in a different way: Could a neutral observer ever see in me evidence that I am made in the image of God and that the breath of God is in me?

This question rephrased the issue in a new way for me, and it has given me much to think about. I hope that Kalas's question will be thought-provoking for you as well as we all seek to make JJ White Memorial Presbyterian Church a welcoming and inviting place for members and visitors alike.

Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard

Rev. Gabbard with Lydia Williams at Dinner on the Grounds.



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Welcome!

Adalie Carmen Terrell

was born Tuesday, June 16, and weighed 8 lb., 2 oz. She is the daughter of Philip and Shiloh Terrell of McComb.

Also welcoming Adalie are grandparents Liz and Phil Terrell of McComb, Betsy Enochs of Summit, and Eddie and Sherrie Forman of Busy Corner.



Farewell...



Dr. Dana Lamar retired as Music Director and Organist at J. J. White Memorial after four years of dedicated service.

The church honored her with a luncheon held after the morning worship service on her retirement day, Sunday, June 28. A contribution was made by the church to MICA in her honor, and Rev. Gabbard presented her with a scrapbook of memories and pictures from the choir.

Dr. Lamar will be devoting more time to travel, especially to see her children and grandchildren. Dana promised to return, on occasion, as guest organist.

<i>2009</i>	<i>Looking Ahead</i>	
<i>JUL</i>		
16	Young Adult Dinner, 6:30 p.m.	Melisa Hutchison's house: 1073 Brandon Drive, McComb Nursery opens at church at 6:00 p.m.
22-24	PW MS/AL Conference	Starkville, MS: See Renee Belote to register.
26-31	Mission Trip	Hurricane Katrina Reconstruction: Gulfport, MS
25-Aug 9	Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard away	Continuing education leave and vacation. In emergency, please call church office (601-684-4189) elder on call for July (Bill Mitchell 601-249-3423) or August (Becky Morgan 601-551-9836).
<i>OCT</i>		
10	Presbytery Meeting, 9:00 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church, Natchez, MS
22-25	Cursillo	Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg, MS

Dinner on the Grounds



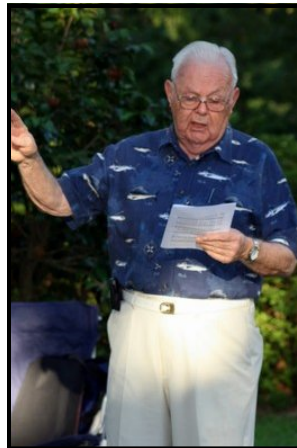
The kids had a blast at Dinner on the Grounds in May at the home of Chip and Susan Gibbes...and the grown-ups did, too.

Chip Gibbes smoked up tons of incredible pulled pork and everyone else brought sides and desserts. Deviled eggs, potato salad, cakes, pies, baked beans. Yum!

Water sliding, singing, baby-toting, eating and visiting....what a great way to start the Summer!.



Photos by
Tommy Morgan



David Kimble gets a kiss after church from his youngest great-grandchild, **Kelly Davis**.

Kelly and her parents, Micah and Clancy Young Davis, were visiting over the July 4th weekend. They reside in Houston, TX.

David has been a member of J. J. White since 1950. He has served as elder and Sunday School teacher, and is retired from 38 years of management positions with the Kellwood Company.



Susan Gabbard, mother of Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard, was guest organist on Sunday, July 5.

Susan lives in Ft. Smith, AR, where she is Organist for First Presbyterian Church.

THANK YOU!

...to all those who helped with our All-Inclusive Bible Day Camp at the church. We had about 25 kids each day who learned about what it means to be a Good Samaritan.

Also thank you to all those who volunteered and attended Vacation Bible School. Combined with Centenary United Methodist and the Episcopal Church of the Mediator-Redeemer, we had about 70 kids each day. We all had a great time learning how to live on the Edge (Experience and Discover God Everywhere).

Annual Alabama-Mississippi P. W. Conference

July 22-24 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Starkville

The Bible study will be on Joshua, with emphasis on the Middle East.

Registration fee of \$100 is immediately (includes 4 meals).

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 a.m. Men's B'fast 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study; Children; Nursery	2 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	3	4 Independence Day
5 Communion 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	6	7	8 7:00 a.m. Men's B'fast 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study; Children; Nursery	9 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	10	11
12 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	13	14	15 7:00 a.m. Men's B'fast 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study; Children; Nursery	16 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Dinner at Melisa Hutchison's 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	20 3:00 p.m. Nursing Home visitation	21	22 7:00 a.m. Men's B'fast 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study; Children; Nursery	23 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	27 J. J. White MPC Mission Team leaves for the Gulf Coast	28	29 7:00 a.m. Men's B'fast 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study; Children; Nursery	30 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	31 Mission Team returns	

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY



USHER/GREETER TEAM

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

FLOWERS

5 Communion
12 Stacey Moak
19 David Kimble
26 Rose Ann Johnson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 John Drummond
6 Renee Belote
Laris Mitchell
7 Suzi Drummond
Thelma Sterling
8 Mary Frances Carruth
12 (Carolyn Ray)
13 Lydia Williams
20 June Hart
22 Bae Magruder
23 Newton H. James
28 Linda Miller
29 Conner Simmons
30 Nicole Faucett

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

1 John Drummond,
Randy White
8 Noggin Wild,
Tommy Ratcliff
15 Randy Burris,
Benny May
22 Bill Mitchell,
David Feldman
29 Phil Terrell



Psalm 139:11-12
“ . . . Darkness is as light
to You.”

ELDER of the MONTH

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Will Robison
4 Keith Sanders
5 Bessie Neal
(Nicole Pelengaris)
8 Lauren (Brock) Jones
14 Jane Walman
16 Phil Terrell
18 Beverly Yates
19 Ron Yates
25 (Drew Parker)
26 John Boyd
28 Velma Fly
30 Eileen Cato
Will Dowling

Continental Breakfast & Fellowship

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

5 Betty Penick.,
Margie Wicker
12 Bill Mitchell
19 Mary Ann Ratcliff
26 Beth & Tom Wild

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5 Billie Nance
12 Susan Gibbes
19 Libby Simo
26 Lee Williams

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Secretary	Mrs. Judy Deer
Treasurer	Mr. Whitney Rawlings
Janitors	Mrs. Lannette Williams, Mrs. Deborah Lee
Nursery	Mrs. Pat Bates, Mrs. Lynda Young

THE SESSION:

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