



# *Hawkins United Methodist Church*

*3736 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS*

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Dear Friends and Families of Hawkins UMC,

As we begin a new year, I'm reminded of the beautiful truth found in **Lamentations 3:22-23**:

*"Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassion's never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."*

Each new year—and indeed, every single day—is a gift of God's grace. It's a chance to begin again, to recommit, and to draw closer to Him. Whatever challenges or triumphs we experienced last year, we can bring them all before the Lord, knowing that His mercies are fresh and abundant for us today.

As your pastor, I encourage you to take time to reflect on two simple questions:

1. **What is God calling me to let go of?**

Maybe it's a lingering hurt or a burden you've carried alone for too long. The Bible tells us to cast our cares on the Lord because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Trust that His grace is sufficient to help you release what's weighing you down.

2. **What is God calling me to take up?**

Perhaps He's nudging you toward deeper prayer, more consistent time in the Word, or serving in a new way within our church or community. Maybe it's reaching out to someone in need or simply being more intentional in showing Christ's love to those around you.

As a church, we have an incredible opportunity to walk this journey together. Let's make this a year of renewal, faithfulness, and love. Let's worship with hearts that are expectant, serve with hands that are willing, and grow as a community that reflects the light of Christ to Vicksburg and beyond.

Remember, we don't walk into this year alone. The same God who has been faithful through all of history walks with us into every tomorrow. His promises are sure, and His power is unchanging.

May this year be one where we embrace the truth of **Philippians 3:13-14**:

*"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

I'm praying for you and your families. Let's press on together in faith, trusting in His unending love and faithfulness.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Harrell Moore

## Dessert Theater & Silent Auction

Coming Soon!



### Hawkins Mission Team Presents 'From Ur to Eternity'

The Hawkins Mission Team will present *From Ur to Eternity*, an original Christian comedy about Abraham and Sarah. Written by Richard Van Den Akker and directed by Sara Dionne, this play combines humor and a strong message about faith in God, in an entertaining and poignant tale about the covenant between God and mankind that you won't want to miss.

This premiere presentation will be February 21 and 22 at 7 pm, with a matinee at 2 pm on Sunday, February 23. Tickets are \$10 each and will soon be available from the cast, Mission team and church office. Admission includes dessert and silent auction.

## Music Notes



Dear Ones:

Boy, have I caught Hawkins Fever! At the start of my second quarter, I find myself enjoying new friendships and continuing to be excited about all the possibilities 2025 holds! Among the hopes I have for the music ministry at Hawkins, a primary one is that the songs we sing and hear help us draw close to God. In a busy world, with all its activity, music can help us reconnect to the Source and reorient ourselves to the Truth of God's unfailing love for us.

But before I move too quickly into dreaming about what *may* be, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what *has* been. A moment I particularly treasured from the Advent season was one that took place on Christmas Eve. Earlier that day, my mind had been ruminating on my own inadequacies, and I was feeling discouraged. But that night at our Christmas Eve service, Russell Carruth ministered to all of us through his rendition of "The Little Drummer Boy." Tears came to my eyes as I considered the words to the song and how the little drummer boy resolved his own sense of inadequacy: "I played my best for Him." Russell's song reminded me how dignifying it is to use whatever we have to love and serve God- even if all we can offer is a few loaves and fishes or the beating of a drum!

This year, I look forward to bringing together our collective loaves and fishes and drumbeats as an offering of love for our God. I'm especially grateful to be doing this work with the people of Hawkins.

With love,  
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Join us on Wednesday nights for WOW! We have supper at 5:30 pm together in the fellowship hall and break up into small groups for Bible studies and activities. If you've never joined us on Wednesday nights, we would love for you to be part of WOW! This semester we are reading the book of Isaiah. No study book needed, just bring your Bible.

Kids have a great time at WOW because our Music Director, Mallory, has music planned each week and our Wednesday night Children's Coordinator, Aly, has activities and crafts based around a Bible topic. Your kids will have a great time and meet lots of new friends!

When: Wednesday Nights  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Place: Fellowship Hall



With the change in weather, the children are learning firsthand about winter as the teachers are teaching about snow, ice, etc. In February, the preschool will celebrate the 100th day of school as well as Valentine's Day. At the end of the month, the children will have fun learning about Dr. Seuss and all of his wonderful books. They will be dressing up and enjoying special activities. Registration for the fall will begin in February as well. Have a great month!



- 1 - Lucille Ables
- 2 - John Newton  
Stephen Spangler
- 4 - Susan Athow
- 8 - Deion'ai'ckye Douglas
- 18 - Marilyn Wienke
- 20 - Haley Bell
- 25 - Charles Koestler, Jr.



A Memorial was given in Loving Memory  
of **Shannan Vance**  
by Donald & Bettye Oakes.



**Items needed for the Blessing Box and  
Food Pantry at church are:**

Canned Vegetables  
Canned Meat  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Crackers

## Son-Lighters

Son-Lighters will meet Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We will have a pot-luck meal and plenty of laughter along with a Valentine celebration. Hope to see you there.



November	
Income:	\$39,525.53
<u>Expense:</u>	<u>\$37,373.42</u>
	\$2,152.11

December	
Income:	\$43,046.04
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>\$34,674.66</u>
	\$8,371.38

Total for 2024	
Income:	\$434,999.42
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>\$393,934.53</u>
	\$ 41,064.89

Hawkins ended 2024 very strong financially! Thank you for supporting all of the ministries of Hawkins.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and participated in the Christmas Meal in a Bag project. Special thanks to the Women in Faith (UMW) for the monetary donation and help in packaging the meal bags.

Forty meal bags were delivered to the residents at Stonewood Senior Apartments. The residents were truly grateful to receive this outpouring of love from Hawkins UMC. Additional bags are being used in the Blessing Box and are being given to others in need.

**Matthew 25:40 (NIV)**  
The King will reply "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

## Ways to Give to Hawkins UMC

### Ways to Be Generous in the Time of a Pandemic



There are several ways to continue to give your tithes and offerings to Hawkins UMC while we are not meeting together.

You can:

- 1 - Write a check and mail it to the church at 3736 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180.
- 2 - Give online. Visit [www.hawkinsumc.org](http://www.hawkinsumc.org) and click on Give then [Ways to Give](#).
- 3 - Give via mobile app. Download the "Give + Plus" app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).
- 4 - Give via Hawkins' mobile app. Click Give at the bottom of the screen.
- 5 - Give via PayPal located on the right half way down the [hawkinsumc.org](http://hawkinsumc.org) web page.

## Hawkins UMC on the Radio

### Sundays at 10:30 am

Hawkins UMC is on the radio! Listen from 10:30 to 11:00 am each Sunday morning on River 101.3 or K-Hits 104.5.  
Or listen with iheart radio!

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# February 2025

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Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
2 Groundhog Day (United States) 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	3 9:30am Sewing Group 10:00am CFF	4 2:00pm Pickleball 4:00pm Dinner Theater Practice 5:30pm SPRC Meeting	5 12:00pm Homeschool 4:15pm Handbells 5:30pm WOW 6:45pm Chancel Choir	6 7:00am Kiwanis Club 9:30am Bible Study 11:00am Drive-Thru 2:00pm Pickleball 4:00pm Dinner Theater	7	8
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