



Ellisville First Methodist Church

August 2026

From Bro. Mark

“Well, Isn’t That Convenient”

I never watched the show much, but someone recently shared an episode of Saturday Night Live called the “Church Lady.” She would end each segment with, “Well, isn’t that convenient?” It got me to thinking: Do we treat our relationship with Christ and His Church as a convenience or as a commitment? There is always the temptation to place convenience as the priority over commitment.

Paul K. Hasson has put together a little test to help us determine whether we offer Christ and His Church the same steadfast devotion we so easily expect in other areas of life. Here’s his test:

If your car starts one out of three times, do you consider it faithful?

If you fail to come to work 2 or 3 days a month, would your boss consider you faithful?

If you skipped your meds, would your body respond as if all’s good and ship shape?

If you’re A/C quits for a day now and then, do you excuse it and say, “Oh well, it works most of the time?”

If you missed a couple of car payments during the year, would the bank say, “Ten out of twelve isn’t bad?”

If you miss worship or opportunities to serve one third of the time, are you faithful?

Paul Hasson has a way of setting things in their proper light. It does hurt the eyes a little bit, or should I say the conscience. But I guess it’s true, “*honesty is the best policy.*” His is a real test of faithful commitment over convenience.

No one is perfect and God isn’t looking for that anyway. He knows we are all works in progress. Thankfully, every Sunday (*really everyday*) is a chance to improve our game. Then, one day, by the grace of God, we’ll hear the best words ever spoken, “*Well done good and faithful servant!*”

Hope to see you all in worship and Sunday School!

---Author, Unknown

Grace and Peace,

Bro. Mark

Volunteers for August

Children's Church

August 2 — Marley Mixon
August 9 — Natalie Flynt
August 16 — Jason Cooley
August 23 — Lori & Lila Bartran
August 30 — Alaina Garick

Audio/Visual Technicians

August 2 — TBD & Gary Herring
August 9 — TBD & Marley Mixon
August 16 — TBD & John Wesley Longwitz
August 23 — TBD & Chad Garick
August 30 — TBD & Gary Herring

Acolytes

August 2 — Kinsley Uldrick & Suzanne Haynes
August 9 — Isaac Alexander & Will Crumpton
August 16 — Mae Walley & Liza Endom
August 23 — Haynes Walley & Merritt Cooley
August 30 — Whitley & McKinley Manning

August Birthdays

1 - Donna Blackwell
4 - Charles Hollingshead
15 - Webb Lyon
 Clarence Putnam
17— Katie Stone
20 - Joann McKenzie
 Diann Walters
21 - John Thomas Haynes
24 - Stacy Thrash
30 - Gary Herring
31- Catherine Herring

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday

10:00 AM Hallowed Grounds Coffee Club

Wednesday Schedule starting August 12:

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 PM Prayer Service
6:30 PM Youth, Children, & Young Adults
 meet at their designated rooms
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Awana will begin September 9.

August Meetings

Methodist Men - Sunday, August 2, 8:00 a.m.

Lambuth Circle - Monday, August 3, 6:00 p.m.

Wesleyan Circle - Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m.

Prayer List

Family of Kitty Bounds
Shari Bryan – Cancer treatments
Terry & Marilyn Buckhault – Homebound
Sue & Charlie Coker – Homebound
Cathy Dean – Homebound
Mac Haynes –JCRH Rm 109
Cindy Hill – Homebound; Surgery recovery
Charles Hollingshead – JCRH Rm 608
Joann McKenzie – Homebound
Frances Munn – Homebound
Frances Reynolds – Homebound
Jeanne Reynolds – Cancer treatments
Dave Robertson – Homebound
Family of Dwight Sanders
Walt Therrell – Bedford Care, Hattiesburg
Diann Walters – Homebound
Family of Jerry Wansley

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**Tuesday, August 4
1:00 PM**

Hillary Manns to speak



**Suppers will begin on August
12 at 5:30 p.m.**

Calling ALL AWANA Volunteers!

Our **AWANA** Volunteer Meeting is happening on Wednesday, August 19, at 5:00 PM!

Whether you are a returning volunteer or interested in joining the fun for the first time, we would LOVE to have you! Come hear about our exciting plans for AWANA and discover how you can be part of an amazing year with the kids.



Wednesday, August 19th



5:00 PM *We will be finished before the meal is served --- promise!*



EFMC – Fellowship Hall

We will have someone to watch the kids during the meeting

Be an AWANA Meal Host

Choose a Wednesday night to provide the meal for our AWANA kids.

Meal sponsors/volunteers can be individuals, families, Sunday School classes, small groups, or anyone who wants to help! Whether you give, cook, deliver, or volunteer to serve - every bit of assistance matters, and we APPRECIATE it!

Ready to Help?

- Write “AWANA Meal” on the memo line of your check.
- Give through Pushpay and select “Children’s Projects” for AWANA meals.

Contact Alaina Garick 601-498-4886 to select a Wednesday Night that you would like to bring the meal or if you are available to help!

Thank you for helping us create a fun and welcoming place where our kids can learn about Jesus, enjoy a meal, and build friendships!

The Countdown to AWANA Is On!

School is about to begin, and do you know what that means at EFMC? It means that **AWANA** is ALMOST here! Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and join us for **FOUR** exciting COUNTDOWN to **AWANA** nights!

Each Wednesday, beginning August 12th after our weekly meal, the kids will enjoy a special activity, as we count down to our BIG **AWANA** Kick-Off on **Wednesday, September 9th**!



August 12th — Slide into the NEW School Year

Wear clothes that can get wet and join us for water slides and plenty of splashing fun!



August 19th — Chill Out with Friends

Cool off with frozen treats and a fun time with old and new friends!



August 26th — Color Your World

Get ready for a colorful evening and maybe even a little messy fun!



September 2nd — Get Ready, Get Set for AWANA!

Only 1 week left - Race towards the finish line with team games and exciting relay events!



September 9th — AWANA Kick-Off Night! 🎆

The countdown is finally over! Join us as we launch another amazing year of learning about Jesus, making friends, playing games, and having fun together at EFMC!

Check the Weekly Newsletter, Facebook, and the Bulletin each Sunday for more details!

While the kids enjoy our **Countdown to AWANA** activities, parents are invited to stay and enjoy the Young Adult Bible Study or Prayer Meeting.