

Messenger

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A perfect God entered a flawed world on Christmas to make it possible for us to come into His presence one day. May the Christ of Christmas bless you and lead you through this coming year!

Your church staff sends their love. It is our privilege to serve people like you!

Bro. Lauren

Lettie

Tera

Rosemary

Linda

Jenny

Man



Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Joint Worship Service at 10:00 A.M.

No Sunday School

Monday, December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve Communion 5-6:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Joint Worship Service at 10:00 A.M.

No Sunday School

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service

No Sunday School

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY



24. Lacey Myers

25. Jon Parker Dees

29. Roger Lyles

30. Nathan Burton, Landon Hodges

1. Joan King

3. Tina Thomas

4. Brielynne McClellan, Sarah Ragland

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27. Mr. & Mrs. Reece Vaughan

27. Mr. & Mrs. Will Bond

30. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Coker

5. Mr. & Mrs. Owen Richards



### **Solid Gound Youth**

There will be **no Sunday School** this Sunday, **December 23**, or next Sunday, **December 30**, due to only one Worship service at 10:00 a.m. on these days. Sunday school will return to its regular time Sunday, January 6.

### **Sunday Night Youth**



Thank you all for your faithfulness to our Youth group and participation in the White Christmas Program. You guys did a great job, and you were so awesome to commit to the program during exam week. Love you all and Merry Christmas!!

### **Wednesday Night Small Group**

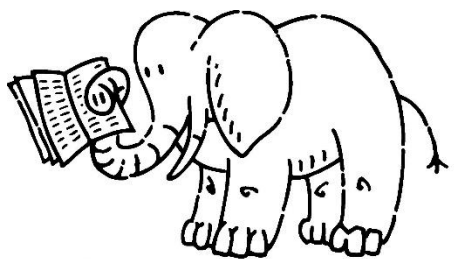
We will resume with Small Group in January. Enjoy your Christmas Break.

### **Spring Break**

The next payment for the Spring Break trip to the Ark Encounter/Cincinnati is due now. Please get in touch with Tera to make your payment.



# Children's Page



## Memory Verse

"In the depths of who I am I rejoice  
in God my Savior."

Luke 1:47



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## **Hiskidz and Planet 456**

Thank you to all children who were a part of our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Christmas day of Cheer." We enjoyed visiting the elders at the Green Houses and singing to them. We also had a great time baking cookies and Christmas candy, as well as making ornaments. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help out with this fun day.

## **Volunteers serving Sunday, December 23, 2018**

Greeters

Hubert and Pam Hatfield

Worship Leader

Rich Knox

Advent Readers

Hubert and Pam Hatfield

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Sermon

**"Why He Came...In a Lowly Manger"**

Security

Hays Heidel



*JoAnn Harris*

Mrs. Janice Middleton

*Marvin Terrell*

Bank of Yazoo City  
M/M Steve Newman  
J. W. Philley, Jr.  
Mrs. Charline Killebrew  
M/M Buster Jennings  
Mrs. Janice Middleton  
M/M Chat Phillips  
Miss Lisa Henick

M/M Roger McGrath III  
Mrs. Betty Crawford  
M/M Meredith Allen  
Mary Galloway  
M/M Tom Tisdale  
M/M Jim Oakes  
Mrs. Bruce D. Crook  
M/M Sam Smith

*With  
Sympathy*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Mrs. Freda Edwards and family in the death of her son, Robert James Edwards, who died December 12, 2018.*

## Attendance, December 16, 2018

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| Worship Services | 216 |
| Sunday School    | 128 |

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### DECEMBER

|                                            |                           |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>23. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> | <b>Matthew 1:18-25</b>    |
| 24. <i>Christmas Eve</i>                   | <i>Luke 2:1-14, 15-20</i> |
| 25. <i>Christmas Day</i>                   | <i>John 1:1-14</i>        |
| 26. By His own mercy                       | Titus 3:4-7               |
| 27. Remembering God's steadfast love       | Isaiah 63:7-9             |
| 28. Let the cosmos rejoice                 | Psalms 148                |
| 29. A helper like us                       | Hebrews 2:10-18           |

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please have all contributions for 2018 in the church office by December 30, 2018 to be credited to 2018.



### *White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service*

Our White Christmas – Candlelight program is always a special time in our church. The beautiful music provided by our amazing choir and instrumentalists brought the message of our Christ's birth to life and we are thankful for their time and talents that they share with us. The Youth presented the Drama which brought to life the message and we so appreciate their part in helping us visualize the scriptures. We thank the children once again for their participation. Those that provided sound, lighting, video—we applaud you! A big thank you to our narrators Marilyn Burnett and Owen Richards for their meaningful words that guided us through the program.