

Messenger

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CHANGE IN DELIVERY

Due to increasing postage costs, we will soon be transitioning from a mailed newsletter to a digital newsletter. The date for the last mass mailing of the Messenger will be **October 31**.

After that date, we will only mail a few paper copies each week to those who have no other means of accessing the Messenger. For everyone else the Messenger will be available as a digital pdf on the church website (<http://fumcyazoo.org>), the church Facebook page, and will be sent out by email and text message from the church office. There will also be a few paper copies at the church on Sunday morning if you'd like to pick one up there.

Many of you have already signed up to receive the weekly email or text message link to the digital Messenger. If you haven't and would like to, please send your email address to Rosemary at the church office (fumcyazoo@gmail.com). If you'd like to receive the weekly text message link, simply text the message **@yazoo1** to the number **81010** on your phone.

Thank you for your grace and patience during this time of transition.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR



- 16. Emily Poe, Annsley Smith
- 19. Jeanne Santmyer
- 20. Tony Martin, Shawn McCoy, Zion Thomas
- 21. Jim Oakes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study/Bro. Lauren
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Children's 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
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study/Bro. Lauren
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Sympathy and love is extended to Nathan and Emily Burton and family in the death of Nathan's step-mother, Patricia Burton, who died August 26, 2018.

IN THE HANDS OF GOD
PRAYER SERVICE



WEDNESDAY • 5:30 - 6:00 P.M.
FUMC CHAPEL

For more info go to fumcyazoo.org or Facebook at "First Methodist Facebook at "First Methodist Yazoo."



As we continue our 15-week study on the History of the Old Testament, this week we will be looking in the book of Judges. We will see all the oppression that the people of Israel suffered. Yet through all of it, God was with them and raised up strong leaders for His people. However, God allowed the people of Israel their own free will. They often did what they thought was right in their own eyes, and God did not stop the consequences. God will never leave us, but He will allow us to learn from our choices and mistakes. We should always trust God to lead us. He loves us and wants what is best for us.

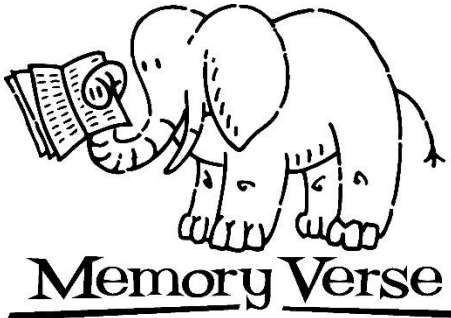
Sunday Night Youth

Sunday night at Bible study, we will be wrapping up our **Be Brave** series. We will finish out our game called *Fortress* by adding level 4 to it. Our winners will be announced this week. Our final lesson in this series is entitled *Be Bold*. So what does it mean to be bold? It means that you don't take the easy way out, it means you don't do what everyone else is doing, it means you take a stand, it means you act on who YOU are! So now, who are you? You are a child of God... BE BOLD!

Wednesday Night Small Group

Small group will meet Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. in the youth basement. We will continue our Bible study on **David: Seeking God's Heart**. Since these sessions are somewhat long, we will be splitting each one into two or more parts. This Wednesday we will continue over the first half of Session 3 entitled "Alone with God." There are times in our lives that we just need to be alone, but there are also times in our lives when we feel alone. The one thing we must always remember is that God is always with us.

Children's Page



"A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son whom I dearly love: I find happiness in him'."

Matthew 13:17



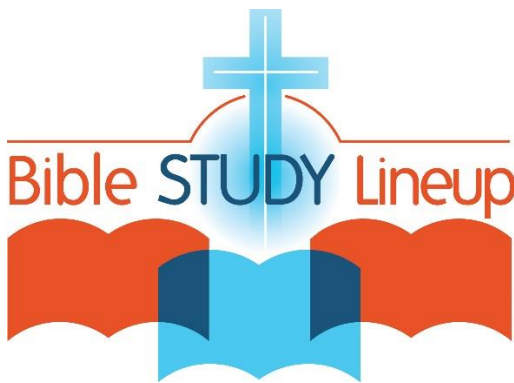
This Sunday we will be hearing a story about another member of Jesus' family. This man was thought of as strange to many who knew of him. However, he was called to turn people to God. This man is John, the cousin of Jesus. This week we will hear more about his story. See you Sunday.



We will have Bible study at 5:00 p.m. in the Planet 456 room in the basement. Following Bible study, we will have snack supper at 6:00 p.m. and dismiss by 6:30 p.m. We will continue with part 2 of our Bible study series called **First Impressions**. Last week we talked about what it means to be authentic. This week's lesson is on *Respect*. It means treating others with care and concern because you believe they are worth something. Respect shows up as a first impression. Just remember, how YOU do has an impact on how others see YOU!



The Ladies' Handbell Choir will begin our new year on Wednesday, September 19, at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to our new season.



On Sunday, September 9, and Wednesday, September 12, 2018, Brother Lauren began a new Bible study at the church beginning at 6 p.m. in Room #306 on the second floor. The study is the book of Matthew. Everyone is invited to attend.



Marilyn Burnett is heading up a mission opportunity through the Evangelism Committee. They will be participating with First Baptist Church in a weekend backpack ministry for the children at Bentonia Gibbs. These items are packed in bags for children that may not have sufficient food over the weekend. It is hard to believe that this

need exists, but, unfortunately, it does. If anyone would like to help, please contact Marilyn!



Calvary Baptist Church on Jackson Avenue invites you to hear and see Tracy Bullinger's experience delivering Christmas Shoe Boxes to children in Malawi Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 6 p.m.



Charge Conference 2018

FUMC will be hosting the Yazoo Delta Region Charge Conference in the our sanctuary Sunday, October 7, 2018. Mark your calendars for this event.

Volunteers for Sunday, September 16, 2018

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| Greeters | Joy Boyd/Frances Pierce |
| Acolytes | Brody Roberts/Drake Smith |
| Worship Leader | Rich Knox |
| Scripture | Acts 6:1-7 |
| Sermon | “The Secret to Leadership Development” |
| Security | Jim Roberts/Larry Adams |
| Flowers | Billy Joe & Deb Ragland |

Attendance, September 9, 2018

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| Worship Services | 184 |
| Sunday School | 95 |

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER

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| 16. Concern for the lost | Luke 15:1-10 |
| 17. Self control begins here | James 3:1-12 |
| 18. God will send fire | Amos 2:4-8 |
| 19. Who is like God? | Psalm 113 |
| 20. The Prophet mourns | Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 |
| 21. How long, O LORD? | Psalm 79:1-9 |
| 22. God’s desire for everyone | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 |