

# JJ white memorial presbyterian church



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March 2009

## 2009 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

"Let Us Be  
Harvesters of Men"

March 6—8

### Fri., Mar. 6

6:30 p.m. Church service followed by dessert reception

### Sat., Mar. 7

8:00 a.m. Breakfast & Mission presentation  
9:00 a.m. Garden Mission project & Blood drive.  
6:30 p.m. Fish fry, special music, and mission presentation.

### Sun., Mar 8

9:00 a.m. Breakfast followed by Sunday School Missions presentation.  
10:30 a.m. Worship service followed by luncheon.

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

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www.jjwhitememorial.org

## KALEIDOSCOPE 2009



Pictured left to right: Renee Belote, Charles Ray, Susan White, Whitney Rawlings, Carol Rawlings.

J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church members Renee Belote, Whitney and Carol Rawlings, and Susan White, as well as Magnolia Presbyterian Church pastor Charles Ray, attended Kaleidoscope at First-Trinity in Laurel, MS, on Saturday, February 14. They attended workshops on Christian education and heard a presentation by former Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Joan Gray.

This annual meeting of the presbytery brings together resources and Christian educators, and promotes the exchange of creative ideas among our Presbytery of Mississippi congregations.

## MISSION TRIP

Sign up to go to Mississippi Gulf Coast in early or mid-June. Help victims of Hurricane Katrina rebuild their homes and lives. For more information, call or email:

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# WELCOME!

## New members Heather and Nicole Faucett



### Sisters Heather and Nicole

**Faucett** were received by the session as members of J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 22, by transfer of their letters from Tangipahoa Baptist Church. They join their mother, Vicky Brill, who has been a member for several years.

Both sisters live in Summit, and work in the medical field. Nicole is employed by Kings Daughters Hospital in Brookhaven as a laboratory technician. Heather works in McComb at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in the X-Ray department as receptionist and technician.

Pictured left to right: Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard, Heather Faucett, Nicole Faucett, Vicky Brill.

## Let's Get Physical!

For those of us who have trouble motivating ourselves to exercise on our own, I have the solution. Beginning Tuesday, February 17, we will meet for an hour beginning at 8:45 AM, to "Get Physical"! All you need is comfortable clothing, yoga or exercise mat, tennis shoes. The class will be held in the New Fellowship Hall at J. J. White. Starting out we will meet on **Tuesday/Thursday, at 8:45AM**, we may add another day depending on the response. The class will consist of low impact aerobics, strengthening and stretching exercises--all accompanied by great music and easy, but fun combinations!

*Susan White*

601-684-7552, [dancemovementsby@yahoo.com](mailto:dancemovementsby@yahoo.com)

## MEDITATIONS by Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard

In the Christian Church, Lent is known as the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Historically, this time has been set aside for several purposes: for Baptismal candidates to finalize their preparations in order to be baptized on Easter morning; for the excommunicated to return to the community of faith; and for the renewal of the faithful community. But why do we still have Lent today? In the Presbyterian Church today, we don't excommunicate members and we allow persons to be baptized on Sundays other than Easter. This leaves us only the third of the historical purposes: for the renewal of the faithful. So how do we do that?

Lent is a largely unpopular liturgical season. It doesn't have all the excitement and splendor of Advent and Christmas. It isn't as exciting and uplifting as Easter Sunday. But every year we still set aside these 40 days where we walk through the wilderness with our Lord as he prepares to be crucified. It's not an exciting journey, but one that can be difficult and lonely. But it's still important. It's important that we go through a dry, wilderness time as the people of God, looking for the face of God together. It's important that we go through this time, encouraging one another on our journey. And it's important that we remember how this journey will end even though we're still stuck in the middle. Because Easter's coming. Sunday morning will come once again, and the tomb will be empty. Lent is a chance for us not only to renew our faith, but to be an embodiment of the truth to the world. Lent is a chance for us to say, "I know it's hard now. I know Mondays and Tuesdays and Wednesdays are hard, but Sunday's coming. So hold on. Easter's on its way."

# Don't Forget...

## Daylight Savings Time starts March 8

Don't forget to Spring Forward one hour on Sunday, March 8. We want you to be here on time for *all* the exciting **Missions Conference activities:**

- 9:00 a.m.      **Breakfast in Ewell Martin room**
- 9:30 a.m.      **Sunday School with missionaries**
- 10:30 a.m.    **Worship service, followed by lunch**



# Don't Miss...

## Family Game Night, starting Friday, March 27

6—8 p.m. All ages are invited . Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game.

## MARCH is “Drop By and Visit” Month!



Pictured left to right: Genevieve Solomon, Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard

Mrs. Genevieve Solomon recently moved to Aston Court in McComb. Bess Simmons and Rev. Gabbard stopped by to say “hi”. (Bess took the picture.)

Bess asks that we all take time each week for at least one visit to those in retirement homes, or unable to leave their own home. “You can just drop by,” said Bess. “You don't need to stay long. Just a ten minutes visit means so much.”

These members currently live in retirement homes or nursing facilities. Please call the church office if you would like more information on our shut-ins.

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| <b>Aston Court</b>                 | Lillie Godbold, Genny Solomon  |
| <b>Beacham Memorial Hospital</b>   | Thelma Sterling  |
| <b>Camellia Estates</b>            | Velma Fly, Albert Richardson   |
| <b>McComb Extended Care</b>        | Louise Andrews, Betty Lee, Barbara Travis, Billy Travis, Marie Wells |
| <b>Loyalton of Hattiesburg</b>     | Maxene Williford   |
| <b>Sunnybrook Estates, Madison</b> | Mary Frances Carruth   |

# DATES

<b>2009</b>		
<b>MAR</b>		
6-8	Missions Conference Expositor Ben Mathes	JJWMPC
8	Daylight Savings Time!	Spring clocks forward one hour.
14	PW of MS Annual Gathering	Westminster PC in Gulfport
27	First Family Game Night, 6—8 p. m.	New Fellowship Hall
<b>APR</b>		
30-May 3	Cursillo Retreat	Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg
<b>JUN</b>	Gulf Coast Mission Trip in mid-June	

# CURSILLO

The Mississippi Presbyterian Cursillo (MPC) invites you to a spiritual retreat weekend, April 30—May 3, at Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg. Plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m. that Thursday, and leave by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The weekend is being offered as a FREE GIFT (\$200 value) from some of those who have previously attended. Space is limited. Sign up quickly.  
[www.msprebyteriancursillo.com](http://www.msprebyteriancursillo.com).

Time is growing short. So far, **four from J. J. White Memorial Church have signed up....**



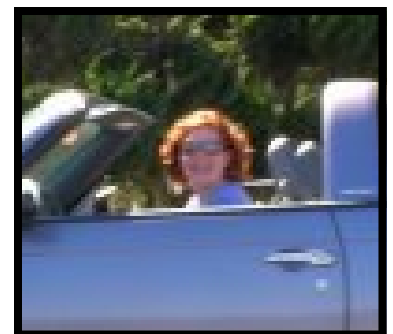
Noggin Wild



Beth Wild



Whitney Rawlings



Elizabeth Gabbard

Do you have news for the next newsletter?

Contact

- Beth Wild (601-551-6319 or [bwild@bellsouth.net](mailto:bwild@bellsouth.net))
- Judy Deer (601-684-4180 or [jjwhitememorial@bellsouth.net](mailto:jjwhitememorial@bellsouth.net)).

# THOSE WHO SERVE IN MARCH

## USHER/GREETER TEAM

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

## FLOWERS

1 Communion  
8 D/M Ralph Brock  
15 M/M Trey Fouche'  
22 M/M David Feldman  
29 M/M Johnny Nance

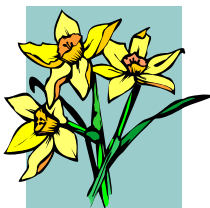


## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4 (Judy Deer)  
5 Flo Boyd  
6 Natalie Simo  
8 Jim McElwee  
11 (Charles Ray)  
Jimmy Robinson  
12 Billie Brock  
Dolores Duczer  
15 Angie Simmons  
Randy White  
23 Betty Penick  
25 Dixie Fouche'  
29 Iddo Enochs  
Karen Sanders  
31 Mary Lucile James

## MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

4 Whitney Rawlings,  
Jimmy C. Robertson  
11 John Drummond,  
Randy White  
18 Noggin Wild,  
Tommy Ratcliff  
25 Randy Burris,  
Benny May



### Psalm 103

"... we grow and flourish  
like a wild flower..."

## ELDER of the MONTH

WHITNEY RAWLINGS  
684-1241  
or  
rawlings@bellsouth.net

## Continental Breakfast & Fellowship

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

1 Renee Belote  
8 Missions Conference  
15 Sharon White  
22 Bill Mitchell  
29 Rusty Whittington

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1 Libby Simo  
8 Lee Williams  
15 Angie Simmons  
22 Billie Nance  
29 Susan White

The Presbyterian Women invite you to join them . . .

- Day Circle will meet in the fellowship hall at noon on Tuesday, March 10.
- Night Circle will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE      March 6-8

Please join us for a special time of prayer, fellowship, and study as we hear from missionaries we help support. We will also learn where God is leading our church (as a whole and as individuals) in the field of missions both locally and worldwide.

Nursing Home Visitation Day

is Monday, March 16, at 3:00 p.m.



Please join us at McComb Extended Care on Locust Street  
for a brief time of singing, prayer, and communion.

**Game Night at the Church!**

**Join us Friday, March 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall  
for a great time of food, games, and fellowship.**

**Everyone needs some “good clean fun” !!**

# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 1st Sun. in Lent</b> 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	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	<b>6</b> <b>MISSIONS</b> 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Dessert Reception, Ewell Martin Rm.	<b>7</b> <b>CONFERENCE</b> 8 am Breakfast 9 am Mission Project; Blood Drive 6:30 pm Fish Dinner
<b>8 2nd Sun. in Lent</b> (Missions Confererence Continues) <b>Daylight Savings Time</b> 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. No Vespers	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> PW Day Circle 12 noon, FH PW Night Circle 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard With	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 3rd Sun. in Lent</b> 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	<b>16</b> 3:00 p.m. Nursing Home visitation	<b>17</b>  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 4th Sun. in Lent</b> 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir	<b>26</b> 7:00 p.m. Knutty Knitters	<b>27</b> Family Game Night—FH	<b>28</b>
<b>29 5th Sun. in Lent</b> 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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Music Director	Dr. Dana Lamar
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, Bubber White, Noggin Wild, Ron Yates.

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