

Messenger

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Prayer of Thanksgiving



Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist's all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Yazoo City Ministerial Association is sponsoring the Annual Community-wide Thanksgiving Service 2019. Hosted by New King Solomon MB Church, 434 W. 13th St., the service will be **Sunday**,

November 24, at 5:00 p.m. Rev David Bryant, who is currently serving as interim pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon. Music will be under the direction of Mr. Joe Henry Smith and musicians from St. Peter MB Church. A Thanksgiving offering will be received which funds our local benevolence needs throughout the year.



December 1

First Sunday of Advent
Regular Morning Worship Times
4-6 p.m. Special Children's Choir Rehearsal – Grades 1-6
6 p.m. Snack Supper & Youth

December 4

3-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

December 6

12 noon – 1 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir performance for Arts Council/Sanctuary

December 8

Regular Morning Worship Times
Special Offering for Methodist Children's Home
6:00 p.m. **Children's Musical – *The Little Drummer Dude***

December 15

Regular Morning Worship Times
6 p.m. **White Christmas Program**

December 18

Children's Day of Christmas Cheer (Need Adult volunteers)

December 22

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School

December 24

5-6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Communion**

December 25

Christmas Day

December 29

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School



Mississippi. The Children's Home no longer receives any money from apportionments from the Conference so they need your help. One-hundred percent of the money collected will fund their programs, helping children and families. Please give generously.

Sunday, December 8, there will be a Special Offering for the Methodist Children's Homes of



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Last Adult Bible Study for 2019

NO CHILDREN OR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9-12 noon Methodist Market

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study/Millie's

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9-12 noon Methodist Market

DECEMBER

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9:50 a.m. Sunday School

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6:00 p.m. Snack Supper

6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

9-12 noon Methodist Market

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study/Millie's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

3-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Grades 1-6

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir

5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9-12 noon Methodist Market



Special thanks to all in our congregation for your response to the Thanksgiving boxes which were prepared for the Holly Bluff/Wolfe Lake flood victims. We received monetary gifts and a great deal of food items. These boxes will be distributed Saturday, November 23.

Linda Coker, Rosemary Knox and
Patricia Parker
Yazoo LTRC Case Managers



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. Jeffifer Phillips, Diane Vaughan

6. David Arnold, Clark Duncan

7. Bill Kyle, Kathryn Phillips

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24. Mr. & Mrs. Will Phillips

25. Mr. & Mrs. John Howie

5. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lafferty

Mr. & Mrs. Garrett McClellan



Solid Ground Youth

This Sunday we will conclude with our series on the *Birth of a Kingdom*. We will be talking about David's son, Solomon. Solomon ruled Israel after his father, David. He is notably known for his wisdom. It is very important for us to be wise when making choices and decisions. We should always seek God's guidance in our lives. He is there to help us.

Sunday Night Youth

There will be **NO** Sunday night group this week due to Thanksgiving holidays. We will meet back on Sunday, December 1 for our final meeting until after Christmas. I am working on a Youth Christmas party planned for the week of December 8. Be watching for more information about this event.

Wednesday Night Small Group

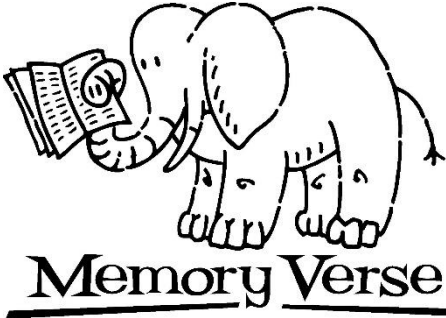
Wednesday night small group will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving break. We will resume on Wednesday, December 4.

POINSETTIAS ARE COMING SOON!

If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one, to help decorate the Church for Christmas, or just to take home for yourself, please contact a youth or Planet 456 member. They will be making an effort to be accessible. Also, you may contact the church office or Tera Smith. The poinsettias are offered in red, white, and pink, and they are \$15 each. They will be available to pick up at the church the week of December 9.



Children's Page



"Your word is a lamp before my feet and
a light for my journey."

Psalm 119:105



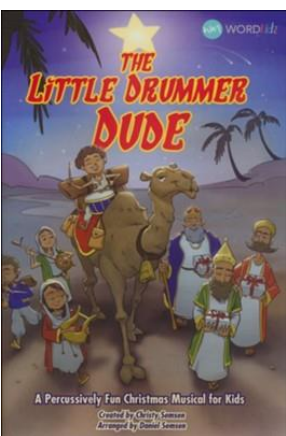
Our Bible lesson this Sunday comes from the Book of Jonah. This story reminds us that we cannot run from God. He has a plan and purpose for each of us. He has called each of us for part of His plan. Sunday, we will learn how Jonah tried to run from God, because he did not like what God wanted him to do.



Planet 456 will not meet this Sunday due to Thanksgiving holidays. Planet 456 will remain on hiatus until after Christmas.



There will be a special choir practice on Sunday, December 1, with the entire Hiskidz choir grades 1-6. We will practice from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Our HISKIDZ CHOIR is busy rehearsing for their Christmas musical, **THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE!** The children are learning dialogue, songs with motions and are eager to present this fun musical on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, at 6 PM.**

God has a way of taking people from ordinary situations and changing their lives forever. Please make sure your child makes each rehearsal so we might give you a great performance!

*With
Sympathy*

*Sympathy and love are extended to Eric and Emily Poe and their sons, Parks and Jon Riley Poe, in the death of their Grandmother and Great Grandmother, **Betty Collins Boutwell**, who died November 14, 2019. She was also a sister-in-law to JoAnne Collins.*



We welcome Mark and Kathy Lee to our First United Methodist Church family. They joined Sunday, November 17, 2019. They come to us from First Baptist Church in Brandon, MS.

Volunteers serving Sunday, November 24, 2019

Greeters	Steve & Bettina Newman/Michael & Mabel George
Acolytes	Mattie Burton/Maddie Canard
Scripture	Philippians 1:1-6
Sermon	“Count Your Blessings”
Security	Nathan Burton/Michael George
Flowers	Bill & Molly McNair

Volunteers serving Sunday, December 1, 2019

Greeters	Robyn & Byron Kelly/Amanda & Maddie Canard
Acolytes	Caroline Swafford/Sherrill Ann Chaney
Scripture	Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon	“Christmas Preparation”
Communion Assistants	Jana Bardwell/Alice Cobb/Linda Ketchum
Security	Owen Richards/Tim Richards
Flowers	Barbara Parks

Attendance, November 17, 2019

Worship Services	180
Sunday School	117

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER

24. Christ the King

25. Remember the Lord

26. Each must choose

27. O you who answer prayer

28. *Thanksgiving Day*

29. You are our potter

30. Not lacking spiritual gifts

Matthew 25:31-46

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Psalm 65

Luke 17:11-19

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

DECEMBER

1. 1st Sunday of Advent

2. Elijah will come

3. More than a prophet

4. Let your face shine

5. All people shall see

6. Faithfulness will spring up

7. Wanting all to come

Mark 13:24-37

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 7:24-28

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a