

THE CONNECTION

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HATTIESBURG DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Starting soon, the Hattiesburg District office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Also, we will accept visitors but only by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment please call 601-264-9181 during these hours, or if after 1:00 pm, or on Thursdays, you may call 601-909-0110.

NOTICE: When you come for your visit at the Hattiesburg District office you will be required to wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from everyone.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

Hello from the Mississippi Conference Offices. The following chart has been prepared for you. It outlines who will be in the conference office building each day of the week. If you need to speak to someone specifically, call 601-354-0515.

Department	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Finance	David	David	David	David	David
	Susan	Susan	Susan	Susan	
	Bernice	Bernice	Bernice	Bernice	Bernice
Spiritual Leadership	Trey		Trey		Trey
			Pamela		
Connectional Ministries	Jackie	Jackie	Jackie	Jackie	Jackie
	Ed				Ed
		Vickie		Vickie	
	James		James		James
Faith Community Formation	Jason	Jason	Jason	Jason	Jason
		Tim		Tim	
Bishop		Bishop		Bishop	
		Donna		Donna	
Number per day	8	9	8	9	7

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We welcome Albert Williams III to USM Wesley as the full-time Associate Director. No stranger to the Wesley, Albert is returning to the ministry he called “home” during his time at USM. Albert is passionate about making disciples of Jesus Christ in the collegiate setting, and we know he’ll bring energy and joy to our community. In the midst of a time where so much is uncertain, we are grateful for the generous donation that allowed us to hire Albert and continue to move forward. Join us in wishing Albert the best on this new journey!

**Let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord!
Southern Miss To The Top!**

**All glory to the Father, through the Son,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**-Rev. Eric Davis
USM Wesley Foundation
Campus Minister**

Congratulations to the following who have successfully completed the courses for Licensing School! We are so thankful for you and can’t wait to see what you will do. We ask God’s blessings on you and your ministries.

Dwight Yates

Suzanna Keen Hyland

Boyd Thrash

A Report from David Stotts About Mission Shares

Note that Mississippi generosity is waning somewhat but still very much alive. I expect we will continue to lead the denomination in giving. We are down 3.66 % over May 2019 in the districts or \$51,732. We are down 2.7% compared to May 2019 in conference or \$308,309. Direct invoice receivables increased \$89,661 to \$610,719 for 2020 of which \$40,792 was in May alone. So, the net result is that we are down \$450,702 for 2020.

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Greetings Mississippi United Methodists,

Here is the latest round of updates pertaining to this year's session of annual conference:

The Circuit Rider Souvenir Journal Ads

In light of the uncertainty around the coronavirus pandemic and inability to predict when we will all be able to gather in-person, there will not be a printed version of *The Circuit Rider Souvenir Journal* for the 2020 Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference. It will be published only in digital formats. For those who are still interested in purchasing an ad, you are welcome to do so. Here is [the rate sheet](#) and the [link to purchase an ad](#). On average, over 2,500 people from around Mississippi attend the conference and take this publication back to their local churches. This year, in addition to sharing digital versions via the conference website and social media, the digital version of *The Circuit Rider Souvenir Journal* will be e-blasted to over 12,000 people in the Mississippi Conference and beyond. Also, those purchasing ads can submit graphics, web links, video and other digital promotional materials to be featured on the [2020 AC Session app](#).

- [New Deadlines for Ad Placement:](#)

- Ads Requiring Design and Layout: 3:00 p.m. June 18, 2020 -Email information to echapman@mississippi-umc.org.
- Print Ready Ads: 3:00 p.m. July 2, 2020 - Send email to echapman@mississippi-umc.org for file upload instructions.
- To view design and layout fee and print-ready guidelines [click here](#).
- To purchase an ad, [click here](#).

AC Session Exhibit Booths

Out of an abundance of caution and care for conference delegates we will not offer the option of purchasing exhibit booths for this 2020 AC session. Since there will be no exhibit booths, those still interested in conference visibility are welcome to purchase an ad in *The Circuit Rider Souvenir Journal*. For those who purchase ads, additional supplementary media such as website links, videos and other digital material will be featured in the [2020 Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference app](#). Exhibitors, the only way to have digital real estate on the app is to purchase an ad in *The Circuit Rider Souvenir Journal*.

Frequently Asked Questions about 2020 AC

We know you have many questions. As we are able to evaluate new information and answer those questions, we will post them in the FAQs section of the [2020 Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference app](#). Those without smart phones, iPads or tablets can also check the [web version of the app here](#). Open the app and then click on 'FAQs' on the main navigational panel. This frequently asked questions section will house all current and future updates in regards to annual conference.

Rev. Vickie White

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