



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in McComb, Mississippi

MAY/JUNE 2025

“Believe in Me and grow our church together.” 2025 Mission Statement

It's starting to feel a lot like summer!

The magnolias are blooming, our seniors are graduating, and confirmation class has been completed. It's a great time to join us in worship and fellowship as we enjoy this beautiful season of long daylight hours and warm weather. If you haven't been in a while, come on in! We'd love to see you this Sunday, or anytime this summer.



Confirmation 2025

Burke Williams was confirmed upon profession of faith on Sunday, May 4, 2025, as an official member of J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Burke, 13, has faithfully participated in the life of this church ever since he was baptized as an infant. His parents are Stephen and Lee DeCoux Williams; grandparents are Dr. Robbie and Andrea DeCoux and Butch and Glenda Williams.

Congratulations, grads!

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, we recognized our graduating high school seniors (pictured left to right), Natalie Simo, Wyatt Dyess and Lydia Williams. Our graduating college senior, Lily Warshauer, was unable to be with us that day.

Noggin Wild, representing The Seekers Sunday School class, and Suzi Drummond, representing the Covenant Life Sunday School class, presented Bibles and gifts to the high school seniors during the worship service.



High School Graduates

Wyatt Dyess

Wyatt Dyess, son of Turner and Brandy Dyess, will graduate this May from Parklane Academy. Throughout high school Wyatt has volunteered his time at Camp Sunshine, Miracle League, and Flo's Angels. Wyatt's hobbies include tennis, fishing, and hunting.

Wyatt attended the Happening 101 and was voted the Wittiest Senior by classmates at Parklane. Wyatt will attend Holmes Community College on a tennis scholarship this fall.



Lydia Williams

Lydia Williams, the daughter of Stephen and Lee Williams, attends Parklane Academy. Lydia is a member of Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and is an Administrator's List student. She is on the cheerleading squad and was also selected Senior Maid.

Lydia is a J. J. White Girl Scout, and has obtained countless service hours and earned Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. She is a member of Crown Club and serves as Vice President.

Lydia was a Girls State Delegate where she received the Party Manager Scholarship. Lydia plans to attend the University of Mississippi to pursue a degree in nursing.



Natalie Simo

Natalie, daughter of José Benjamin Simo and the late Libby DeCoux Simo, attends Parklane Academy. Natalie has served on Parklane's Student Council since seventh grade and is the current treasurer. She is a member of the ACT 25+ club, Mu Alpha Theta, MAIS Honors Society, and is a Mississippi Scholar. Natalie enjoys serving her community, has been a counselor at Camp Sunshine for three years, and has volunteered at McComb Miracle League.

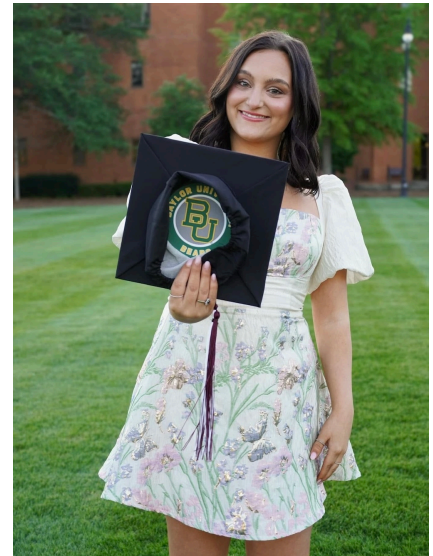
Natalie has been a J.J. White Girl Scout for thirteen years and has been the leader of several troops for the past three years. She has received the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, as well as the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Natalie has attended J.J White Memorial Presbyterian Church her whole life and continues to be an active member of the congregation. After graduation, Natalie plans to attend Millsaps College to study psychology.

Our College Graduate

Lily Warshauer

Lily graduates from Mississippi State University on May 15, 2025. She is the daughter of India Warshauer and Brad Woods, and Jason and Michelle Warshauer. She has 2 little brothers and 5 fur baby siblings. She is graduating with a bachelor's in special education, with minors in Psychology and Applied Behavior Analysis.

Lily has enjoyed her time at MSU and has been involved in a variety of organizations on campus. Starting this summer, Lily will be attending Baylor University to get her Masters in Applied Behavior Analysis which she will use to pursue a career in behavior therapy.



Our **Fellowship Committee hostesses** (left to right), Ganeath Daniel, Susan White and Melisa DeCoux, provided a reception in the Ladies' Parlor honoring our **graduates and communicant** following the church service on Sunday, May 4.



Wearing the TARTAN

April 6 was Tartan Day, a national celebration of Scottish heritage. As Presbyterians, we all have strong Scottish roots through John Knox. Here, Dennis Ross wears his tartan and other emblems as a proud member of Clan Ross. Dennis is an avid genealogist, claiming Scottish ancestry on his father's side.

Dennis and Sarah regularly participate in regional Celtic events including the annual Celtic Fest Mississippi on the Rez each fall. Loch Ross, their goat and sheep farm, is named with a nod to a famous Scottish monster.





From our Pastor

Dear Friends,

“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.” So goes the familiar hymn. At J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church our hearts are bound in Christian love. Each of us is known by name, held in prayer, and invited to walk with one another through every season of life. There is deep and abiding joy in Christian community, and this Spring we at J.J. White have experienced such joy.

On May 4, we had the joy and privilege of celebrating the Confirmation of seventh-grader Burke Williams. Having gone through the Confirmation process of learning and growth, Burke stood before the congregation to profess his faith in Jesus Christ and claim for himself the promises made in his baptism. What a powerful reminder that the Holy Spirit is at work among us!

Also on May 4, we gave thanks to God and celebrated our high school and college Seniors: Wyatt Dyess, Natalie Simo, Lydia Williams, and Lily Warshauer. These young people have grown in our midst, and we thank God for the blessings of their lives. As they take the next steps of their journeys, we send them with our love and in the steadfast and unflinching love of God.

We will continue to enjoy the gift of Christian community on May 14, when we’ll gather for a Cookout on the Green. You are invited to join us at 5:00 for a delicious meal and fun activities like corn hole toss, badminton, and croquet. Feel free to bring a lawn chair, and invite a friend or neighbor! Pentecost on June 8 marks the birthday of the Church and the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. As the Spirit moved among the early believers, so too it moves among us today! Please join us for worship on Pentecost Sunday and wear red, the traditional symbol of the fire of the Spirit.

As Spring turns into Summer, I give thanks for each of you and for our church community. May we continue to be a people empowered by the Spirit, shaped by God’s love, and filled with the joy that comes from walking together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Blest be the tie that binds!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Cassie Alston

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
COOKOUT on the GREEN

Wednesday

MAY 14

5:00 p.m.

Bring a side dish or dessert.

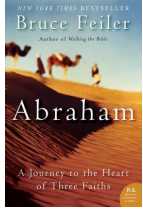
Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages provided.

Badminton, croquet, corn hole toss...fun!!



New Sunday School Studies

The **COVENANT LIFE Sunday School Class**, located across from the church library room off of the sanctuary, invites all to participate in a **study of the [Book of Acts](#)**. They are using a commentary by N. T. Wright to explore these scriptures. They meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.



Starting June 1, **THE SEEKERS Sunday School Class** will be reading and discussing the book **[Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths](#)** by Bruce Feiler. It should be interesting and timely! Class meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd floor balcony.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED **MAY 14** 5:00 p.m.

Cookout on the Green

Green Space adjacent to church

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation along with the fellowship we share at J.J. White. Croquet, badminton, corn hole toss and other activities.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages provided.

Bring a side dish or dessert. Bring a lawn chair.

WED **JUN 18** 5:30 p.m.

90+ Birthday Celebration

Fellowship Hall

Our J.J. White tradition! Come wish our cherished members a healthy and happy birthday and enjoy cake and ice cream.

SUN **AUG 10** Following morning worship

Rally Day Lunch

Fellowship Hall

Help us launch our new Fall season!

You are invited to gather with church family and friends for prayer. Two prayer groups meet weekly, and gatherings last no more than 1 hour. Please come to the gathering that meets your schedule, and let's go to God in prayer.

- Sundays at 4:00 pm at the home of Nancy and Harrell Ables.
- Thursdays at 9:00 am at the home of Suzi and John Drummond.

Contact our church office with prayer requests.

Join us for **light breakfast each Sunday morning** before Sunday School. Great food and fellowship. Thank you to all who participate!

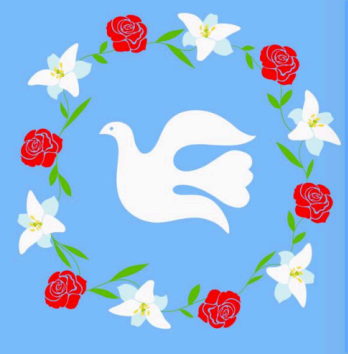
Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer to bring a breakfast to share.

9:00 a.m. Ewell Martin Room
SUNDAY BREAKFAST

MAY 4	Ganeath Daniel
MAY 11	Bill Mitchell
MAY 18	Sharon White
MAY 25	Robbie DeCoux
JUN 1	Susan White
JUN 8	Beth Wild
JUN 15	Need volunteer
JUN 22	Need volunteer
JUN 29	Linda Miller

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

MAY 4	Communion
MAY 11	Maxine Brock
MAY 18	Suzi & John Drummond
MAY 25	Marie Naklie
JUN 1	Communion
JUN 8	Beth & Noggin Wild
JUN 15	Susan & Randy White
JUN 22	Nancy & Harrell Ables
JUN 29	Sharon White



PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 8

The Holy Spirit Among Us

Wear red.



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JUNE

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Communion

is served the first Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

SUN	9:00 AM	Breakfast <i>Ewell Martin Room</i>
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
	4:00 PM	Prayer Group <i>Ables</i>
TUE	11:30 AM	2nd Tuesday each month Presbyterian Women <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	5:00 PM	Choir Practice <i>Choir Room</i>
WED	7:15 AM	Men's Breakfast <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
THU	9:00 AM	Prayer Group <i>Drummond</i>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study <i>Ewell Martin Room</i>
	5:00 PM	Knutty Knitters <i>Ewell Martin Room</i>

THE 2025 SESSION

Noggin Wild	Clerk of Session
Harrell Ables	Evangelism Committee
Linda Miller	Congregational Care
Susan White	Fellowship Committee
Sarah Ross	Government Committee
Robbie DeCoux	Missions & Christian Education Committee
Tommy Brock	Property Committee
Sam Daniel	Finance & Stewardship Committee
Lee Williams	Worship Committee

Moderator

Rev. Cassie Alston

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

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