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Jaguars end eight game winning streak with loss to Olive Branch



Holmes County Central Jaguars was averaging 38.58 points per game entering their contest on Friday, November 16, but just couldn't find their rhythm against Olive Branch. Holmes County Central suffered a grim 0-21 defeat to Olive Branch in the 2018 5A Football Chamionship. The Jaguars' loss signaled the end of their eight-game winning streak. The defeat dropped Holmes County Central's record to 11-2. The Jaguars do not have any more games currently scheduled. Olive Branch will go up against West Point in continuing playoff action. Pictured above (holding ball) senior athlete Decoria Banks, #3, outruns the Olive Branch opposition during play on Friday, November 16 at Yazoo City High School. Banks is flanked by teammates (at left) Elbert Griffin, #65, and (second from right) Jeremiah Williams, #22. (Photo by Avery Rucker)

Grand marshal, street route set for Lexington Christmas parade

Staff Report

Lexington's annual Christmas parade is set earlier than usual this year accommodating many marching bands from both local schools and bands of statewide renown. The parade is set for Thursday, November 29 at 6 p.m.

Jerryl Briggs, Sr., Ed.D., the eight president of Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU), will marshal this year's spirited parade through downtown Lexington to herald in the Christmas season.



JERRYL BRIGGS, SR.

Teacher pay raise advised for 2020 year state budget

By Governor Phil Bryant

Mississippi's revenue continues to grow as a result of conservative policy-making. This year, revenue is projected to increase by 2.6 percent, and we have record amounts in the state's cash reserves. Because of this growth, in

Fiscal Year 2020, I recommend to the Legislature that it cut no agency's budget and that we make investments in agencies and programs that will lead to long-term prosperity in Mississippi.

The first and most important step to take in budget-

erating officer at the university. Briggs is the father of two sons Isaiah and Jerryl, Jr.

Parade line-up will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Highway 12 east/Highway 17 south bypass up to South Vine Street.

Bus parking is located on Yazoo Street/Highway 17 south. The parade will proceed through downtown Lexington from South Vine, turning left onto Oak Street, then right onto North Carrollton Street, next turning left onto Church Street. The parade will loop back around onto Tchula Street to court square, back down to Yazoo Street and then the bypass.

ing for the future is saving. Setting aside 2 percent of the estimated revenue is not only smart financial practice, but it helps the state's credit rating. When I entered office in January 2012, the Working Cash Stabilization Reserve Fund, better known as the Rainy Day Fund, had a balance of only \$148 million.

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Journey in Faith with God

By Reverend Jud Meaders

Speaker at Lexington Community Thanksgiving Service

When I think of Thanksgiving, either as a general theme, a national holiday, or a feast in the Church Year, I usually find myself turning to favorite Bible passages.

I memorized Psalm 100 as a boy. "Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age."

Another favorite is Psalm 145:16-17 "The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature."

A final one would be Mary's song of wonder and praise in St. Luke 1: 46-55, known in the Church by its Latin name, Magnificat.

These and other passages from Holy Scripture have prompted the following personal reflections on Thanksgiving for me. I share them in the hope that they might be an aid to your own reflections on Thanksgiving this year.

As I write this, one of our eight grandkids, the redheaded second oldest Xander, is on his way to Starkville with his dad Alvin for a recruiting visit. He is a senior at Anderson High School in Carmel, Indiana. He is the Anderson Indians' QB and was voted

Most Valuable Player by his teammates, in addition to being selected as a First Team North Central Conference player. But Xander is not just a talented athlete; he is a kind, caring and funny human being. And he is a follower of Christ.

We have seven other grandkids, three more of whom are also redheads. Among those seven are 2 sets of twins: seven years old Logan and Madeline (Jennifer and Alvin), and two years old Ava

and Chloe (CJ and Becca). The remaining grandkids are Parker, Adrienne Grace (Jennifer) and Everett (C. J.). We have so much for which to be thankful, and our grandkids and their parents come very quickly to our hearts and minds.

When I think of Thanksgiving, I quickly have images in my mind's eye of Thanksgiving gatherings and meals celebrated at my maternal grandmother's (Minnie Lee Fanning Everett)

family home south of Hickory in Newton County. My late mother was born there in 1924. Oh, the feasts we had, the stories we told and the pictures we took! I'm overjoyed that my siblings and I, along with our cousins, are today heirs of that 180 acre farm my grandfather James Sellers Everett put together long ago. I would be remiss not to remember the loving contributions and the countless hours invested in us by our grandparents (that includes of course my Dad's parents, John Henry Meaders, Sr. and Edna Hudson Meaders).

In later years, my siblings and I would all travel to Hickory on Thanksgiving to eat with mom and dad. It is a small house, added to over the years as they family grew in number. My wife and I have a wall hanging of mom's in our cabin in North Carolina now. It says "A small house holds as much

love as a large house." And it did. It's both sobering and sad now to see the family home north of Hickory on Edwards Road off Highway 503 sitting there empty of family and furnishings. But I give God thanks for all that it was for all four of us kids, and for mom and dad.

I would also be remiss not to give thanks for the Episcopal congregations I, along with others, am privileged to serve in retirement: Grace, Carrollton; St. Mary's, Lexington; and, less frequently, Redeemer, Greenville. As priest and people, we journey in faith with God ever toward God. I continue to be inspired by their faithfulness and witness to Christ.

I like to remind my congregations how much I learn from them. All three of them have loved me well. Thanks be to God.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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