

Christmas Musical

Thank you to everyone who came out to worship with the choir last Sunday! Thank you to the choir for leading everyone in worship through music! You can rewatch the Christmas Musical on our public Facebook page.



Communion Sunday

This morning, let us prepare our hearts for communion and remember Jesus's birth, life, and sacrifice.



Just Married

Congratulations to Howard & Lela!
They got married on
Monday, December 15th!



Christmas Cards

There are tables in the hallway near the church offices for Christmas cards for active church members.



Online Worship

Thank you for sharing the live-streamed Christmas Musical through social media! We had an increase in viewership. Keep sharing our Sunday morning services & Wednesday night messages to further reach more people for Christ!



December 21, 2025

I AM THE
Lord's servant.
MAY IT HAPPEN TO ME
as you have said.

LUKE 1:38



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Sunday, December 21 2025

When Your Understanding Falls Short

Luke 1:26-38

The Point: God can do great things through you.

The Bible Meets Life: *"I can't do everything. But I can do something to help somebody. And what I can do I will do."* These are the simple words of a humble servant by the name of Oseola McCarty from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She lived her entire life in poverty. She spent most of her life doing laundry by hand. Despite earning very little, she lived frugally, saving all she could. In 1995, after her retirement at age eighty-six, Oseola shocked her community when she donated \$150,000 of her life savings to the University of Southern Mississippi. Her gift was aimed at providing scholarships for deserving African American students in need. Oseola, who never set foot in a college class, gave her best so that others could succeed.

As we celebrate Christmas every year, we are reminded of another woman. She, too, grew up in obscurity, but because she was willing to put her life on the altar of God's sovereignty, she found herself in the middle of God's greatest brushstroke of grace. Mary's life reminds us once again that God will use anyone who surrenders completely to Him, no matter how small or insignificant they might see themselves.

Live It Out: Pray. Ask God to strengthen the faith of a discouraged friend.

Journal. Write your testimony of how God has surprised you through unique circumstances that strengthened your faith. Share your gratefulness to God and His mercy with a friend or post your story on social media. **Retreat.** Mary's encounter with God happened in solitude. Plan a retreat where you get away from the noise and spend time with God. Read the first two chapters of Luke. Listen closely for God's guidance.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Limited Resources, Limitless God

Sunday, December 28 When Your Provisions Fall Short
(1 Kings 17:5-16)

Sunday, January 4 When Your Finances Fall Short
(Luke 12:13-21; 21:1-4)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Living Streams

Worship Center

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

Resumes 1/7

6:30 PM Youth *Resumes 1/7*

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, December 14

Indoor: 54

Online: 338

Musical Online: 643

Monday, December 15

Wedding Online: 521

Wednesday, December 17

Online: 71

Youth: 10

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,571.84

December

Offering

To Date:

\$8,225.00



Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson

Dianne Avery

Sue Bruce

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Mike & Renee Helms & Family

Lillian Lewis

Pam Majewski

Debbie McKnight

Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom)

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Wanda Thomas

Irene Welch

Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed
on December 25th & 26th.

Merry Christmas!

Bible App

Follow along in
today's Scripture on
the Bible app! Scan
this QR code with

