

MEADVILLE MESSENGER

Welcome to Rev. Rex Wilburn and family!

The Wilburn family will join us at MUMC on July 1!

Bio for Rev. Rex Wilburn

**Elder in Full-Connection in the Mississippi Annual Conference
Houston First and Prospect United Methodist Churches (5 years)**

Bruce United Methodist Church (12 years)

Salem-Friendship-Union Hill Charge (4 years)

Pope Charge (4 years) student

Ashland Charge (2 years) part-time



Rex is a 56-year-old native of Moscow, Tennessee. His parents were a farmer and a factory worker and United Methodists at Early Grove United Methodist Church in Lamar, Mississippi in Marshall County. He graduated from Rossville Academy, University of Memphis with a BBA in Agri-marketing with a minory in accounting and Memphis Theological Seminary graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Master of Divinity. He has worked on a farm, in home construction, as a store clerk for Jr. Food Mart, as a factory worker, in a machine shop during his high school and college days. After college he worked 8 years and two months as a Communicable Disease Coordinator for the West Tennessee Dept. of Health specializing in sexually transmitted diseases (including being the person who informed West Tennessee patients of their positive HIV tests) and was also a certified x-ray technician for the West Tennessee Tuberculosis Clinic and the West Tennessee Cares Clinic for treating those with HIV infection. Rex left the health department after two years of being bi-vocational while pastoring the Ashland Charge in order to enter seminary.

Rex is married to the former Pamela (Pam) Gail Hobson celebrating 33 years on June 22nd. Rex and Pam have two children, Robin, who is 28 and Matthew, 25.

Hobbies include golfing, fishing, crosswords and Sudoku.

Rex is currently serving the Methodist Connection as Conference Statistician for the Mississippi Annual Conference and has been serving as the chair of the Superintendency Committee, member of the Trustees, and district statistician all in the Tupelo District.

Rex has served as football videographer and voice of the Bruce Trojans football and baseball teams and more recently at Houston High school as videographer for Topper football and as the voice of the Topper baseball for five seasons.

His son Matthew will make the transition to Meadville. Robin will be left behind to continue her career in the furniture industry and courtship of her boyfriend Matt Moss.

The Wilburn family is blessed to make the transition to be the parsonage family for Meadville United Methodist Church. Everyone we have heard from tell us how amazing this church family is. We are praying for you all as well as Milton and Cindy as they swap ends of the state with us. We look forward to seeing you on June 26, 2018 and beginning our wonderful journey. We are so proud to be the parsonage family!

Peace and Joy and Love!

Rex, Pam, Robin and Matthew Wilburn
The New Parsonage Family

Worship Matters!

Pat Jones

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24

What does it mean to “worship the Father in spirit and in truth”? I may not be the fastest bunny in the forest when it comes to theology, but I think it means being engaged and soaked in the Word and presence of God.

If we want to be the true worshipers that the Father is seeking, we need to fully engage in all the elements of the worship service and leave the distractions in the parking lot. Are we allowing personalities, dissension, business decisions, home/family trials, etc. to take us out the engaging process?

Intentionally concentrating on the words in the hymns, silently praying the same words the pastor is praying, and taking notes, help keep me focused. And a spiritual truth is always there to be gleaned during the Children’s Sermon!

Recently, I gave attention and labor to cleaning and purging our numerous book shelves. As I looked at textbooks, Bible studies that I had done, and hymnals, it seemed that “going deeper” has given way to a lighter, more watered-down version in Christian churches in general.

For instance, we will revive the Hymn of the Month feature in June. The hymn, “**Speak, O Lord**” contains these lyrics:

***“Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word,
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.”*** (Getty-Townend, 2006)

And that’s just the first verse! On the way home, after singing “Speak, O Lord”, I heard this song:

“This is how I fight my battles.” (37 times)

“It may look like I’m surrounded, but I’m surrounded by You.” (12 times)

My apologies to the composer, but let us please go deeper, engage our spirit with the Father’s, and search out and sing the truth of His word!

See you at the grace place!

Romania Missions

Dr. Gabbert will be traveling to Romania again this year from June 25-July 5, 2018. Please remember him in prayer as he prepares for this trip.

The following items are needed:

- Antacid, regular strength
- Ibuprofen, 200mg (Advil, Motrin, or generic)
- Tylenol, regular or extra strength (Generic Acetaminophen)
- Aspirin, 81mg
- Muscle Rub (any type) cream or ointment
- Ladies head scarves (Larger ones are desirable)

Items may be dropped off at the church or given to Dr. Gabbert by **June 15**. Thank you for partnering with him to reach the people of Romania.

COLEMANISM:

The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.

SUMMER FUN FOR SUPER KIDS!

This summer our MUMC Super kids will have several different places to find fun with friends and Jesus.

June 5 - 5:00-7:00

Be at the church pavilion for a Mexican Festival.

June 20 or 21 5:00-7:00

Be at the church (with a parent and bug spray). We are heading to Sullivan's Sand Bar and river.

July 10 5:00-7:30

We will meet at the church and travel to David and Suzie Abadie's pool. Bring a towel and wear your suit.

July 24 5:30-7:00

We will meet at the church and go to Charlie and Wells house to swim. Bring a hula hoop if you have one.

All plans are subject to change because of weather. **Call in advance to make sure we are meeting!!**





Sunday
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Morning Worship
 4:00 - Intercessors
 5:00 - Choir Rehearsal



Thursday
 4:00 - Prison Ministry

Friday
 6:00 - Sewing Ministry



JUNE

Twenty eight

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Annual Conference - Jackson	Annual Conference - Jackson	1 Annual Conference - Jackson 2
3	4	10:00 A.M. Jolly Elders 5:00 P.M. 	5	6	7	8 9
10	11	6:00 P.M. Emmaus	12	13	14	15 16
17	18	19	5:00 P.M. 	20	21	22 23
12:00 P.M. Going away luncheon for Whatley family. 24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Let all that you do be done in love.

CORINTHIANS 16:14



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

June 01 Katherine Jones
 June 04 Josh Dixon
 June 04 June West
 June 06 Blake Crawford
 June 06 Susan Gabbert
 June 07 Stephanie Sullivan
 June 08 Steve Sullivan
 June 10 Stephenie Sullivan
 June 12 Janet Spring
 June 12 Ruthie Cochran
 June 13 Jeffrey Johnson
 June 14 Wells Herring
 June 18 Josh Bradford
 June 22 Barbara Herring

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

June 1 Blaine & Maddie Freeman
 June 6 Sonny & Martha Dickey
 June 7 Larry & Pat Jones
 June 7 Elliott & Sarah Stebbins
 June 8 Ken & Karen Posey
 June 12 Chuck & Brandee Freeman
 June 12 Howard & Myra Herring
 June 13 Randy & Sidney
 Youngblood

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Thank You!

Thank you so much for the plant and for feeding our family and friends. Most of all, thanks for being such an important part of the West family for these many years.

*Love ya,
the West's*

From the Mississippi Conference:

*Dear Meadville UMC,
 In our Vital Congregation Committee review of responses submitted during the 2017 Charge Conference, your church's response were determined to be excellent! It is no doubt that your planning and working that plan effectively make disciples in your community. Your servant ministry is unique in regards to using your old parsonage as a "Hospitality House". Again, we are grateful for your efforts and wish you continued success.*

*United Methodist Church Mississippi Conference Vital
 Congregation Committee*

Mark West's Famous Chili

- 10 pounds ground beef
- 4 large cans of tomatoes
- 1 large can of tomato paste
- 3 2-ounce cans/bottles of Mexican chili powder
- Several finely chopped bell peppers, onions, and garlic
- Salt & Pepper to taste

After browning the beef, drain the fat off. Add all of the chopped vegetables and allow to simmer slowly. After vegetables are tender, add chopped tomatoes, tomato paste, chili powder and salt & pepper until desired taste is reached. Mr. Mark simmered this for several hours on the grill at The West Side Drive Inn.

Note: Mr. Mark never wrote down recipes. The recipe for his famous chili comes from him reciting it from memory to his family.

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