



Hawkins United Methodist Church

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Hebrews 13:7

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

I want to thank the Hawkins family for your warm welcome, as Betty and I have become a part of your family. It was a blessing to have meals provided as we moved in, and we are deeply grateful for the overwhelming appreciation and love you have shown us over the past month. We look forward to many years of service with you.

As our children prepare for another year of school, I would like you to take a moment to remember a pastor, teacher, coach, band director, music instructor, mentor, or principal who has positively impacted your life. What did they do to make such a positive impression? Did they pray for you? Did you pray for them?

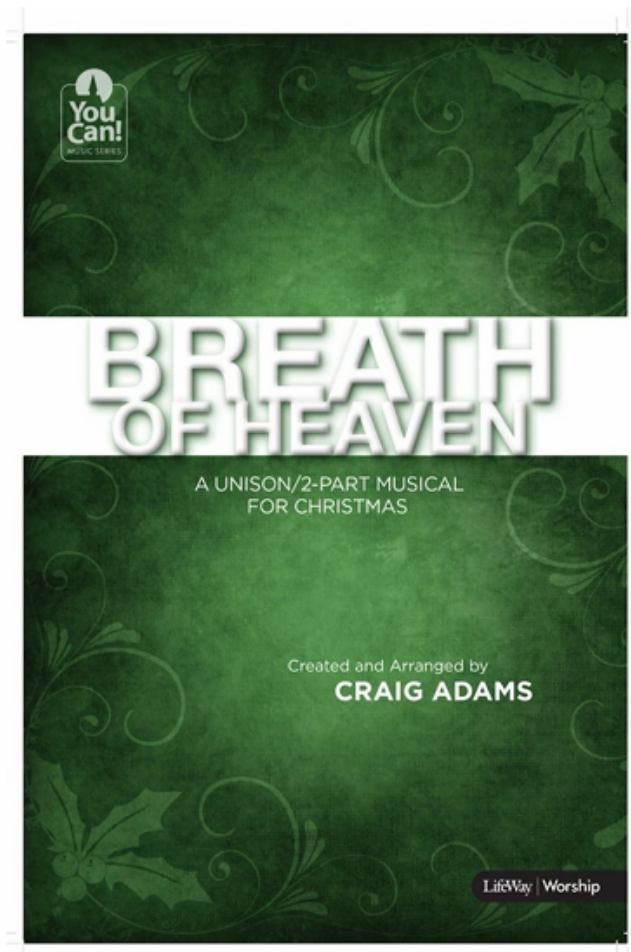
The motto of my high school, Washington School in Greenville, MS, is "exitus acta probat," or "The Results Prove the Deeds." I never fully understood what it meant until long after I graduated. I ponder whether my life is indicative of the "deeds" that my teachers, coaches, band directors, and music instructors instilled in me so many years ago.

The bigger question may be: will our "deeds" be proven in this future generation?

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Mike Evans

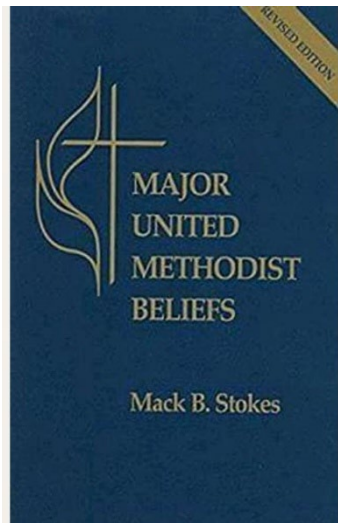
Music Notes



Christmas in July? You betcha! The Best Little Choir in the Whole Wide World is getting ready to start work on our 2025 Christmas cantata (to be held on Sunday, December 14), and we would love to have you join us! Our first practice will take place on Wednesday night, July 23rd, at 6 p.m. in the choir room. Come be festive with us- we'll pretend it's cold outside!

Got questions? Reach out to Mallory Pickering at ripvanpickering@gmail.com or 601-850-3760.





Wow!! Summer is flying by!! The start of preschool is right around the corner with Open House on Aug. 7 and the 1st day on Aug. 11.

We still have room available. We'd love for them to join the fun at the Preschool!



- 1 – Andrea Weaver
- 2 - Bill Miller
- 4 - Cathy Walters
Jaycee James
George Nasif
- 7 - Jan Bellman
- 12 - Cade Walters
- 14 - Abigail Harper
- 17 - Harper McAlpin
- 18 - Linda Parker
- 20 - Vickye Daily
- 28 - Janet Chisolm
- 30 - Cathie Newton
Pete Cordrey
- 31 - Kalindi Sibal

Summer is in full swing, but fall is approaching! WOW will return on **September 10**. Mark your calendars for all the festivities. The adults will begin looking at Major United Methodist Beliefs Revised by Mack B. Stokes on Wednesday Night study and the Thursday morning study. Bro Mike has 14 copies available to be loaned out. Let the church office know if you are interested in a copy. You may also purchase one at Cokesbury.com.

Take a trip with friends to the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson, The Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum with a special exhibit Hurricane Katrina Mississippi Remembers by Melody Golding.

Date: Friday, August 22nd

Time: Leave Hawkins Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m.
We will carpool together.

Lunch: At your leisure at the Nissan Café inside of the museums.

Cost: Entrance to the museums are free with groups of 10 or more. You will need money for your lunch.

If you plan to go, please contact Teresa in the church office or on her cell phone at (601) 642-5276 no later than **Thursday, August 7th.**



June Report:
Income: \$40,873.97
Expenses: \$36,475.10
4,398.87

Memorials

A Memorial was given in Loving Memory of **Bernadette Weaver** by Mary Frances Warren.

A Memorial was given in Loving Memory of **Tatyana Zavyalova** by Shelley Plett.

An Honorarium was given in Honor of **Jimmy Fowler** by Marilyn Wienke.

An Honorarium was given in Honor of **Sonny Jones** by Shelley Plett.

Hawkins History Corner

No. 2025-07

Mission Accomplished – Transcriptions Completed

As of July 11, 2025, Mission Accomplished! You say, “What was accomplished?” Is the history book finished? NO, I wished. When Joy Graham and I started late last summer laying out the history book content, a listing of the church membership was considered to be included. By that we meant a listing of names from June 1951 up through late 2025. Just what did that mean and how would we accomplish it.

First, we had to determine where that list resided, in what format, and finally how many names which would result in how many pages in the history book. We knew we had to talk to Teresa Cain in the church office. Of course, she knew the answers or where to find the answers. She told us that the first 50+ years membership rolls were handwritten in two Register Books kept in the Church Office area. The membership roll for the past 15-20 years are kept on the office computer in MS Word and Excel files.

After reviewing the handwritten Register Books, we decided that we needed to copy every page and then scan those pages to make a digital record just in case if something ever happened to the books. Before moving on to scanning, we tallied up how many names were on the membership roll. That number was 2,114 individuals as of 9/14/2014. That number alone could occupy between 20-30 pages depending on the text size used. The concern is book page count for this information since it's not only membership, but also baptisms, marriages, preparatory members, and deaths that all translate to book cost.

After about a week's worth of copying some 200+ pages we completed the copying task. Next the scanning was required which I did on my home scanner. It took about 2 months of off and on scanning, but sometimes for several hours at a time. I scanned each page into both JPG and PDF file formats. Finally, the scanning was accomplished by early September 2024.

The huge task before us was how are we going to transcribe the handwritten pages into digital text so it could be entered into the history book Word file. Initially, I thought we could use the new and emerging technology of Artificial Intelligence (AI) such as Open AI's ChatGPT on the internet which was now capable of reading handwriting and converting it to digital text. This was reviewed and tested for several weeks, but in the end, it was decided for our effort to use the old-fashioned manual transcription of humans reading the scanned files and entering the data into special Excel spreadsheets that looked like the Register book pages.

The manual transcription process would require many volunteers. This is where several ladies in the church stepped up when asked to do the transcriptions. It was not a quick process as it relied on the schedule of the volunteers, about half retired and the other half still working with young children. This process started in early October 2024 and continued until June 2025. This transcription not only included the membership rolls, but also, baptisms, marriages, preparatory members, and deaths. These last categories had a lot less pages and not near as much information as the membership rolls had. The final task was then to get these same volunteers, including Joy

and myself to proofread other person's transcriptions for accuracy. Joy and I made the final decisions on any questioned original book entry by reviewing other church resources.

So, at the end of last week, I finalized all Excel spreadsheets for membership, baptisms, marriages, and deaths for Books 1 and 2. I then made PDF files of all of them too so they can be searched. Copies of the files will be given to Teresa so that she can now search Hawkins past membership rolls without having to use the old register books and manually lookup information.

Again, as of July 11, 2025, **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!** At this time, I would like to express for myself and Joy Graham many thanks to these ladies for their dedication and persistent work in manually transcribing our Register Books 1 and 2. They are Haley Bell, Jennifer McAlpin, Sandy Berry, Sheila Katzenmayer, Beth Jones, Linda Parker, Joy Graham and Sharon Lantz. Sharon is a former member of Hawkins now living in the Houston, Texas area. I recruited her through a chance meeting of she and her husband Allan at an Ole Miss football game last fall. Thank you, Sharon.

Below are some clips of what these books looked like and what the digitized files look like now.

OFFICIAL RECORD OF This required record shall					
CHRONO- LOGICAL REFERENCE NUMBER	FAMILY NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ADDRESS	TO WHOM MARRIED (See footnote below)	MARITAL STATUS (Single, Married, Widowed)
26	Ables, Lucille V. Coles		3715 Halls Ferry Rd.		Married
23	Adams, Miss Billy Lou		3244 " " "	Yates	Single
19	Adams, Mrs. W. B. Sr.		" " " "		Married
36	Adams, William B., Jr.		" " " "		Single
50	Allen, John Cyril		3505 " " "		Married
51	Allen, Mrs. John Cyril		" " " "		"
82	Adams, W. B. Sr.		139 Cane Ridge Rd.		"
83	Allen, Richard Cyril		3505 Halls Ferry Rd.		Single
91	Adams, Richard		172 Cottage Row Dr.		Married
92	Adams, Mrs. Richard		" " " "		"
158	Armitage, W. D.		106 Williams Rd.		"
159	Armitage, Mrs. W. D.		" " "		"

Partial Page 30 from Book 1, Full Membership.

OFFICIAL RECORD OF FULL						
Page Numbers	Line Number	Chrono- Logical Reference Number	FULL NAME		ADDRESS	TO WHOM MARRIED (See footnote below)
			FAMILY NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME		
30-31	1	26	Ables	Lucille V. Coles	3715 Halls Ferry Rd.	Married
30-31	2	23	Adams	Miss Billy Lou	3244 Halls Ferry Rd.	Single
30-31	3	19	Adams	Mrs. W. B. Sr.	3244 Halls Ferry Rd.	Married
30-31	4	36	Adams	William B., Jr.	3244 Halls Ferry Rd.	Single
30-31	5	50	Allen	John Cyril	3505 Halls Ferry Rd.	Married
30-31	6	51	Allen	Mrs. John Cyril	3505 Halls Ferry Rd.	Married
30-31	7	82	Adams	W. B. Sr.	139 Cane Ridge Rd.	Married
30-31	8	83	Allen	Richard Cyril	3505 Halls Ferry Rd.	Single
30-31	9	91	Adams	Richard	172 Cottage Row Dr.	Married
30-31	10	92	Adams	Mrs. Richard	172 Cottage Row Dr.	Married
30-31	11	158	Armitage	W. D.	106 Williams Rd.	Married
30-31	12	159	Armitage	Mrs. W. D.	106 Williams Rd.	Married

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Larry Holman
Church Historian, July 2025

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 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 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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWONhu8R0g8Tzzvpe_Cl2Ng

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<https://www.facebook.com/hawkinsumc/>

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August 2025

August 2025							September 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	7	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13	14	8	9	14	8	9	10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20	21	15	16	21	15	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27	28	22	23	28	22	23	24	25	26	27
31					29	30		29	30				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
3 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	4	5 2:00pm Pickleball 5:00pm Nominations Committee	6 6:00pm Chancel Choir	7 7:00am Kiwanis Club 11:00am Drive-Thru 2:00pm Pickleball 6:00pm Preschool Open	8	9
10 8:00am Trustees 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	11 First Day of Preschool	12 2:00pm Pickleball	13 6:00pm Chancel Choir	14 7:00am Kiwanis Club 2:00pm Pickleball	15	16
17 8:00am UMM Breakfast 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	18	19 2:00pm Pickleball	20 6:00pm Chancel Choir	21 7:00am Kiwanis Club 2:00pm Pickleball	22 8:30am Trip to Museums	23
24 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	25	26 2:00pm Pickleball	27 6:00pm Chancel Choir	28 7:00am Kiwanis Club 2:00pm Pickleball	29	30
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