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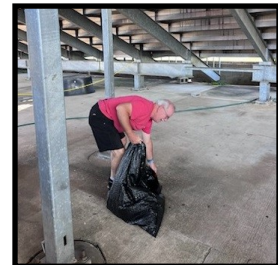
# MAPLES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## BIG SERVE IV



Maples took Jesus to the streets on Sunday, September 10. Over 70 members participated in cleaning area high school concession stands, assembling hygiene kits for Manna House and Matthew 25 Ministries, creating placemats for Cursillo and Kairos, and doing yardwork around the church. We want to give a big thanks to all who participated either physically, financially, or both. It was a blessing to serve!



### Dates to Remember

- October 3..... Rook Club
- October 6: ..... Tailgating @ Center Hill vs Olive Branch  
..... Youth 5th Quarter
- October 8: ..... Charge Conference at Pleasant Hill UMC  
..... Youth Night at Corn Maze
- October 11: ..... Shine Women's Bible Study begins
- October 12..... Olive Branch Food Pantry
- October 13: ..... Arc Supper Club
- October 16: ..... Maples Men's Ministry
- October 27: ..... Tailgating @ Olive Branch vs South Panola
- October 28: ..... Arc Elementary Supper Club
- October 29: ..... Unity Service at 11AM  
..... Family Fall Fest

### Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

January.....	\$66,162.65	June.....	\$31,370.02
February.....	\$66,322.00	July.....	\$141,172.47
March.....	\$56,384.30	August.....	\$37,492.00
April.....	\$40,197.67	September 1-29.....	\$33,830.75
May.....	\$46,693.98		

### Weekly Attendance/Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
September 3.....	39.....	115.....	\$8,833.00
September 10 - "Big Serve" .....	68.....		\$2,961.00
September 17.....	52.....	123.....	\$7,272.00
September 24.....	51.....	105.....	\$4,158.00

### Tailgate Ministry

It's football season and Tailgate Ministry is back! We are tailgating at home football games at Olive Branch, Center Hill and Lewisburg High Schools. This is a great way to get in touch with the community and show folks the love of Jesus Christ by conversation, fellowship, and serving them a delicious hamburger or hotdog. You can support this ministry by donating these items to help keep our tents up and running:

- Paper Plates • Heavy duty trash bags • Potato chips (value pack)
- Condiments (Ketchup, mustard, mayo, relish, pickles)
- Napkins • Plastic tongs

If you would like to make a financial contribution simply scan the QR code or you can earmark a check for "Tailgate Ministry". Contact Ben Larsen or Sam Jones for more information or to volunteer to help work the tailgate.



#### Below is our tentative tailgate schedule:

- October 6..... @ Center Hill High School vs Olive Branch
- October 27..... @ Olive Branch High School vs South Panola
- November 2..... @ Center Hill High School vs Saltillo

### Maples Men's Ministry

Maples Men's Ministry will host their monthly dinner meeting in room 181 (Youth room) on Monday, Oct. 16 at 6:30pm. ALL (yes, ALL) are welcome. John & Karen Sudduth will be updating us on their "Together Ministry".

### Special Giving

- Given in Loving Memory of**  
**Barbara Watson by.....** Jack & Anita Scholl  
**Gene Hoover by .....** Maree Nauman  
 Paul & Karen Varner  
 Joe & Denise Pratt  
 Clay Vanderburg

### Prayer Concerns

**Home Bound:** Dot Hays; Phyllis Vanderburg; Margaret Peden; Carolyn Dupree; Joann Potts; Carol McOlgan; Marilyn Owen.  
**Military:** Mary Murphy; Adam Kirchhoff; Connor Tapley; Aaron James; Taylor Downs; Jacob Murphy; Jimarco White; Ben Vanderburg; Emma Magnuson; Josh Tow; Matthew Roach; Alexandra Raburn.  
**Other Requests:** Marilyn Bonnette (friend of Bro. Kerry); Anita Scholl, Mickey Tapp (Kristi Pacenza's dad); Bettie Smith; Geraldine Barnes; Grace Lott; Keith McCauley in the loss of his uncle; Anne Carver (Cathy Galtelli's mother); Family of Gene Hoover; Hannah Choate lost home in fire (friend of Christi Rice); Shirley Moss (Gina Roman's mother); Kairos Outside weekend Oct. 26-29 and Inside weekend Oct. 12-15; Nick Walker (friend of Lyndall Snyder); Keith Nichols. **Please contact the church office or let a staff member know if you or a family member have any upcoming surgeries scheduled or you know of someone in the hospital.**

### A Note From Minor Memorial UMC....

To the congregation at Maples Memorial UMC:  
 The church family at Minor Memorial UMC wish to express our gratitude to the Maples congregation for sharing the Rev. Sam Jones with us. His presence and leadership have been a blessing to us during these changing times.  
 May God's Spirit continue to work throughout the ministry of your church family in your community.  
 Sincerely,  
 Billie Wilhite  
 SPRC Chair  
 MMUMC Congregation

### District Wide Church Conference

Mark your calendars for our District Wide Charge Conference which will be held on October 8 at 3:00 PM at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.



# Birthdays This Month

**October 4:** Aggie Doddridge

**October 5:** Milton Nichols, Fay Luke, Tate Haley

**October 7:** Denise Treadway

**October 8:** Sandra Jefferson

**October 10:** Bill Roberson

**October 11:** David Luke

**October 12:** Melba Doddridge

**October 17:** Dianne Dorr, Jake Heinze,  
Lucia Nelson

**October 19:** Dane Treadway, Blake Falconello

**October 20:** Kimberly Vaughn

**October 21:** Bailey Walhood, Susan Evans

**October 28:** Raymond Payne, Brennan Ballard,  
Beth Henry

**October 29:** Martha Doddridge Vanderburg,  
Larry Bright

**October 31:** Christi Rice

## Fall Festival at Minor Memorial

On Saturday, Nov. 4th from 8 AM - 2 PM, Minor Memorial UMC in Walls is hosting their annual Fall Festival and we'd like to extend an invitation to our Maples family to come and be a part of it! Admission is free! There will be various vendors as well as a country café & bake shop and a kids area with inflatables and games. If you would be interested in setting up a booth, visit <https://www.minormemorial.org/fall-festival-booth-reservation> for more information about procedures and costs. Otherwise, you're invited to have a great time!

Blessings, Rev. Sam

## WELCOME new members

We want to welcome our newest members, Jennifer Powell, and John & Carol Young. Jennifer comes to us from the Senatobia District. John and Carol are transferring from St. Mark's UMC in Brandon, MS. Be sure to give them a big Maples welcome when you see them!

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Maples Family,

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV)

As we gather in worship, fellowship, and service in God's sanctuary, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the rich history of this adored church. Maples Memorial UMC has been a committed presence in our community in three different centuries, and our journey through time has been marked by a beautiful balance of change and tradition.

Our church's history is deeply rooted in cherished traditions. From the very beginning, we have upheld core values and practices in worship, discipleship, and outreach that have defined our church and community. Our ancestors in faith laid the foundation for us, and their commitment to prayer, worship, and community has remained at the heart of who we are. It's essential to recognize and honor these traditions as they continue to shape our identity and provide us with a sense of continuity.

However, our history is not one of stagnation but rather one of adaptation and growth. Maples Memorial UMC has always been open to necessary, faithful changes. We have consistently responded to the changing needs of our congregation and the world around us. This willingness to adapt has allowed us to remain relevant and effective in our mission to spread the love of Christ.

Over the years, we've seen changes in worship styles, music, technology, and outreach efforts. These changes have not been made haphazardly but with careful consideration and prayerful discernment. We have sought to balance our cherished traditions with the need to reach new generations and meet the diverse needs of our community.

Our ability to navigate change while holding onto our Christian identity is a testament to the faithfulness and dedication of our members, past and present. It reflects our commitment to the timeless, transformational message of the Gospel while finding fresh and innovative ways to share Jesus Christ with the world.

As we move forward, let us remain committed to our traditions that ground us in our faith, and let us continue to be open to necessary changes that enable us to be effective witnesses for Christ.

In the coming months and years, we will undoubtedly encounter new challenges and opportunities. Together, as a community that values both tradition and change, we can face these challenges with faith, hope, and unity, confident that God's love will continue to shine through us.

Blessings,

Bro. Kerry Powell

Reaching Up...Reaching Within...Reaching Out.

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SUNDAY • OCT. 29  
4:30-7:00  
Maples MUMC

## Children's October Series



"Are we there yet?"

The October series for Children's Sunday School will focus on the Israelites' journey through the desert while waiting to enter the Promised Land. Based on stories from Exodus, the children will explore how we can choose to be thankful, love God and others, turn to God when we are lost, go to God when we need rest, and to always remember God's promises.

Senior Pastor, Rev. Kerry Powell • Associate Pastor, Rev. Sam Jones • Worship Arts Pastor, Dr. Joey Lott  
Assistant Pastor of Youth and Worship, Ben Larsen • Children's Ministry Resident, Christi Rice  
Administrative Secretary, Gail Ross • Organist, Allen Sanders

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