



# J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in McComb, Mississippi

“Believe in Me and grow our church together.” 2023 Mission Statement

2023 SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

## NEW MEMBERS

### Harrell and Nancy Ables

Harrell and Nancy married 33 years ago after meeting through Harrell's mother, who had moved to McComb from New Orleans. They moved back to McComb 4 years ago, having come full circle to their meeting place. Harrell had grown up in New Orleans and moved to Dallas, TX, to attend Christ For The Nations Bible College. He was involved in Christian radio, television and evangelistic ministry through the years. After marriage, the Ables lived in Dallas, then Jackson, then Wesson, where they lived for 20 years.

Both Harrell and Nancy have been in sales and they have renovated several homes. While living in Wesson, Nancy wrote “The Wesson Scene”, published weekly in The Daily Leader and The Copiah Carrier. She also hosted a radio program “Noon in Mississippi” daily on B92 radio station.

Since retiring, Harrell has had more time for prayer and studying the Bible. Both have been involved in nursing home ministry. Nancy enjoys studying gemstones, making jewelry and painting. They love spending time with family and friends, and are thankful for their special church family at J. J. White MPC.



### Sam and Ganeath Daniel

Ganeath, a retired educator, has enjoyed writing and directing school plays and musicals, working with talent shows and pageants, and serving as Minister of Children at West McComb Baptist Church. Ganeath was the Mississippi Director of Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem solving program for gifted and talented students.

Sam, a semi-retired pharmacist, founded Medical Center Pharmacy, was Executive Director of Mississippi Pharmacists Association, and retired in Beaumont, Texas. Sam was an Elder at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church for many years and was a founding member and Clerk of Session at Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church in Madison.

When Sam and Ganeath married in 2015, they were active members of First United Methodist Church where they founded and directed the TNT Senior Activities Group. Today they are Co-Executive Directors of the McComb Railroad Depot Museum and enjoy numerous civic and social clubs.

# SUMMER BOUNTY, HORS D'OEUVRES & CAKE!

On **July 26** we celebrated all with July birthdays by bringing our Summer Bounty dishes to share, then on **August 30** we gathered with potluck appetizers to express Happy Birthday wishes to those born in August.

Just last evening the Fellowship Committee provided the festive decorations, beverages, bread, and salads while the rest of us brought our favorite hors d'oeuvres. In honor of Mrs. Eileen Cato's 104th birthday on August 30, Carol Cato brought multiple glazed bundt cakes with balloons for the centerpiece decoration.



Mrs. Eileen Cato turned 104 on Aug. 30!



Martha and Spike Simmons both have August birthdays.



Dr. Ralph Brock came all the way from Jackson with his daughter, Brenda McIntyre, for a visit with church family.



Everyone had a great time sharing their food and catching up with friends.



# CHURCH NEWS

## ELDER ELECTION ON SEP 24

From Government Committee chairman, Suzi Drummond

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, a Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three Elders to serve on our Session through 2026. The Elder Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of nominees: **Sam Daniel, Robbie DeCoux, and Sarah Ross.**

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

From PNC chairman, Noggin Wild

Greetings from the PNC. We understand if you're feeling impatient and wondering if we'll ever find a new minister. After all, it has been more than a year and a half since Bob retired. However, it is not unusual for the Presbyterian process to take 2-3 years, so stay tuned. We have faith that God has someone specifically in mind for JJWMPC.

So far, your PNC has examined 196 Pastoral Information Forms (resumés) and contacted 69 candidates. Of those contacted, some had already accepted calls, some felt led in different directions, and some expressed interest. We have interviewed thirteen of the 69 candidates who were contacted, but we're still in the search and discernment process.

Please continue your prayers for the PNC and JJWMPC. Also, please feel free to contact any member of the committee (listed below) if you have questions or suggestions.

Blessings, Noggin Wild PNC Chair

PNC Committee Members: Andrew Decoux, (601) 341-0260 Robbie Decoux, (601) 341-0314 Suzi Drummond, (601) 395-0285 Sarah Ross, (601) 395-5721 Joseph Spurgeon, (601) 730-5049 Rusty Whittington, (601) 341-7770 Noggin Wild, (601) 551-9453

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The next PW meeting will be **Tuesday, September 12 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided. The group will be discussing Lesson 2 of Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

meets each Wednesday morning, 7:15 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer and breakfast. All denominations welcome. Participants takes turns preparing breakfast for the group.

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<b>On Sundays:</b> Breakfast 9 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.		
<b>SEP 3</b>	Rev. Chris Richardson	
<b>SEP 10</b>	Rev. Chris Richardson	Session Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
<b>SEP 12</b>	Tuesday	Presbyterian Women meet in Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m.
<b>SEP 17</b>	Rev. Chris Richardson	
<b>SEP 19</b>	Tuesday	Advent Choir Launch at Randy & Susan's - 5:00 p.m.
<b>SEP 24</b>	Rev. Joe Pack Arnold	Congregational Mtg to elect Elders for Class of 2026 Food collection for MICA
<b>SEP 27</b>	Wednesday	Potluck Birthday FIESTA in Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.



## Want to read the NEW TESTAMENT IN 3 MONTHS?

Join the Seekers Sunday School Class Bible reading schedule starting Sunday, **OCTOBER 1, 2023**. You'll be done by December 31, 2023. Text Beth Wild (601-551-6319) for details and to receive a copy of the reading schedule.

## SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH THE CHURCH!

- **Giving does the soul good.**
- **We always need financial support.**
- **There are also ways to give that don't cost a penny. Here are a few:**

### SING IN THE CHOIR THIS ADVENT SEASON!

Please consider a short term commitment that will bring you and others great joy. (I promise, it will be fun.) We will have an **Advent Choir Launch Party on Tuesday, Sep. 19, 5 PM**, at the home of Randy and Susan White. Music Director Jennifer Sanders will introduce us to the music we'll be singing during the Christmas season, then we'll enjoy great food and a fun time together.

Choir rehearses each Tuesday at 5 PM in the choir room at JJWMPC. We gather each Sunday in choir room at 10 AM to briefly rehearse before singing during the Worship Service at 10:30 AM. That's it!

### PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

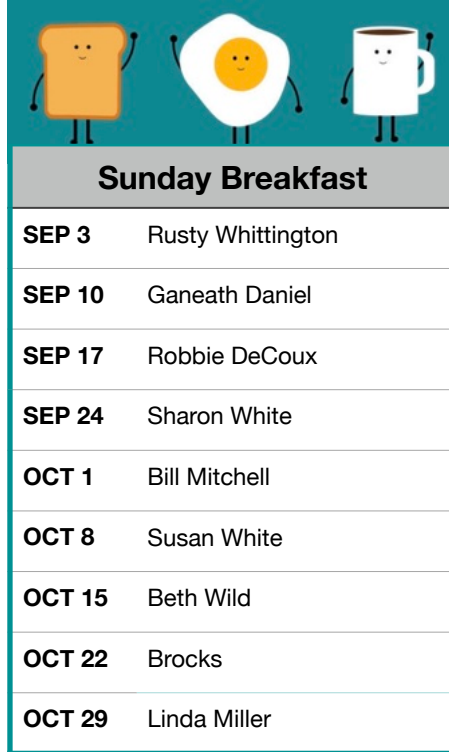
Could you please pray for those on our prayer list? Copies of our Prayer List are available each Sunday in church and are on our website [www.jjwhitememorial.org](http://www.jjwhitememorial.org). Do you or someone you know need prayer? Please send requests to our email [jjwhitememorial@gmail.com](mailto:jjwhitememorial@gmail.com) or call our office, 601-684-4189.

We have prayer warriors in our church who faithfully stay in touch with those on our list and stay tuned to those who need comforting or help. This is a true ministry that blesses all.

### GET INVOLVED

- **Show up** for Sunday breakfast and volunteer taking a turn bringing it.
- **Come** to monthly birthday dinners and volunteer to help the Fellowship Committee prepare.
- **Join** or start a Sunday School class. You'll pray with others and study / learn together.
- **Have tech skills?** Offer to take a rotation filming Sunday services for Facebook.
- **Volunteer** to help with MICA, offer to help our Mission Committee for winter meal service, offer to help Congregational Care Committee with outreach.
- **Come to church** on Sundays.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE VOLUNTEERS!



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

<b>SEP 3</b>	Sharon White
<b>SEP 10</b>	Margy Wicker
<b>SEP 17</b>	Stacey Moak
<b>SEP 24</b>	Lee Williams
<b>OCT 1</b>	Linda Miler
<b>OCT 8</b>	Wayne Hutchison
<b>OCT 15</b>	Dori Toler
<b>OCT 22</b>	Vicki Brill
<b>OCT 29</b>	Debbi & Tommy Brock

### VIDEO TEAM

<b>SEP 3</b>	Ally Allred
<b>SEP 10</b>	Melisa DeCoux
<b>SEP 17</b>	Sarah Ross
<b>SEP 24</b>	Chris Toler
<b>OCT 1</b>	SaraBeth Williams
<b>OCT 8</b>	Ally Allred
<b>OCT 15</b>	Melisa DeCoux
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### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Noggin Wild
- 1 Lily Estes
- 3 Margy Wicker
- 3 Stephen Williams
- 4 Andrew DeCoux
- 5 Gracie Senner
- 5 Ben Thomas
- 6 Patti Brabham
- 7 SaraBeth Williams

### SEPTEMBER

- 10 Bonnie Hudon
- 10 Darrell Smith
- 13 Mary Ann Ratcliff
- 19 Wayne Hutchison
- 20 Carolyn McKay
- 28 Stacey Moak

### OCTOBER

- 2 Evan Parker
- 4 India Warshauer
- 5 Katie Layne Gatlin
- 5 Linda Johnson
- 5 Bill Mitchell
- 5 Johnny Nance
- 5 Whit Williams
- 7 Heidi Lewis
- 8 Melisa DeCoux
- 9 Carson Simmons

### OCTOBER

- 11 Pat Bates
- 11 Kya Cotton
- 11 Lola Gatlin
- 11 Burke Williams
- 13 Valerie Rimes
- 13 Bryan Harbour
- 13 Carri Rowley
- 14 Maxine Brock
- 15 Anna Roberts
- 15 Susan White

### OCTOBER

- 22 Robbie DeCoux
- 25 Rusty Brill
- 25 Lou DeLoach
- 25 Whitney Rawlings
- 25 Charlie White
- 29 Kent Williford
- 30 Keri Sanders
- 30 Debbie Stovall
- 31 Joanna Barr
- 31 David Feldman

# Join us

## THE SESSION

<b>Noggin Wild</b>	Clerk of Session	2025
<b>Linda Miller</b>	Congregational Care	2025
<b>Tommy Brock</b>	Fellowship Committee	2025
<b>Whitney Rawlings</b>	Worship Committee	2024
<b>Suzi Drummond</b>	Government Committee	2024
<b>Melisa DeCoux</b>	Christian Ed. Committee	2024
<b>Randy White</b>	Property Committee	2023
<b>Rusty Whittington</b>	Missions Committee	2023
<b>Dennis Ross</b>	Stewardship Committee	2023

### Moderator

Rev. Dr. Joan Gandy

**Get involved in the life of JJWMPC!**  
See weekly Sunday bulletin for updates.

<b>SUN</b>	9:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship
<b>TUE</b>	11:30 AM	2nd Tuesday each month Presbyterian Women
	5:00 PM	Choir Practice
<b>WED</b>	7:15 AM	Men's Breakfast

**Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends.**

Please contact Beth Wild if you have news for the JJ White MPC newsletter or would like for us to add someone to mailing list.  
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Our church office is open  
**MON-FRI, 10 AM - 2 PM**  
Stephanie Butler, Secretary

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