

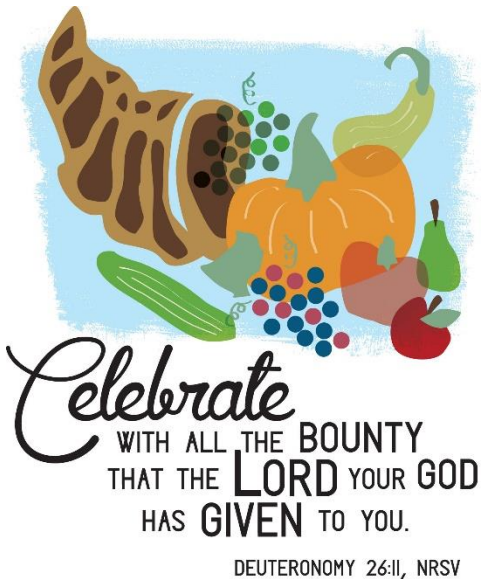
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Growing Through Gratitude

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn’t always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn’t grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZUR Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9-12 noon Methodist Market

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9-12 noon Methodist Market

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZUR Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 12:00 noon Chancel Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Hiskidz Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Hiskidz Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9-12 noon Methodist Market



Sympathy and love is extended to Patsy Clark and family in the death of her husband William Larry Clark, who died November 13, 2020.

Sympathy and love is also extended to Wendy and Rusty Perry and family in the death of Wendy's mother, Peggy Montgomery Harvey, who died November 15, 2020.



- 24. De Paul
- 26. Louis Thompson, Rita Sanders
- 27. Butch Gary, Priscilla Smith
- 28. Clay Adcock
- 30. Jenny Whitaker
 - 1. Bill McNair, Curtis Kyle
 - 4. Tera Smith, Mattie Burton, Daniel Cobb
 - 5. Jennifer Phillips, Diane Vaughan
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- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Webb
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Will Phillips
- 25. Mr. & Mrs. John Howie
 - 5. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lafferty
 - Mr. & Mrs. Garrett McClellan



Memorial Gifts
Larry Clark

Joyce Clark Martin M/M Camp King
M/M Charles Davis

Lois Myers Gary

M/M John F. Phillips III
M/M Charles Davis

Frances Johnson

Cindy Belenchia & Family

James Epps Watson, Jr.

M/M Pat Rush M/M Charles Davis

James Mason Woodard

M/M Charles Davis



Congratulations to Dr. Walter and Marilyn Burnett on the birth of their grandson Thomas Marshall Burnett, who was born November 16, 2020 to Drs. John and Kaitlyn Burnett in Oxford.

If you would like to sponsor a foster child this Christmas, please contact Allison Hughes (571-4964). If you would like to make a financial contribution, please mark your contribution for "Foster Children" and turn in to the church office.



Also, we will be collecting items for inmates at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. This has been an especially difficult time for those who are incarcerated and their families. All prisons have been closed to family visits and ministries.

If you would like to donate any of the following, items may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall.

White Crew Socks

Clear deodorant
(see through the bottle)

Small non-metallic hair ornaments (for females)

Individually wrapped hard candy

Clear shampoo (Must be able to

Feel free to call or text the number above if you have any questions.
Allison Hughes



Solid Ground Youth

For the last two Sundays in November, we will be talking about “Thankfulness” and “Thanksgiving.” It is very important that we stop and take time for the things that we do have instead of always looking to complain. We are living in a world that teaches us to put “self” first. Jesus taught us to put others first.

Sunday Night Youth

We will be taking this week off for Thanksgiving holidays, but will resume on Sunday, November 29 for a Bible Study on new topics. We will tackle topics like *Integrity*, *Reputation*, *Self- Image* and several others relating to “Inner Struggles” and “Fitting In.” This series will carry over to our Wednesday Night Small group.

Wednesday Night Small Group

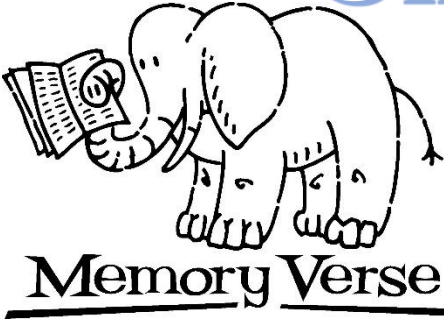
We will not meet next week due to Thanksgiving holidays, but we plan to gather again on Wednesday, December 2, and we will be tying in with our Sunday Night lessons.

Christmas Party



Youth Christmas Party is in the works for Sunday, December 13. More information coming soon.

Children's Page



"You, Lord, are to be blessed. Teach me your statutes."

Psalm 119:12



Hiskidz and Deep Blue:

The final two lessons for the month of November will be about Thanksgiving and a reminder that God is faithful and keeps His promises. We will be reading scripture for Psalm 100 this Sunday.

Next week, we will be reading from the book of Jeremiah and preparing for the season of Advent.

P22 Ministries



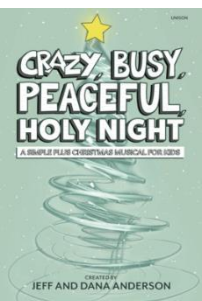
This Sunday night we will not be meeting due to Thanksgiving holidays, but we will be back on Sunday, November 29 and continue to work on our Christmas program. We will meet at 5:00p.m. for choir in the Sanctuary. We will have snack supper at 5:45 p.m. followed by another hour of choir. Everything should wrap up by 7:15 p.m.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

CRAZY, BUSY, PEACEFUL, HOLY NIGHT

Christmas is often crazy, busy with SO many things to do. It is easy to lose focus on the Prince of Peace that was born in Bethlehem that holy night. This Christmas, we are preparing to bring you another musical that shows you that Jesus came to bring peace and hope to a crazy, busy world.



With the situation of our unplanned PANDEMIC, we are working on this musical in hopes that we can present it on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6. We pray that God will bless us with good health and conditions that allow us to present this program.

We are practicing from 5 to 7:15 p.m. each Sunday night until the program on December 6, 2020. Supper will be served at 5:45 p.m. Please make every rehearsal count!



Thank you to all who filled and sent shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Our original goal was 74 box. There were 86 total boxes! This is such a special ministry and we are all so blessed to be able to participate in this.

The youth will be selling poinsettias for Christmas and for decorating the church. There will be forms in each of the Sunday school rooms, as well as at the back of the church. Several of the youth will also be coming around to take orders and collect the forms. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please ask a youth member, contact the church office or Tera Smith. The colors offered are red, pink, and white. Each poinsettia is \$15.



Volunteers serving Sunday, November 22, 2020

Greeters	Whitney & Parker Adcock/Mary Lou and Owen Richards
Scripture	Matthew 6:25-34
Sermon	“Seek Ye First ”
Flowers	Howard & Vicky Webb

Volunteers serving Sunday, November 29, 2020

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Sam & Sharon Smith
Scripture	Isaiah 43:1-13
Sermon	“The Promised Redeemer”
Advent Readers	Byron & Robin Kelly/Jason & Jamie Patterson
Flowers	Harry & Shirley Simmons

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER

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| 22. Christ the King | John 18:33-37 |
| 23. We will not fear | Psalm 46 |
| 24. Everything needed for life | 2 Peter 1:1-11 |
| 25. Be wise...and innocent | Matthew 10:16-22 |
| 26. God's promise | Jeremiah 33:14-16 |
| 27. Teach me your paths | Psalm 25:1-10 |
| 28. Strengthened in holiness | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 |
| 29. 1st Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-36 |
| 30. How long, O LORD? | Psalm 13 |

DECEMBER

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| 1. Declare God's glory | Psalm 96 |
| 2. There is no other | Isaiah 45:5-8 |
| 3. Refined as by fire | Malachi 3:1-4 |
| 4. Free to serve fearlessly | Luke 1:68-79 |
| 5. This is my prayer | Philippians 1:3-11 |