

Idlewild Presbyterian Church

SUMMER 2018 CHRISTIAN FORMATION

May 27 through August 12. Classes and programs for all ages! Visitors always welcome.

The Adult Summer Series

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:40-10:40 IN THE T.K. YOUNG ROOM (except where stated)

Each week features a different, fascinating topic with speakers from throughout the community.

For information contact the Reverend Rebekah Abel Lamar, rlamar@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681, ext. 46

May 27: The Lisieux Community

Ms. Sandra Ferrell, President and Executive Director, formed a Board of Directors to develop the nonprofit called the Community of St. Therese of Lisieux in April 2013.

This ecumenical community-based program patterned after Magdalene, the residential part of Thistle Farms in Nashville, provides a safe home for women who are seeking to learn a new way of life after surviving trauma, addiction, prostitution, and human trafficking.

The Birthday Fund of the Presbyterian Women, PC(USA) for 2014 provided \$125,000 to The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux in Memphis, which paid the balance due on the house, completed installation of central heat and air and made changes to the home to improve services for the women.

June 3: Overcoming Addiction—A Faith Journey will meet in the Sanctuary

Mr. Jimmy Duckworth, Esq., an associate attorney with Lewis Thomason's Memphis office, with interests in criminal defense, healthcare liability, personal injury, general civil work, construction law and worker's compensation.

How does someone come to try illicit drugs that are known to be addictive and dangerous? How does it affect his or her life? Is recovery possible, and if so, how? What role can God play in all of this? Introduction by Elizabeth Alrutz

June 10: The Theology of *Les Miserables* (with singing, good singing)

The Rev. Jim Montgomery is a recently retired PC(USA) minister living in Indianapolis after serving churches in Louisiana, Florida, and Illinois. A graduate of Davidson College and Union Presbyterian Seminary, he might be best known around Idlewild as Pastor Steve's older brother!

Les Miserables by the French poet and novelist Victor Hugo is considered one of the greatest novels of the 19th century. Through

the songs by Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boubill, we discover some of the great biblical themes found within this enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, and the power of forgiveness, sacrifice and redemption.

June 17: Memphis Youth Mission

The Rev. Dr. Walt Tennyson is Memphis Youth Mission Immersion Director and interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church.

Having term partnerships with ministries and agencies in the greater Memphis area, Memphis Youth Mission groups see a system of agencies and ministries working together to meet the needs of the community. Given a variety of work assignments, youth experience some service that uses their strengths, and opportunities to be challenged and to grow.

June 24: Faith, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness

Dr. J. Barron Boyd, Director of the Buckman Center for International Education and Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College.

After apartheid ended in 1994, Nelson Mandela with Archbishop Desmond Tutu proposed a faith-based healing process called the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that would substitute public truth telling for trials and punishment, to bring peace and harmony among all South Africans.

Questions for Discussion: Does this controversial approach to forgiveness offer us hope for peacemaking in our own lives? What about at the local, national and international levels of politics?

July 1: American Presbyterians—Just for Fun *(will meet in the Sanctuary)*

The Rev. Dr. James McClanahan is a former pastor (ordained in 1980 by the Presbytery of the Mid-South) and professor of religious studies, with a concentration in New Testament and Church History.

A quick overview with pictures and brief comments about many famous and not so famous Americans who were/are Presbyterians. Preachers, politicians, actors, astronauts, writers, leaders and personalities from colonial times to the present and how they have contributed to our history.

July 8: Dougbe River School of Liberia: Where do those quarters go?

Ms. Laurie Moormann, an active member of the Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church in suburban Cleveland, OH, volunteers at the Dougbe River School, where she serves as Development Director.

The mission of the Dougbe River School is to reach out with education and Christianity to empower Liberian young people to develop their nation and profoundly reduce poverty. The school is open to all children regardless of religion, age, race, gender or ethnic group, fostering peace, unity, reconciliation, honesty and development. The School currently employs 12 teachers and staff, and provides education to over 150 children from Pre-K to 9th grade.

July 15: National Civil Rights Museum

Ms. Terri Lee Freeman is President of the National Civil Rights Museum, located at the Lorraine Motel, the April 4, 1968 assassination site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dedicated on September 28, 1991, the Museum exists to assist the public in understanding the lessons of the Civil Rights Movement and its impact and influence on human rights movements worldwide, through its collections, exhibitions, research and education programs.

July 22: The Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAH)

The Rev. Ayanna Watkins is the Director of the Incubate Initiative for the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She is also an Executive Team member of the MICAH board, and looks forward to working with other Memphis to help Memphis be a thriving, welcoming, and just city.

The Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAH) is a regional faith-and-value-based coalition working for social justice in the Memphis region to identify areas of social concern, find consensus, and work with community leaders for lasting change. Following a vote of the session in December 2017, Idlewild Presbyterian Church became a founding member of MICAH, and an Idlewild Core Group acts as liaison between MICAH and the congregation.

July 29: Idlewild Sports Ministry in the Early Days

Jean Hamilton and Beth Simpson are longtime members of Idlewild who played a crucial role in the efforts of the recreation ministry to address the racial divisions in Memphis during the late 1960s and early 1970s during the struggles for civil rights. Jean and Beth opened their homes and their families to youth of different backgrounds and this Sunday they are going to share their experiences in navigating this new and controversial approach to fellowship. We are also going to hear voices from church members, coaches, and former players who were involved during this time.

Discussion with Scott Moore

August 5: Memphis Mental Health Court

Judge Gerald Skahan and Ms. Kim Daugherty, Shelby County Mental Health Court

Shelby County's Mental Health Court is a system designed for early identification of persons with serious mental illness within the Shelby County Jail to avoid extended incarceration through diversion to alternative community and treatment programs.

August 12: Mindfulness

Dr. Mark Muesse, Religious Studies, Rhodes College, Emeritus

There are benefits to mindfulness practice, from the freedom to choose how you respond to life, to releasing detrimental emotions and patterns of thinking, to its effect on your physical health. Mindfulness allows us to become keen observers of ourselves and gradually transform the way our minds operate.

August 19: Rally Day for All Ages

Come kick-off a new year of Sunday School! Children will spend time in their new classes and adults will have a chance to check out the many adult ministry opportunities. Mark your calendars and invite your friends!

OTHER ADULT GROUPS

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship, Bible Study & Prayer

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00, T.K. Young Room

Study: N.T. Wright's *Mark: 20 Studies for Individuals and Groups*.
(Available online)

Please make reservations with Brenda at the Church Office, 726-4681 or brenda@idlewildchurch.org. Cost of breakfast: \$8.00.

Please come as your schedule allows.

If you are interested, have questions or need transportation, please contact Ted Mealor at 683-4764 or wt.mealor@aol.com.

Kitchen Table Bible Study—Choose either:

Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m., June 7–July 26

— OR —

Thursdays, 6:00–8:00 p.m. June 7–July 26

How do you make decisions? There are so many, clearly important and seemingly inconsequential ones, hard and easy ones, some automatic and others where we don't have a clue. Using the study guide, *Decisions—Seeking God's Guidance*, participants will take time to focus on some of what Scripture teaches us about decision-making and why Christians see God as essential to making good choices.

Everyone is welcome to participate in one of these informal groups of 8 disciples who together grow their faith through Scripture study around the kitchen table in the home of the host and facilitator, Mary Lou McCaa, 684-5427, maryloumccaa@msn.com, 5394 Collingwood Cove, 38120.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

For more information please contact Barbara Denley, denleys@bellsouth.net, or 901-490-9288

Meet and Greet for All Presbyterian Women and Young Presbyterian Women

All women are invited Sunday, August 19, 4:00 p.m. at the home of Andi Hill, 438 Princeton Wood Cove, 38117.

Childcare is provided. Please RSVP for childcare with Barbara Denley, 901-490-9288, denleys@bellsouth.net.

Horizons Bible Study and Fall Worship at Pinecrest

Saturday, August 24, 9:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center Chapel, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057, (901-878-1247).

All women are invited. Lunch \$12.00.

The Horizons Bible Study Conference provides an opportunity for Bible moderators and leaders to examine the 2018–2019 PW Horizons Bible Study, *God's Promises—I Am With You*. Study will be led by the Rev. Amy Poling Sutherland (author of the study), at First Presbyterian Church, San Marcos, TX will be the speaker.

YOUNG ADULTS

For more information please contact, Will Gibbons, william.l.gibbons@gmail.com

Theology on Tap

Join Young Adults on Thursday nights this summer for Theology on Tap. The Young Adults meet each Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pyro's Pizza on Union Ave. Come a little early if you want to order a pizza!

JUN 7-Angels: God's Messengers

JUN 14-Biblical Israel, Contemporary Israel: Are They the Same?

Led by Steve Montgomery

JUN 21-Atheism: A Christian Response

JUN 28-Is There Life After Death?

JUL 5-Christians and Patriotism

JUL 12-Children at the Border

JUL 19-In The News: Does Ferguson Reflect America?

JUL 26-Slactivism: Is Social Media an Effective Tool for Change?

AUG 2-Creationism, Evolution, Intelligent Design: What's a Christian to Believe?

AUG 9-Communion 101 led by Rebekah Abel Lamar

AUG 16-Reaching Across the Religious Aisle: How Do We Have a Meaningful Conversation with Fundamentalist Christians?

Young Adult Kickoff-Party

Friday, AUG 24 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Russ and Cheryl Westlake, 1746 Harbert Ave, 38104.

Third Sunday Lunch

Join the Young Adults for lunch after church every third Sunday of the month. We'll meet in the T.K. Young room after the 11:00 service to decide where to go.

CHILDREN

Contact: Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry, cbomar@idlewildchurch.org or 540-471-4825.

Parents Night Out: Registration Open and Volunteers Needed!

In lieu of VBS this summer and due to not having access to the Jones Building, we will be having three service-oriented evenings of Parents Night Out. These evenings will be for rising PK-5th grade children from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 22, July 6, and August 3. (Childcare will be provided for nursery-aged children 6 months and up). Cost is \$10/family per event. Youth and adult volunteer help is needed! Register your child or sign-up to volunteer online at idlewildchurch.org/parentsnightout. Registration and volunteer sign-up forms can also be found in the front office. Please contact Caitlin Bomar with questions.

Monthly Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship gatherings are held for both JK and under families, and SK–5th grade families. There is no agenda for these gatherings other than to enjoy each other's company and grow in community through the challenge and joy of raising children. Look in the bulletin and Children's Ministry Newsletters for more details on the following gatherings a few weeks before they take place. *Please RSVP to Brenda Harris, brenda@idlewildchurch.org.*

Fellowship for Families JK and under:

Thursday, June 14 from 10:30–noon. Overton Park

Saturday, July 14: from 5:00–6:30 p.m. Hosted by Molly and Eli Logan at 236 Betty Jo Lane, 38117.

Fellowship for SK–5th Grade Families:

Saturday, June 16 from 3:00–5:00 p.m. Hosted by Dana Brandon and Amy Sharp at Mud Island Park.

Friday, July 20 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Hosted by Pat Neely at 2891 Garden Lane, 38111.

Sunday Morning Childcare

8:30 WORSHIP: Infants, toddlers and two year olds may stay in worship or go to the Nursery [Former Conference Room.]

11:00 WORSHIP: Babies, Toddlers and Two-Year-Olds may stay in worship or go to the Nursery, [former Conference Room]. PK and JK children may stay through the entirety of worship, or stay through the Time with the Younger Children, and then attend Children's Church Continued (C3). [Former Library, 2nd Floor]. Children SK and above are asked to stay in the Sanctuary for the entirety of the worship service.

Summer Sunday School at Idlewild runs from May 27 through August 12 from 9:40-10:40 a.m. During the summer, children's ministry only has two Sunday School Classes. PK-1st grade children meet in the Library, while 2nd-5th grade children meet in the Strock Room. Children do not "graduate" to their new grade until Rally Day on August 19. The two-year-old class does not meet in the summer. If you have questions, please contact Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry, cbomar@idlewildchurch.org or 540-471-4825.

TEACHERS & SHEPHERDS are still needed for the 2nd–5th grade summer Sunday School class. Whether you are available most of the summer, or just a week or two, we need your help! Curriculum provided. Contact Caitlin Bomar to sign up!

August 5: Sunday School Teacher Orientation from 12:30–2:30 p.m. in the Harlan Room. First Sunday lunch available for purchase. Please let Caitlin know if you would like to be a Sunday School teacher or shepherd for the '18-19 school year!

Saturday, August 18: Decorating Day for Rally Day from 10am–noon.

YOUTH

Contacts: Frank Kelly, Director of Youth Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 13, fkelly@idlewildchurch.org; Dara Bigger, Assistant Director, 726-4681 ext. 45, dbigger@idlewildchurch.org.

Other than Sunday school, youth do not meet regularly during the summer. Activities are announced via e-mail and bulletin notices.

QUEST (Questioning, Understanding, Exploring, Sharing Together) is for middle school students, grades 6–8.

BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) is for senior high students, grades 9–12.

Sunday School Classes, May 27–August 12

Both groups (rising 7th graders through rising college freshmen) meet together in the Parlor for social time and discussions during the Sunday School Hour: 9:40–10:40 am.

MUSIC

Contact: Barry Oliver, Director of Music Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 12, boliver@idlewildchurch.org.

May 27–September 2: The Summer Choir meets each Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Choir Room to prepare for the 11:00 service. All interested singers are invited to contact Barry Oliver to join the choir during the summer. Regular weekly choir rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 15.

CREATIVE PLAY AND RECREATION

For non-athletic recreation and fellowship questions, call or email Shari Gross, Interim Director of Recreation and Fellowship, 901-371-7840 or sgross@idlewildchurch.org. For sports-related questions, call or email Jacob Pierce, Interim Athletic Director, 726-4681, ext. 25 or jpierce@idlewildchurch.org

Fall Soccer Registration is open May 14–July 27.

Teams are available for ages 4–12. Teams practice once a week (Monday–Friday) from August to October and have games on Saturdays. The cost for Ministrikers (U6 and U5/kindergarten) is \$45. The cost for children U8–U13 is \$75. All registrations include a jersey.

Belltower Artisans, located at 549 South Highland, currently houses Idlewild’s pottery ministry. Come join in the fun! Idlewild members are invited to come and explore clay in an “open studio”-pay as you can-program on Saturday mornings from 9:00 –Noon. Guests of Idlewild members are welcome for 3 free sessions and cost for the 4th and each additional session is \$10.

NaCoMe All-Church Camp is October 12–14 in Pleasantville, TN. Join your church family for a weekend of fun and fellowship removed from the distractions of technology and daily life. Payment plan options are available and registration is open now.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION VISION STATEMENT

Christian Formation is:

*Being children of God and becoming the people of God by:
a lifelong journey of transformation
through play—sharing God’s creation in recreation;
through word—engaging Scripture and discerning its meaning for today;
offering space for questions and doubt;
through mission—nurturing and sustaining a responsiveness to God and to one another.*



Come kick-off a new year of Sunday School at Idlewild!

On Sunday, August 19, all ages will gather in the Sanctuary for music and fun as we begin a new program year together. Children will spend time in their new classes. Adults will have a chance to check out adult ministry opportunities. Mark your calendars and invite your friends!

