



# ***Hawkins United Methodist Church***

***3736 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS***

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Dear Friends and Members of Hawkins UMC,

Vicki and I want to take this opportunity to thank you and express our personal and heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful Retirement Party that you honored us with last Sunday. We will cherish your presence, and kind words forever. I want to say “Thank You” for the delicious catfish lunch that was prepared and served by Sonny Jones, Lanz Dorrell, Merrill Zimmer, Steve Jones, John Newton, Victor Cain and Lucy Young. The beautiful cake provided and served by Cathy Walters. Thank you for the decorations by Teresa and Victor Cain, Renee Chouccoli, Julie Townley, Debbie Tate and Lucy Young. Thank you to Shelley Plett for making the wonderful video tribute of my years in ministry. We were all inspired and touched by the personal remarks of Jennifer McAlpin, Cathie Newton, Teresa Cain, Melanie Allen, Addie Weaver, “who stole the show”, Lucy Young, and Matthew Moore. Thank you to Rev. Mitchell Hedgepeth for the sermon he preached and to Hayden Bell for the beautiful song she sang during the worship service. Thank you to the members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee who stayed late cleaning the kitchen and Abundant Life Center and getting everything back in order. Also, Vicki and I deeply appreciate the incredible and generous retirement gift that you gave us.

If I could write a letter just filled with the words “thank you” over and over, it seems that I would never be able to write enough of them to truly express how I feel about the time that Vicki and I have spent at Hawkins UMC serving as your Pastor family.

What an absolute joy it has been as we have broken bread together, both in the material and spiritual sense. Also, we have known great victories, and yes, even heartaches along the way as we shared the loss of many wonderful saints.

My retirement after 40 years of ministry marks a significant transition; one filled with a mix of emotions - joy for the memories created, and hope for the path ahead. Serving as a shepherd to a congregation is not merely a vocation, but a calling woven deeply into the fabric of one's soul. It is a journey filled with moments of inspiration, challenges that test faith, and bonds that transform a community into a family.

Rest assured, you will be in our thoughts and prayers as we retire and physically move from Vicksburg, MS. Vicki and I hope in some small way we have blessed your lives because I can truly say that each of you have blessed our lives greatly. Even though we are moving to Madison, Alabama, a piece of our hearts will always be here with you.

I know you will extend the same warmth and friendship to Rev. Mike and Mrs. Betty Evans, that you have shown to us, I know they will have a fruitful pastorate at Hawkins UMC. I told Rev. Mike and Mrs. Betty that they were highly recommended and will be a great blessing to Hawkins. They will experience the love and support of this congregation like they have never experienced anywhere else. He is blessed with a fantastic Church Staff: Mallory Pickering, Music Director and Pianist; Teresa Cain, Office Manager, Stephen Spangler, Treasurer; Shelley Plett, Communication and Technology Director; Renee Chouccoli, Caretaker; Pat Hahn, Preschool Director; Betty Grant, Nursery, Shodone "Shone" Holly, Nursery. I encourage each of you to keep loving and serving people and you will be amazed at how God will grow this church in the days, weeks, and months ahead. There are so many "out there" who are still waiting to hear the message of the Gospel.

Philemon 1:3-6 (NKJV) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Please continue to pray for me, Vicki and our family as we pray for you.

In friendship, gratitude, and love of Christ,

Rev. Harrell Moore

## Music Notes



Summertime is prime time to join the Best Little Choir in the Whole Wide World! (BLC)

Summer practices will be held in the choir room behind the sanctuary on Wednesday nights from 6-7.

Need more info?

Contact Mallory Pickering at 601-850-3760 or [ripvanpickering@gmail.com](mailto:ripvanpickering@gmail.com).

### Key Benefits:

- Studies show that singing in a choir is good for your mental health.
- When you join the BLC, you automatically opt in to a text group where you learn more than you could ever want to know about cats.



Aren't they charming?



And so loving?





Help is needed with Kids Own Worship which takes place following children's moment each week. Training is available. We need teachers and helpers. Please let Teresa in the church office know if you would like to volunteer for this vital ministry.

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I can't believe that summer is here!! We've had a great year in the Preschool this year. We still have spots open in each class for next fall, so please encourage any relatives or friends that you think might be interested in preschool for their children to contact the preschool at 601-636-7051.

We also have room left in our Transportation summer camp the week of June 23 -27 for 3 - 5-year-olds. We'd be happy to have more join us for fun activities, crafts, and more!  
Have a fun and relaxing summer!

Come travel in planes, trains, and automobiles  
at Hawkins Preschool  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Ages: 3-5 years!  
(Must be potty trained)  
Fee \$100  
Time: 9 AM – 12 PM  
Registration ends June 6, 2025

To register, call the preschool (601) 636-7051



**June 2-6, 2025 Hawkins UMC**

We still have space at Marketplace Vacation Bible School this summer hosted by Hawkins UMC, Crawford St. UMC and First Presbyterian Church. Openings are available for elementary aged children who have completed Pre-K through completed fifth grade. Please invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate Jesus - Our Overcomer. You may register using the QR code. Please register by **May 26<sup>th</sup>**.



June 2 - 6 at Hawkins UMC; 8:50 - 11:50 AM each day with a special worship service at 11:30 on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help during VBS week or to provide supplies. We could not do VBS without all of you!

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**Memorial Day Luncheon**  
May 26, 2025 12:30 pm

American Legion Post 3 will provide a Memorial Day Luncheon for all veterans and their families. Come join us for ribs, chicken etc. as our way to say thanks to our veterans. Post 3 is the oldest active post in Mississippi, chartered in 1919.

Post 3, 1712 Monroe Street  
(next door to Hot Dog Man)

For more Information call  
Richard Van Den Akker at: 601-831-1385



Dearest Hawkins Family

(Bereavement Committee & Becomers Sunday School Class, etc.)

Thank you will never ever cover what all you did for me, us, daddy, our other family and friends! Knowing this day was coming seemed simple enough but when it actually happened I felt lost and confused, but so many Hawkins family showed up to love on me and us and really helped carry me through this. You all were super heroes!! Thank you! He loved you guys! Like family, he wanted the very best for the church but also for each family in the church. He loved teaching you and learning from you. You were one of the brightest spots in his life after my momma passed. You were his family! Thank you! Thank you for feeding us, loving us and supporting us!

Love Always, Carr Carr Murphy



April report:

Income: \$25,233.27

Expenses: \$36,892.81  
-12,168.47

- 1 - Merrill Zimmer
- 2 - Beattie Williams
- Buddy Reeves
- 5 - Melanie Allen
- Beverly Cotton
- 7 - Debbie Tate
- 11 - Kelley Warren Sanders
- 21 - Vicki Moore
- 22 - Antonio Sumler
- 29 - Pam Dorrell



## Memorials

Memorials have been given in Loving  
Memory of **Maxine Stanford** by  
Lucille Ables,  
Debby & Tommy Miller

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Memorials have been given in Loving  
Memory of **Glenda Normand** by  
Shelley Plett

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Memorials have been given in Loving  
Memory of **Hazel Hazzlerigg** by  
Debby & Tommy Miller

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Memorials have been given in Loving  
Memory of **Newell Murphy** by Shelley Plett,  
Jane Hanes, Christopher Hart, Steve & Suzi  
Wilhelms, Debby & Tommy Miller, Susan &  
Frank Ford, Charlie & Becky Berger, William  
Myers, Steve & Beth Jones, Ann Walters

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Memorials have been given in Loving  
Memory of **Bernadette Weaver** by  
Debby & Tommy Miller

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Memorials have been given in Loving  
Memory of **Travis T. Vance, Jr.** by The Red  
Carpet Bowl, Brenda Farmer, Mike Dees,  
Todd & Tammy Boolos, Donald & Bettye  
Oakes, Thomas Pharr, Ellen Cottrell, Kelle Jo  
Barfield, Jean Blue, Shirley Howell, Debby &  
Tommy Miller, Hilary & Jackie Gleitz, Bobby  
Odom, Ann Stirgus, Ann Henley, Leanne  
Katzenmeyer, Jane Hanes

### **HUMC History Book Congregational Update**

This past Sunday, May 11, 2025, I gave a congregational update on the ongoing writing of the HUMC History Book. If you missed it, here is what I said.

1. Thirteen months from yesterday, on June 10, 2026 we will celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence. Our main celebration though will occur on the weekend of June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, which are the following Saturday and Sunday, since the 10<sup>th</sup> is on a Wednesday. We will celebrate that Wednesday with an evening service that is yet to be determined.
2. Since last fall a small group of us have copied, scanned and made searchable literally thousands of pages of annual and quarterly conference reports, building committee reports, bulletins, devotion booklets, pictorial and program directories, previous church history anniversaries booklets, newsletters, photos, copies of the earliest Women's cookbooks, and our historical church membership register books.
3. Let me say at this point there are 8 ladies whom I will name at a later date, who we all owe a great debt of gratitude for the tedious work of transcribing handwritten information on full membership, baptism, marriage, and death records for the first 50 years of the church. We will ultimately have all of the records digitized for the full 75 years of the church that will greatly help Teresa to answer inquiries that she often gets to find someone in the past. We hope to put the names of these people in the history book if it doesn't create a large page count.
4. I have recently placed in our monthly newsletters, short narratives about our church's former pastors. I hope you have enjoyed them. I will continue but also interspersed with facts and photos of the early church activities.
5. Although I said that we are 13 months away from our anniversary we are only 7 months from when we need to have a final manuscript to be turned into a printer (December 2025), as it takes 4-5 months to get a final edited and print ready document for publishing. So, I must say I am feeling some urgency to complete our searches and start the creative writing process of the many facts we have found. Creative writing is not one of my best traits. Several of you have helped with Methodist Women, Methodist Men, SOS, Reach Out, Kiwanis Club, emergency Sheltering, handbells and banners and we thank you. But we have more to do.
6. So, we still need your help. There are many retired teachers, counselors, secretaries, engineers who wrote research reports, playwrights, and other professionals that have the talent to write. You just have to be willing to make a commitment of your time and have the desire to help. We can provide the facts and bullets of information. I have already received help from former members who now live out of state like Sharon Lantz in Houston, TX, Sandy Struve in Lubbock, TX, Susan Ford in South Carolina, Mary Lee Herron of Ohio, Julie Townley in Helena, AL, and Barbara Fuller in Arkansas.



7. If you don't have computer skills, you can at least markup printed pages and proofread text. Who will step up and participate? If you are willing to help, call me or Joy Graham. We are in the church directory or call Teresa in the church office, 601-636-2242.
8. Nancy Renfro, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Chairwoman has asked me to tell you that she will be contacting church members soon about helping with the anniversary celebration activities next spring.

Scouting - In addition to this announcement, I placed on the Missions bulletin board in the ALC a list of BSA Eagle Scouts and GSA Golden Award recipients over the life of the church. The criteria were if the scout was a member of a Hawkins sponsored troop, or troop that met at Hawkins, was a member of Hawkins but was in another local troop, or later joined Hawkins UMC as an adult.

This information came from reviewing old Vicksburg newspapers online and getting a list from the National Eagle Scouts organization. If you know of someone who was an Eagle Scout or Golden Award recipient, please send an email to me, Larry Holman, at [klholman@bellsouth.net](mailto:klholman@bellsouth.net) with name, year and troop number. A current list can be viewed in the Hawkins Highlights for several weeks that is emailed out every Sunday night or you can request a copy of the list from me.

And finally, Joy and I ask each of you to take time to look in those stuffed drawers in your kitchen, bedroom nightstand, closet, garage or in the attic and help us to preserve even the smallest bit of information that you may have. We are finding stuff from individuals that go back to the 50s, 60s and later years that we haven't seen in the church records room. We have a lot of directories and devotions but send us an email of what you have and we tell you what we would like to get from you. I am sorry for this long message this time, but time is running out. Thank you.

Larry Holman  
Church Historian

# June 2025

June 2025							July 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Jun 1</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>2</b> 9:00am V.B.S. 9:30am Sewing Group	<b>3</b> 9:00am V.B.S. 2:00pm Pickleball	<b>4</b> 9:00am V.B.S. 6:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00am Kiwanis Club 9:00am V.B.S. 11:00am Drive-Thru Prayer 2:00pm Pickleball	<b>6</b> 9:00am V.B.S.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00am Trustees 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>9</b> 9:30am Sewing Group 5:30pm Administrative Council	<b>10</b> 2:00pm Pickleball	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 7:00am Kiwanis Club 2:00pm Pickleball	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Flag Day (United States) 9:00am E.R.T. Training
<b>15</b> 8:00am UMM Breakfast 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>16</b> 9:30am Sewing Group	<b>17</b> 10:00am United Women in Faith 2:00pm Pickleball 5:00pm Finance	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 7:00am Kiwanis Club	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>23</b> 9:00am Preschool Camp 9:30am Sewing Group	<b>24</b> 9:00am Preschool Camp	<b>25</b> 9:00am Preschool Camp 6:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 7:00am Kiwanis Club 9:00am Preschool Camp	<b>27</b> 9:00am Preschool Camp	<b>28</b>
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## 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!

### Live Stream Sermons Visit Hawkins' YouTube Channel

Visit and subscribe to Hawkins' YouTube channel to view live streamed sermons online at

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