



# J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in McComb, Mississippi

**APRIL / MAY 2024** "Believe in Me and grow our church together." 2024 Mission Statement

## EASTER heralds joyful spring season for JJWMP



Palm Processional with children and choir led off the Sunday morning worship service on Palm Sunday. Rev. Cassie Alston led in worship and we were blessed with spectacular music featuring musicians: Oscar

Leal, cello; Bridget Regan, soprano; Jeremy Threlfall, tenor; Jennifer Sanders, piano, and the Chancel Choir.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were attended by many and led us through Christ's journey

to the cross. EASTER morning service was filled with joyful, uplifting music provided by the Chancel Choir, Dr. LaTannia Ellerbe, violin, Jennifer Sanders, piano, Bridget Regan, soprano, and Jeremy Threlfall, tenor. The spirit-filled Easter message was brought by Rev. Alston. Many friends and families were reunited in worship, and we were thrilled to welcome numerous visitors.



### WELCOME BACK, WHIT AND JANE!

Whit and Jane Whittington are former J. J. White members who have moved back to McComb after living in a number of locations due to employment and retirement. Now, they are excited to be back home with their church family. Whit is a faithful member of the Men's prayer breakfast each Wednesday and looks forward to attending worship service on Sunday.

We give thanks and praise to God for leading Whit and Jane to J.J. White Memorial, and we welcome them to the ministry we share in Jesus Christ.

## REV. RICHARDSON RECOGNIZED



L to R: Whitney Rawlings, Rev. Chris Richardson, Rev. Cassie Alston, Suzi Drummond.

In moving tributes by Elders Suzi Drummond and Whitney Rawlings on Sunday, March 17, Rev. Chris Richardson was formally thanked for her many hours of service to JJ White MPC over the last two years.

To commemorate her tenure as our faithful and beloved 'pulpit supply' pastor, 2022-2024, her pastoral picture will be hung in the gallery with all of the church's preceding pastors.

*Thank you*

Dear J.J. White Church Family,

It's hard to even put into words what JJ White means to my family! It means being loved for who we are and what we were able to give. It means my children have another church that loves and prays for them. JJ White shows us how beautiful being the family of God is and reminds me of God's faithfulness in providing in God's good and perfect time.

Your heartfelt recognition and being included on your wall of pastors humbles me to my core. I can't thank you enough for marking our time in that special way.

I rejoice in God's faithfulness and celebrate with you the one who has answered the call to serve as your pastor, Rev Cassie Alston. She has quickly become a friend!

With Thanksgiving,  
Chris

Rev. Chris Richardson



**SING WITH US!** Jennifer Sanders, Director of Music

The choir and guest musicians are sincerely appreciated for their hard work and dedication in enhancing our Lenten and Easter services with their beautiful music. The choir will take a well deserved break from rehearsals during the month of April and **resume the regular rehearsal schedule on Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m.** New members are welcome!

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Led by Rev. Cassie Alston, unless otherwise noted.

## MUSIC

Jennifer Sanders, Director of Music,  
piano; Glenn Sanders, Choir Leader  
Chancel Choir

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**APR 7** 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
• **MICA** Donation Sunday  
• **Communion**

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**APR 14** 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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**APR 21** 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
• **Potluck Picnic** following Morning Worship  
Service - next door green space. Ice Cream Desserts  
provided!

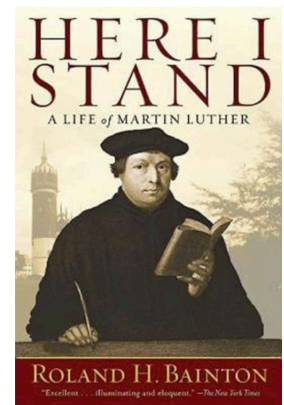
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**APR 28** 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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## SEEKERS START NEW STUDY **APRIL 7**

Looking for a good read and a great group discussion? Join The Seekers Sunday School class, starting Sunday, April 7, 9:30 a.m., on the 3rd floor balcony room. For several weeks we'll be reading the book [Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther](#) by Roland Bainton, and learning more about the Reformation. Text Beth Wild for more information.



## PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI NEWS

On Sunday, March 17, Elder Whitney Rawlings and Rev. Cassie Alston enjoyed traveling to Natchez for the Service of Installation of **Rev. Chase Caldwell** as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Caldwell will serve with senior pastor Rev. Dr. Joan Gandy. This is an exciting time in the Presbytery of Mississippi!

*pray*

## PRAY FOR THOSE ON 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.



## EASTER BONNET CONTEST

The Fellowship Committee hosted a Wednesday Night potluck supper on March 20 and asked everyone to wear a hat descriptively decorated with items representing their favorite things. We had some doozies! Prizes were awarded based on how convincingly the contestants swayed the judges to vote for them!!



## UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Fellowship Committee: Sam Daniel (chairman), Ganeath Daniel, Debbi and Tommy Brock, Susan and Randy White, Carol Rawlings, Sharon Harmon, Debbie Stovall, Sara Beth Williams.

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SUN **APR 21** 11:30 a.m.  
following worship service  
**Potluck Picnic with Ice Cream Dessert**  
**Green Space adjacent to church**  
Enjoy the beauty of God's creation along with the fellowship we share at J.J. White.

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WED **MAY 1** 5:30 p.m.  
**White Elephant Sale**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
This event harkens back to an old J.J. White tradition. **This is not a garage sale**, but rather a time for folks to bring cherished or not-so-cherished items that they want to share with others. We encourage you to **bring one item** for sale and also to purchase one for yourself. Proceeds will go to the church.

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Date and time will be announced soon.  
**Church-wide Garage Sale**  
**Church Gymnasium**  
We plan to host a garage sale in the gymnasium for our members to donate large items or collections that need a new home. All proceeds will go to a worthy fund at the church.

## MCCOMB CITY RAILROAD MUSEUM LEASING SPACE

In May, our church will once again open its former youth room door on Third Street to temporarily house the McComb City Railroad Museum. The Museum Board has had the ceiling beautifully restored to show the beauty of the embossed tiles. The walls have been freshly painted, and new flooring has been installed. The use of this space by the museum will offer visitors information about our church and the history of McComb. Our members may want to participate by volunteering to be docents at our museum. For more information contact Dr. Robbie Decoux, Ganeath Daniel, or Sam Daniel.

The museum Grand Opening will be in May.

## CHURCH WORK DAY HELD MARCH 23

In preparation for the leasing of the church office space formerly used as a Youth Room and Youth Director office, a crew of JJWMPC members showed up for work early on Saturday morning, March 23. The space had been increasingly used as storage rooms over the last dozen or so years for unused or donated furnishings, outdated books, and obsolete equipment.

About 12 people showed up to sort through and clean out the rooms, unearthing a wonderful space for our new Depot Museum tenants. The hidden courtyard in the center of the building will also be restored during the renovations. We hope everyone will come out to visit and support the McComb City Railroad Museum in its new home adjacent to our church office!



L to R: Tommy Brock in dumpster, Sheldon Alston climbing up, and Brad Woods giving Sheldon a boost.



L to R: Sam Daniel, Whitney Rawlings, Robbie DeCous, Noggin Wild



There's always time for a little fun! Suzi Drummond models a Santa wig she found.

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

<b>APR 7</b>	Bill Mitchell
<b>APR 14</b>	Susan White
<b>APR 21</b>	Beth Wild
<b>APR 28</b>	Brocks
<b>MAY 5</b>	Sharon Harmon
<b>MAY 12</b>	Linda Miller
<b>MAY 19</b>	Rusty Whittington
<b>MAY 26</b>	Robbie DeCoux
<b>JUN 2</b>	Sharon White
<b>JUN 9</b>	Bill Mitchell
<b>JUN 16</b>	Susan White
<b>JUN 23</b>	Beth Wild
<b>JUN 30</b>	Brocks

**VIDEO TEAM**

<b>APR 7</b>	Sarah Ross
<b>APR 14</b>	Chris Toler
<b>APR 21</b>	SaraBeth Williams
<b>APR 28</b>	Ally Allred
<b>MAY 5</b>	Melisa DeCoux
<b>MAY 12</b>	Sarah Ross
<b>MAY 19</b>	Chris Toler
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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

<b>APR 7</b>	Elise & John Paul Reeves
<b>APR 14</b>	Debbie & Clem Stovall
<b>APR 21</b>	Nancy & Harrell Ables
<b>APR 28</b>	Wayne Hutchison
<b>MAY 5</b>	Bill Mitchell
<b>MAY 12</b>	Karen Sanders
<b>MAY 19</b>	Stacey Moak
<b>MAY 26</b>	Kay Naklie
<b>JUN 2</b>	Rusty Whittington
<b>JUN 9</b>	Beth & Noggin Wild
<b>JUN 16</b>	Susan & Randy White
<b>JUN 23</b>	Sue Reeves
<b>JUN 30</b>	Sharon White



**APRIL**

- 1 Dominic Cotton
- 16 Kay Robinson
- 17 Tommy Catchings
- 18 Bill Catchings
- 18 Clem Stovall
- 19 Lee Williams
- 21 Kathleen Harbour
- 23 Nicky Barr
- 27 Cole Jackson
- 27 Avery Jackson
- 27 Tom Warren Wild

**MAY**

- 1 Vicki Brill
- 1 Stephen Kimmel
- 3 Jane Whittington
- 5 Greta James Barr
- 8 Carol Cato
- 9 Vicki Craghead
- 13 Kathy Parker
- 14 Andrea Simo
- 18 Howard Allred
- 21 Katie Walman Cordell
- 24 Jay Johnson
- 30 Mike Belote
- 30 Ridge Barr

**JUNE**

- 1 Deb Richardson
- 3 Belinda Price
- 6 Sharon White
- 7 June Moak
- 10 Steven Allred
- 11 Sheldon Alston
- 13 Beth Wild
- 14 Debbi Brock
- 16 Ally Allred
- 17 Rusty Whittington
- 19 Nancy Ables
- 19 Stephanie Butler
- 23 Van Simmons
- 28 Andrea DeCoux

# Join us

THE SESSION		
<b>Noggin Wild</b>	Clerk of Session	2025
<b>Melisa DeCoux</b>	Christian Ed. Committee	2024
<b>Linda Miller</b>	Congregational Care	2025
<b>Sam Daniel</b>	Fellowship Committee	2026
<b>Suzi Drummond</b>	Government Committee	2024
<b>Robbie DeCoux</b>	Missions Committee	2026
<b>Tommy Brock</b>	Property Committee	2025
<b>Sarah Ross</b>	Stewardship / Finance Committee	2026
<b>Whitney Rawlings</b>	Worship Committee	2024
<b>Moderator</b>		
Rev. Cassie Alston		

**Get involved in the life of JJWMPCC!**  
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

Our church office is open  
**MON-FRI, 10 AM - 2 PM**  
Stephanie Butler, Secretary

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