

Wells United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 5, 2010

Today	Early Worship	8:30	AM
	Sunday School	10:00	AM
	Mid-morning Worship	11:00	AM
	Youth	5:00	PM
	Evening Worship	7:00	PM
Wednesday	Prayer-Bible Study	7:00	PM

THANK you for joining us today in a time of truth seeking and shared fellowship on this holiday weekend. We welcome you warmly and sincerely to ‘continuing quest.’

THE Communion service is open to all who would come. Please come as you feel led, kneel, receive the Bread, dip the Cup, and on this First Sunday wait for a prayer of dismissal. Please come.

Altar flowers today were placed by Beth and Joe Farmer in celebration of 13 years of marriage and in thanksgiving to God for Joe’s improved health and the wonderful difference produced by a pace-maker.

Entrance flowers were placed in recognition and gratitude to Bruce Reynolds and the Katrina team for their diligence, time, hard work, dedication and continued support of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Those who lost loved ones, homes, belongings and heart have been uplifted with God’s Grace and given hope through the efforts of people like our team.

Our Fellowship Supper program on September 15 will feature Sarah Campbell presenting her most recent book “Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature”, which was on the Jackson Public Schools’ summer reading list for second graders. Fibonacci numbers appear everywhere in Nature, from the leaf arrangement in plants, to the pattern of the florets of a flower, the bracts of a pinecone, or the scales of a pineapple. Bring something good to eat and join us for a fascinating program.

The Council on Ministries and Administrative Board will meet next Sunday at 3 and 4 PM respectively. Members, please come.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the Food Pantry will serve on Tuesday this week. The church offices will be closed tomorrow, but we’re reachable by phone or email.

“Day at the Pines,” a one-day retreat for older adults, is being sponsored by the East and West Jackson Districts of the United Methodist Church at Camp Wesley Pines in Gallman on October 7. If you’d like more information on this special event, please let us know via a blue pew card. The program will begin at 9:30 AM and close around 2:30 PM. This get-together will include folks from Rolling Fork to Rials Creek, Vicksburg to Forest, and points in between.

Please remember to silence cell phones and pagers on entering the Sanctuary.

“Worship Aid” available at the Entrance has words to elements of the service that may be unfamiliar to visitors.

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Worship Services

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“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
John 8:32 NIV

Prelude	Church Musicians
Greeting	The Layminister
Call To Worship	The Choir

Opening Sentences

Leader: Our world is filled with ‘spin,’ and deceit, so people have questions about the truth.

People: To believe that truth exists, and can be found by us is part of what faith is about.

Prayer: Lord, help us to seek and find the truth. In Christ, Amen.

Hymn Of Praise: 465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine Verses 1, 2 & 3

A Shared Affirmation And Free Worship Hymnal page 881

Hymn Of Consecration: 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See Verses 1 and 2

A Shared Psalm: Psalm 43: 1-5 Hymnal page 778

The Gloria Patri Hymnal 70

The Life Of Our Church

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology Hymnal 95

Special Music

The Word Of God Read: Psalm 43:3; John 8:31-33; John 18: 36-38

The Word Of God Preached: “Truth and Spin” Keith Tonkel

The Service of Holy Communion

Hymn Of Invitation: 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be, Verse 1

Benediction: May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever
Granting peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see God’s face, know God’s grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

Layministers:	Early Worship	Mid-morning Worship	Evening Worship
	Bill Duckworth	Michael Allen	A. T. Puckett

Evening Worship

Keith Tonkel peaching
Holy Communion will be served

+Pastor: Keith Tonkel+Associate Pastor: Todd Watson+

+Minister of Music: Lelon Thompson+Minister of Counseling: Jeff Parker+Children’s Assistant, Joy Gates+

Youth Leader: Tiffany Bobbs+Gardens Ministry: Loy Moncrief+Office Helper: Nancy Watson+

+Nursery Coordinator: Elaine Collins+Care Team: the People of Wells +Pastoral Assistant: Jim Young+

Musicians

Jamie Ward, Brenda Duckworth, Mary Lundgren, Pat Tonkel, Annie Reiher, Debi Lewis, Margaret Pigott, Jan Smith

If you must leave the Sanctuary during worship, please do not use the door near the pulpit.

The Nurseries and Cryroom are available for little ones who become restless during worship.

Children’s bulletins, clipboards and crayons are available for little artists who become restless during worship.

Truth And Spin

Spin is in. No doubt about it. No matter what, we do our best to 'explain,' or 'divert,' and all too often, at the expense of truth.

Many think that believers have no commitment to reason, no passion for truth. In fact, the center of our faith quest is for the truth, the truth that sets us free from spin and misunderstanding. We want light and truth to lead our living. True life, we believe, cannot be "grounded upon doubt, uncertainty and deceit," as one writer put it. (John Paul II)

There Is Truth, and there are truths. Those who believe in no truth can easily fall into a place of believing just about anything.

Existence is for something ---or nothing. Christians choose something, and work to find and understand it.

We can ask with those across time "What is truth?"

But we are called to give answer. We say: God is Truth, the universe is created for purpose, People exist to somehow extend and fulfill (or deny) that purpose, and we must keep on asking questions as to the meaning and intention of being alive as believers in the Truth of Christ.

Indeed truth can be 'crushed to earth,' and this is often the case. It comes as a surprise that Christian believers are called to look for, to find, and to represent a special and exciting kind of truth, that puts spin in its place, and lifts up the possibilities of getting things right in these challenging and oft-broken times.

Truth and spin are not the same.

Only truth 'endures forever.'

GodStuff, Keith Tonkel, Today's Scriptures

Today's Scriptures

Psalm 43: 3

Send forth your light and your truth,
let them guide me;
let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell.

John 8: 31-33

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants[a] and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

John 18: 36-38

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."