



**GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
MIDSOUTH**

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An Advent Prayer

by Conference Superintendent Rev. Dr. Mike Powers

Almighty God, our Everlasting Father, You are beyond our ability to understand or explain, yet You made your very nature known to us in a baby born in Bethlehem. We praise You for the gift of Yourself to this world. We love You because You first loved us. We live with darkness all around us - anger and hate and envy and greed and deceit and selfish ambition. How glad we are for moments of worship and praise, prayer and reflection, fellowship and celebration, when we bow in Your holy presence and find hope renewed, love rekindled, joy restored, and peace re-formed in our hearts. Help us to listen carefully today to the stories and songs of Jesus' birth that we may fully embrace the reality of redeeming love He made possible for us. Help us discover more of what You desire to do for us, and dare to believe what You are able to do through us, for Your sake and for the sake of all You love. O God, we believe that the hopes and fears of all the years are found in Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, the Lamb of God, the Risen Lord and Savior of the world.

Amen



The MidSouth Annual Conference has global connections with the Slovakian Annual Conference. Some of our pastors were on location in Slovakia for partnered mission work during the month of November. Rev. Dina Clower shared some stories and photos with us on their travels so that we can journey with them and show up with prayerful support. Experience the countryside, the local churches, the fantastic meals, and the evening prayers of this faithful journey to connect with and support the ministry work of the Slovakian Annual Conference.

Read the posts from Rev. Dina Clower & become a prayerful support to Slovakia.



Order Your Study Book!

Join us each Wednesday for a Scripture to start the day.

Each week we share a short Scripture reading and devotional to begin Wednesday. These are put together and shared by clergy and laity from around the Conference. We hope you will join us on Facebook or Instagram to enjoy these and be edified by the word of the Lord. *Interested in sharing a devotional of your own with the Conference?* Contact Suzanne Whittaker at swhittaker@midsouthgmc.org



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Are you looking for prayer resources?

The MidSouth Annual Conference has an active prayer ministry. Each month

new resources are updated with items the entire Conference can join together in prayer for, as well as devotionals and tools to dive deeper in your prayer life. The prayer team hosts online prayer gatherings each Wednesday at 10am EST and each Thursday at 9PM EST. It is encouraged that the entire Conference observe a day of prayer & fasting the first Wednesday of each month. The next time we will observe this is Dec. 4th and then again on Jan. 1st... What an incredible way to begin 2025 together! Be sure to check out the prayer page on the website this month for the team's weekly Advent devotionals at <https://midsouthgmc.org/ministries/prayer/>. Want to take part in the weekly online prayer gatherings? Contact Rev. Sue Eaton at sueeaton@bellsouth.net

Check out the prayer page & get involved.



The Intercessory Life AN ONLINE BOOK STUDY

The MidSouth prayer team invites you to join this Jan. 7-week online study for intercessory prayer. This study will be facilitated by Rev. Sue Eaton and will take place each Monday beginning January 20 with two times to choose from, 10AM EST or 7:30PM EST. Each session will last 1.5 hours. RSVP to reserve your spot by emailing facilitator Sue Eaton at sueeaton@bellsouth.net.

Join Your Regional
Mission Training Event

ENGAGE!

God's Heart & Our Role for Carrying Out Acts 1-8 Missions



"But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

- Acts 1:8 (ASV)



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for the local church

IT'S TIME TO SHIFT INTO LONG TERM DISASTER RELIEF.

Disaster relief is an organic process to meet the needs of the people impacted. To meet those needs, we're shifting from focusing on immediate needs of goods into long term needs of rebuilding, funding, & work teams. Because of this, the MidSouth has ended gathering donated supplies.

Volunteer Teams: We Need Your Help

Construction, Mucking Out Basements, Dry Wall Removal/Installation, Roofing, Tree/Debris Removal, Deck & Porch Repair, etc.

2 Locations for Work Teams

1 Contact

Rev. Estal Williams
423-963-9071
Edgefield Methodist Church - GMC
745 N Pickens Bridge Rd,
Piney Flats, TN 37686

2 Contact

Rev. Dale Gilbert
276-492-6907
Pleasant View Church - GMC
18416 Lee Highway,
Abingdon, VA 24210

Join us for Engage! to equip your church as you engage in God's mission. Pastors, lay leaders, mission teams, & church members of all ages are welcome. At these 2025 MidSouth Regional Missions Training Events, you can expect to:

Discover God's heart for the nations & our role carrying out His mission.

Connect with GMC Missions & Missional Partners.

Access tools for faithful & fruitful mission.



Each Event 9am-12pm Local Time Zone

Jan. 11	Lexington KY	Trinity Hill Methodist Church
Jan. 25	Manchester TN	Manchester First Methodist Church
Feb. 8	Hopkinsville, KY	St. John Methodist Church
Feb. 22	Weber City, VA	Holston View Methodist Church
Mar. 8	Max Meadows, VA	First Methodist Church of Max Meadows
Mar. 22	Parkersburg, WV	The Revelation Fellowship GMC



Find Your **ENGAGE!** Event & Register

Missions Training for:
Adults
Youth (6th-12th Grade)
Children (K-5th Grade)

Updated Version of the GMC Book of Doctrines & Discipline is now available

MidSouth, we are excited to share that a preliminary version of the Book of Doctrines & Discipline is currently available in English on the GMC website. The current aim is to have the final version ready in coming weeks with additional translations following that finalization. The Book of Doctrines and Discipline will not officially take effect until January 1, 2025.

[Access the preliminary version of the Book of Doctrines & Discipline](#)



MidSouth Bishop at GMC Conference in Kentucky



What a wonderful time we had at the Dreams & Visions for the GMC Conference at Asbury Theological Seminary! There was an incredible turn out and infilling of the Holy Spirit through God's Word and the worship of His people. Our MidSouth bishop, Bishop Kenneth Levingston, presided over communion during the Wednesday chapel service. Following the service, your MidSouth Conference staff had the opportunity to meet with the Bishop for lunch. We are so honored to have this season to work with him as his heart is for the local church & coming alongside the MidSouth for ministry! Thank you to Bishop Levingston for taking that time to speak with us and sharing such words of wisdom and humility. We are blessed.

Stay overnight! Up to 15 people per location.

- Sleep in Fellowship Hall (bring your own cots, blow-up mattresses, etc.)
- Showers On-Site
- Kitchens On-Site (teams will need to bring their own cook)
- Locations Situated 30-Minutes from Work Areas



MIDSOUTH DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS TO HURRICANE HELENE



Watch this Video with Conference Connectional Officer, Rev. Todd Chancey, concerning continued MidSouth Disaster Relief.

These print bulletins are designed so that local churches can easily share information by printing or emailing as congregations across the area actively participate in the life of the MidSouth Annual Conference. Each month a new bulletin is released highlighting what is happening and a look ahead.

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