

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019 PRAYER GUIDE

In 2016 the United Methodist Church established a Commission on a Way Forward to look at issues concerning human sexuality, particularly as related to clergy, and bring forth proposals to be considered at a called General Conference, which will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. God is at work in our Wesleyan movement and we ask for your prayers this week during this important gathering of the United Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - GATHERING TOGETHER

Pray for safe and easy travels for the delegates and those leading and attending, especially for those making the difficult journey from overseas. *"The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore (Psalm 121:7-8)."*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - DAY OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring peace and purpose to this day set apart for prayer and worship. *"[Jesus said] the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:26-27)."*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - OPENING AND ORGANIZATION

Pray for the organizing efforts to be accomplished smoothly and in a spirit of cooperation. *"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace - as in all the congregations of the Lord's people (1 Corinthians 14:33)."*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Pray that the presentations and discussion will be marked by Christian love for one another and informed by God's wisdom. *"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ (Ephesians 4:15)."*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - CLOSING DEBATES AND DECISIONS

Pray that the debates and decisions of the General Conference delegates will be guided by truth and in accordance with God's will for his Church. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)."*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - RETURN AND REPORT

Pray again for safe and simple travels and for grace filled reporting regarding the work of General Conference 2019. *"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21)"*

For further information you can check out the following websites:

- <https://www.mississippi-umc.org/gc2019> (Mississippi Annual Conference)
- <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session> (UMC General Conference)

WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

FELLOWSHIP MEAL at 5:15 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
Adults \$6 Kids \$3 | Please make reservations by Tuesday, noon.
Studies/Activities for all ages at 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ADULTS

- *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, led by Rev. Barry Male, Sanctuary
- *Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith*, led by Rev. Ben Butler, Fellowship Hall Room
- Discipleship Groups

STUDENTS

- Junior High Bible Study in Student Lounge
- Senior High Bible Study in Student Lounge
- Student Choir at 6:20 p.m.

KIDS

- Music: SonBeams (2½-K5) and SonShine Choir (1st – 6th Grades)
- Classes for Preschool, Elementary, and Tweens

MENU for February 20

- Adults: Brunswick stew; salad; cornbread; cherry crunch; caramel brownie; chocolate chess pie
- Kids: Taco soup; grilled cheese; grapes; Rice Krispie treat

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Presented for baptism today are Bradley and Annie McDill, children of Brad and Carrie McDill.

SERMON NOTES

(Acts 2:41-47)

I. Acts 2:41-47

- A. It was a w _____ church (v. 47)
- B. It was a learning church (v. 42)
- C. It was a l _____ church (v. 42)
- D. It was an evangelistic church (v. 47)

II. Becoming a Contagious Christian notes

- A. Building Relationships
 1. With people you a _____ know
 2. With people you used to know
 3. With people we would l _____ to know
- B. Build on points of common ground
- C. Mention spiritual matter early
- D. Starting Spiritual Conversations
 1. Direct
 2. I _____
 3. Invitational

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