

October 2024



# MAPLES MEMORIAL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Maples Family,

Last Sunday, we began our *Faith at Home* series with the message, “Raising Faithful Children: Lessons from Scripture.” Using Mark 9:38-50, we talked about how seeds of faith planted today can grow into deep-rooted discipleship tomorrow. Big Serve V was a great success in planting many seeds within our church and in the broader community. For many of us it was a blessed day of serving alongside Jesus together with family, friends, and mentors. Jesus reminded us through scripture that our homes are places where faith is lived out daily, serving as a solid foundation for the next generation.

This week, we’ll continue with “Strong Families, Strong Faith: Building a Christ-Centered Home” based on Mark 10:2-16. Just as Jesus taught about honoring marriage and welcoming children, we’ll consider building home environments where love, grace, and faith form the foundation of family life. We’ll share practical ways to build a Christ-centered home that stands firm against life’s challenges.

Next, on October 13, we’ll focus on “Youth on Fire: Empowering the Next Generation” (Mark 10:17-31), encouraging our youth to embrace an active faith that’s their own. We’ll discuss how to create a supportive space for our young people to lead, serve, and grow.

The series concludes on October 20 with “Marriage Matters: Strengthening Marital Relationships” (Mark 10:35-45). This message will provide biblical insights and practical tools for nurturing godly marriages, highlighting how servant leadership can deepen love and unity.

Throughout this series, keep in mind Jesus’ parable of the house built on rock versus sand (Matthew 7:24-27). Each week, we can ask ourselves: *Are we building our homes and relationships on the solid rock of Christ, or on shifting sands?* Our goal is to equip every family to create a spiritual foundation that endures through every season of life.

Let’s grow together and commit to building lives that reflect God’s love and grace!

Blessings,

Bro. Kerry



## Dates to Remember

October 1 .....	Rook Club
October 4 .....	Tailgate @ Lewisburg vs. Hernando
.....	Youth 5th Quarter
October 5 .....	Maples Kids Make Me an Offering
October 6 .....	Leadership Team Meeting
October 8 .....	Maples Women's Group
October 7-11 .....	DeSoto County Schools Fall Break
October 10 .....	Olive Branch Food Pantry
October 12 .....	Maples Men's Ministry Unity Banquet/Dessert Auction
October 13 .....	Youth Shelby Farms Corn Maze
.....	Leadership Team Meeting
October 17 .....	Olive Branch High School Choir concert
October 18 .....	Tailgate @ DeSoto Central & Center Hill High Schools
October 19 .....	Maples Men's Ministry meeting
October 20 .....	Charge Conference at Minor Memorial
October 27 .....	Maples Family Fall Fest

## Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

August <b>2023</b> .....	\$37,492.00	March.....	\$42,510.55
September.....	\$33,830.75	April .....	\$38,961.10
October .....	\$38,643.98	May.....	\$39,142.90
November.....	\$46,420.75	June.....	\$45,556.35
December.....	\$103,027.27	July .....	\$53,403.86
January <b>2024</b> .....	\$47,469.34	August .....	\$45,383.40
February .....	\$53,862.69	September.....	\$39,787.50

## Weekly Attendance/Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
September 1 .....	63.....	137.....	\$10,000.00
September 8 .....	51.....	106.....	\$4,309.00
September 15 .....	65.....	140.....	\$8,773.00
September 22 .....	63.....	128.....	\$4,377.00

## Sunday Morning Volunteers in October

### *Traditions Worship Ushers/Greeters:*

- Oct. 6** ..... **Ushers:** Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron ..... Tucker. **Greeter:** Jill Sitton. **Acolyte:** Walker Webster.
- Oct. 13** ..... **Ushers:** Ryan Barnes, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright and Pat ..... Dorr. **Greeter:** Rose Tobey. **Acolyte:** Ben Lane.
- Oct. 20** ..... **Ushers:** Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker, Ryan Barnes and ..... Ashley Bowlan. **Greeter:** Shannon Suttlemyre. **Acolyte:** Cori ..... Rice.
- Oct. 27** ..... **Ushers:** Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron ..... Tucker. **Greeter:** Earnestine Turner. **Acolyte:** Audrey ..... Barnes.

## October Birthdays

**October 4:** Aggie Doddridge

**October 5:** Milton Nichols

Fay Luke

Tate Haley

**October 7:** Denise Treadway

**October 8:** Sandra Jefferson

**October 11:** David Luke

**October 12:** Melba Doddridge

**October 17:** Dianne Dorr

Aaron Culver

Lucia Nelson

**October 19:** Dane Treadway

Blake Falconello

**October 20:** Beverly Wilkes

Kimberly Vaughn

**October 21:** Bailey Walhood

Susan Evans

**October 28:** Brennan Ballard

Beth Henry

**October 29:** Martha Doddridge Vanderburg

Larry Bright

**October 31:** Christi Rice

Contact the church office if your name is not on the birthday list.

## Prayer Concerns

**Home Bound:** Phyllis Vanderburg; Carol McOlgan; Margaret Peden.

**Military:** Mary Murphy; Adam Kirchhoff; Connor Tapley; Aaron James; Jimarco White; Ben Vanderburg; Emma Magnuson; Josh Tow; Matthew Roach; Alexandra Raburn.

**Other Requests:** Recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene; Anna Ahearn; Dr. Greg Evans in the loss of his brother; Tobey & Rose Tobey; David Olds; Rev. Mike Dorr; Ruth Allen. *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.*

## Memorials

### *Given in Loving Memory of:*

**Margaret Ridley** .....by: Martha Doddridge

**Jo Nell Speck** .....by: Jeanette Wallace

.....by: Virginia Miller

A special donation was given by Sadie Herrington in appreciation for her 99th birthday party.

## Ministry Opportunities

### Little Free Pantry

Maples' provides this resource to anyone anytime - day or night. You can sign up at [mapleschurch.org](http://mapleschurch.org) to fill the pantry on a particular day or if you are unable to commit to signing up to fill the pantry, please know you are always welcome to swing by and drop off a few items without signing up.

### Matthew 25 Ministries

We are currently collecting bug spray and adult men's crew socks for the Matthew 25 Homeless Ministry. You can place your donations in the bin marked "Homeless Ministry" near the Information Desk. No clothes are needed at this time.

# Family Fall Fest

FRIENDS • FOOD  
TRUNK OR TREAT  
ACTIVITIES • MORE

**SUNDAY • OCT. 27**  
**4:30-7:00**

Maples MUMC

### Family Fall Fest

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27th at 4:30! The Maples family invites ALL to come join in on the fall festivities at Maples MUMC as we celebrate the abundance of God! There will be fun and fellowship for all ages! Here is a sneak peek of some of the festivities: Trunk or Treat, hot chocolate and cider, different soups and grilled cheese, games, activities, crafts, cake walk, popcorn, costume parades for all ages, AND MORE!

If you would like to help, there will be sign-up sheets in the narthex. Candy donations can be placed in the tub marked "Halloween Candy" next to the information desk.

# MAPLES Kids

# WORSHIP & Me

A 5-week series on worship for children 2nd-5th grades

Sundays 6pm-7:30pm beginning October 13th

### Maples Kids

Maples Kids presents *Worship & Me*, a 5-week series on worship for children in 2nd-5th grades. We will talk about different aspects of worship and the meaning behind some of the things we see and do during a worship service at our church. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn what worship is all about and what it means for them.

# Maples UNITY BANQUET

October 12th at 5:30

QR code to register

There will be a steak dinner (\$25) and a dessert auction! Come join us for this night of fellowship and fundraising!

*Hosted by Maples Men's Ministry*

# MAPLES YOUTH FALL BREAK TRIP TO THE

# MIDSOUTH CORN MAZE

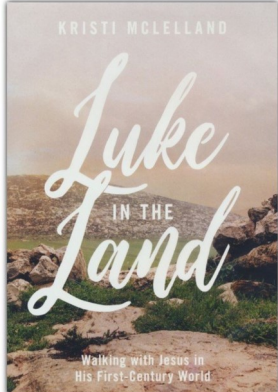
BRING \$15 FOR MAZE & FOOD  
MEET AND PICKUP AT THE CHURCH  
5:00-8:00 ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

### Youth Corn Maze Trip

The youth will be going to the Mid-South Corn Maze on Sunday, October 13. Plan to be at the church by 5PM for dinner before heading off to the Mid-South Corn Maze at the Agricenter. Please bring \$15 for tickets/dinner. The youth should return to church around 8-8:30PM.

### Luke in the Land Bible study starting Sunday, October 13-November 17

In our Bibles, we have four Gospels describing Jesus' time on earth: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The land of Israel, the place Jesus walked and taught during His earthly ministry, is often referred to as the "fifth Gospel". Join us for this 6-session study to challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Study books are available on Amazon or at lifeway.com.



### Tailgate Ministry

Tailgate season is almost over. We have had a great year serving hamburgers and hotdogs, and even passing out prayer cards! The final 2 tailgates of the year will be at both DeSoto Central AND Center Hill High School on October 18. Contact Ben Larsen for more information.

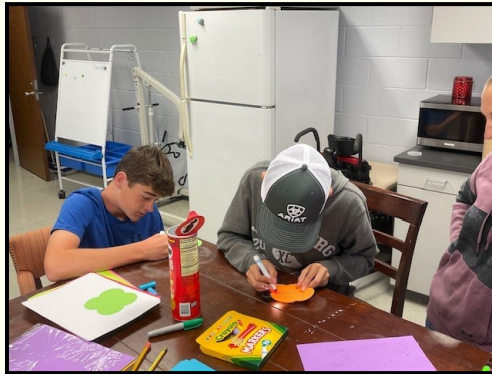
# Prayer Gathering with Bishop Lewis and Dr. Terry Teykl

Bishop Sharma Lewis went on a week-long, 7-district Prayer Tour across Mississippi with Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl, teaching from his book, "Praying in Jesus Name for 21 Centuries". Maples Memorial was proud to host this event on September 29 for Districts 1 & 2. Bishop Lewis opened the gathering by explaining the inception of the movement which began as an invitation to create and participate in daily prayer with the conference-wide request for one-sentence prayers, which became known as the "Prayer for the Mississippi Annual Conference." Dr. Teykl then taught from his book "Praying in Jesus Name" as well as from other books and resources. Dr. Teykl said that everyone should ask, "God, what do you want?" rather than focusing on what we want. Churches need to shift from being consumer-based to becoming presence-based churches that are open to the guiding of the Holy Spirit.



## Big Serve V

On Sunday, September 29, Maples had its 5th Big Serve. We had 67 participants go out in the community to serve in various ways! Projects included preparing hygiene kits and children's bags for House of Grace, cleaning up in Olive Branch Park, packing flood buckets, decorating placemats for Kairos and Cursillo, leaving inspirational notes/signs at Lewisburg Intermediate, cleaning up at Center Hill High School, and some indoor/outdoor work here at Maples.



**Senior Pastor, Rev. Kerry Powell • Worship Arts Pastor, Dr. Joey Lott**

**Assistant Pastor of Youth and Worship, Ben Larsen • Children's Ministry Resident, Christi Rice**

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