

# Messenger

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## Be a Lifesaver

About 200 people — including 100 lifeguards — attended a pool party in New Orleans in 1985 to celebrate the first summer in memory that no one had drowned at a city pool. At the end of the festivities, the four on-duty lifeguards began clearing the area and found a fully dressed man in the deep end. Despite efforts to revive him, he died.

Just as swimming with a bunch of lifeguards doesn't guarantee safety, "swimming" with a sea of churchgoers doesn't guarantee peace. People in the pews next to you might be struggling to stay above water physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually. Be alert to ways you can serve as a lifeguard. Extend a helping hand, a listening ear and an encouraging reminder of Jesus' ultimate rescue (see Romans 7:24-25).

"...In my mind I want to be God's willing servant but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in! Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free." Romans 24-25.

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## & Birthdays Anniversaries

30. Jana Bardwell, Julie Trammell, Phil Williams, Mills Paul, Melissa Wyatt

31. Gray Goodman, Daniel Newman

1. Walter Patterson, Hamp Wallace

2. Rich Knox, Cathy Thompson,  
Jamie Wallace

3. Kristi Kraft, Garner Burton

4. Lily Pitts, Harry Simmons

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30. Mr. & Mrs. Todd Hart

1. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Anderson

2. Mr. & Mrs. Jason Dees

### SUNDAY, JULY 29

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

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

### MONDAY, JULY 30

9-12 noon Methodist Market

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

### SATURDAY, JULY 28

9-12 noon Methodist Market

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

#### JULY

29. Learning to pray

Luke 11:1-13

30. God listened to me

Psalm 66:16-20

31. Wisdom excels

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

#### AUGUST

1. No exemption from death

Psalm 49:1-12

2. Unrelenting love

Hosea 11:1-11

3. God's steadfast love

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

4. With Christ in God

Colossians 3:1-11

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

*baby  
shower*

IN HONOR OF

CROSBY HICKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018 AT 2PM  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF  
YAZOO CITY FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP TO MARY KATHRYN HART 662-694-9038

*Crosby is registered at Wal-mart, Amazon, Black's,  
Downtown Marketplace and So Sew Sweet*



As we wrap up this month, we will conclude with a lesson on contentment. How often do we focus on the things we don't have, instead of on the things we do? Why do we seek approval and acceptance so much? As believers in Christ, we should realize that Jesus is Enough! He is all we need!



Our second annual College Freshmen Farewell Breakfast will be in the youth basement on

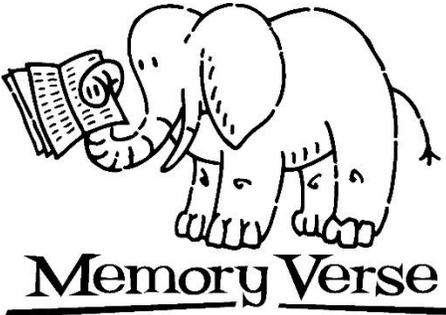
Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

during the Sunday school hour. This is a send-off from the youth group to those who will be leaving for college and starting a new chapter in their lives. Any college students who are home for the summer are invited to join us.

## **Back to School Yazoo**

On Sunday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a regional youth event at Parkview Church. Our teens today face so many more challenges and temptations than we ever had hurled at us. This event is being held to encourage our students to choose Christ and rely on Him as they face so many of the challenges in the world today. Worship will be led by Christian band *Hanover Drive* and Christian rapper *TwiceBorn*. There will be testimonies shared by youth who are part of the *Teen Challenge Program*, and former MLB player for the New York Mets and New York Yankees, Darryl Strawberry, will be the closing speaker. Please mark your calendar to attend this event.

# Children's Page



"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock.

Matthew 7:24



The past month we have been studying some of the parables that Jesus told. This Sunday we will end with the parable of the Ten Talents. As we listen to this story, it is so important for us to realize that we have all been given special gifts and abilities. God wants us to use them to honor and serve Him.

## Hiskidz & Planet 456 Back-to-School Party

A Back-to-School Party is being planned for Grades 1-6. More information about this will be sent out soon. If any parents would like to help with food and drinks, please contact Tera Smith.



## Promotion Sunday

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Pease mark your calendars for Sunday, August 12. This will be a special time for our rising First Graders, as they will be presented with Bibles in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Also, this will be Promotion Sunday for

our Sunday School classes.