

Dear Lillian Methodist Church family,

Where has the year gone? The speed of this passing year is surpassed only by its significance. July is a good time to reflect on the year thus far.

Twelve new members have been added since January. Twelve new brothers and sisters we love, fellowship with and work with side by side. Vacation Bible School was an exciting time of fellowship and work. Once again, old pros were joined by new faces sowing the seed of God's word in the hearts of our children. Many thanks to those who assisted in the kitchen and with the children directly. Thanks also to those who donated and provided the means and the material for another successful VBS. Thank you Joyce Ellison for a job well done.

We are now affiliated with a growing body of like-minded Methodists in the Global Methodist Church (GMC). Our shared Wesleyan heritage provides common ground for true biblical unity in the body of believers. We rejoice in the truth of the Word of God. We strive for personal holiness as we abide by the words of Jesus and prove ourselves disciples of Christ. Loving God foremost and our neighbor as ourselves can only be done as He sanctifies us by His true Word. (John 17:17)

New outdoor signage for the church and new lettering for the church van have been ordered and are on the way. This will reflect our new name, "Lillian Methodist Church," and our new denominational affiliation.

Looking ahead, September will be a landmark month as we participate in our first GMC gathering. We will send delegates to Montgomery, AL, to the Celebration Launch of the Alabama / Emerald Coast Conference of the GMC, the conference to which we now belong. Pastor Daniel will participate in an ordination service for all incoming GMC pastors. This will be an unforgettable gathering.

In the meantime, the "dog days" of summer are here. Use your air conditioning wisely. Take the opportunity to read a good book. Read a book of substance that will further your knowledge of God and enhance your spiritual walk with Christ. Find a classic writer of the faith: Tozer, Lewis, Bunyan, Stott, Ryle, or Wesley. Be forewarned, these authors have a habit of being used by the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to the heart of the unsuspecting reader.

See ya'll Sunday,

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