

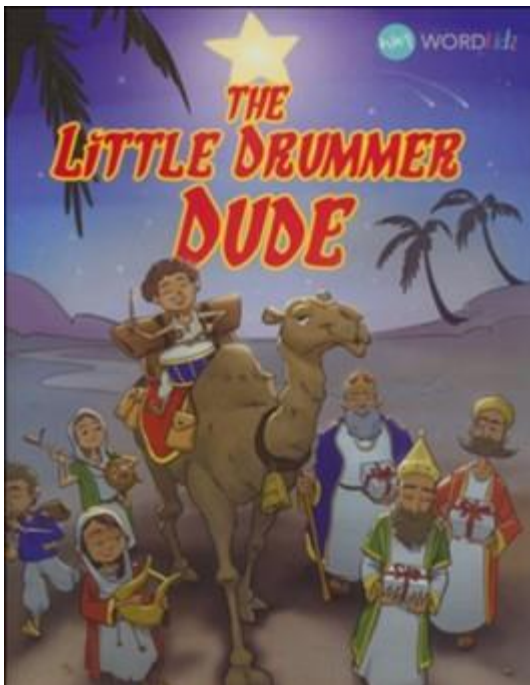
# Messenger

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## HISKIDZ CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

### THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6:00 P.M.

God has a way of taking people from ordinary situations and changing their lives forever. This musical gives us a chance to experience the birth of Christ through the eyes of the Wise men, a traveling band, and a little drummer dude. One of the highlights is exploring the character of Herod. His self-centered awkwardness is so funny as he thinks the band is coming to play for him.

We learn an important truth that children are not too little to do big things for God. It is an important truth for everyone! None of us is big enough to do things along...we all need God! We all need to hold His hand and allow His Spirit to empower and enable us to share His love with the world.

We ask you to join us in marching to the beat of God's drum!

THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM HOSTED BY FAMILY MINISTRIES.



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



In 2018 a total of 146 children were served in Mississippi. Three group homes served 71 young people: 25 ladies, average age 15; 23 young ladies, average age 18; 23 young men, average age 17.



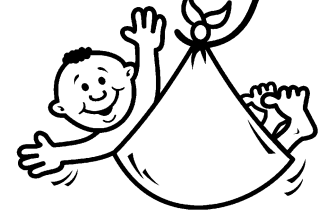
## CHILDREN'S SABBATH OFFERING

The Little Light of Mine Special Offering allows churches to support the ministry of the Methodist Children's Homes through giving and prayer. Read inside about how your gift makes a difference in the lives of children in foster care.

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



Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 12 Noon – Grades 4-6 Lunch & rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Grades 1-3 Join Gr. 4-6 for Last rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Children’s Musical  
*The Little Drummer Dude*
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party/Phillips home

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

Congratulations to Parker and Whitney Adcock on the birth of their son Benford Boyd Adcock, who was born November 30, 2019. Also welcoming Ben are proud sister Lily Pitts and grandparents Clay and Paige Adcock.



**FOSTER CHILDREN**

We still have 8 children who have not been adopted. If you would like to purchase and wrap one of the following gifts, please contact Allison Hughes at 571-5964.

- Nike Jacket – adult medium
- White Air Force Ones – Size 7
- LOL Doll
- LOL watch
- Bike for 5 yr old girl with training wheels
- Any game for x Box 360
- Sewing kit for 18 yr old female
- Belk gift card
- Air Force Ones – Boys size 4, white
- Bike for 5 yr old boy
- Red Race car – 5 yr old boy
- PJ Mask toy – 4 yr old boy
- Bike – 4 yr old boy
- Bike – 3 yr old girl
- Baby Alive
- 2-Motor Speed Toy Car (pink)
- Pull ups size 5
- Baby doll – 3 yr old
- Pampers size 5



- 8. Billy Joe Ragland
- 9. Prather King
- 12. Lynn Williams
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- 10. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols





## Solid Ground Youth

This month in Sunday school we will revisit the story of Jesus' birth and the events that preceded and followed. God had a plan for His people, and it was to begin through the birth of a baby. Nothing is impossible with God!

## Sunday Night Youth

Youth **Ugly Sweater Christmas** Party will be Sunday December 8, at 7:00 p.m. It will be at the home of Kathryn and Will Phillips. I will be there as soon as the Children's Christmas program is over.



## Wednesday Night Small Group

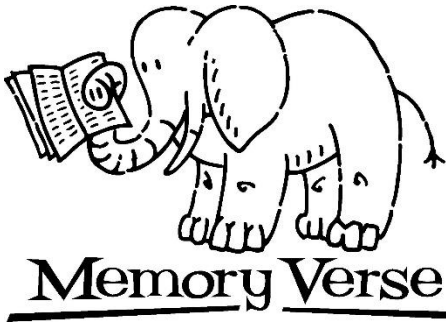
Wednesday night small group will not meet again until after the new year begins in January. Please take this time to reflect on how you can build on your spiritual walk in the New Year.



If you have not yet bought a poinsettia and wish to do so in honor or memory of a loved one, this week is the last week before the names are printed. You may still buy a poinsettia after they arrive, but the last day to have the names in the bulletin insert will be next Wednesday, December 11. Thank you.



# Children's Page



"The angel said," Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you - wonderful, joyous news for all people."

Luke 2:10



Throughout the month of December, we will be talking about the birth of Jesus. Last Sunday our lesson was on Mary's story, and this week we will hear Joseph's story.



## Hiskidz and Planet 456:

We will be having our annual **Day of Christmas Cheer** this year on Wednesday, December 18 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. You may drop off your child at the church at 12:00 noon and we should be done by 4:00 p.m. We will be making Christmas candy and cookies, Christmas ornaments, and a special canvas painting. We will also visit the nursing home to deliver poinsettias and sing Christmas carols. Please send \$5.00 to help with the cost.



## Volunteers serving Sunday, December 8, 2019

Greeters	Chip & Donna Heidel/Bob & Linda Coker
Acolytes	Epperson Kelly & Prather King
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25
Sermon	<b>“When Even Christmas Needs a Helping Hand”</b>
Security	Jim Roberts/Byron Kelly
Flowers	Seth & Jamie Swafford

### Attendance, December 1, 2019

Worship Services	186
Sunday School	94

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### DECEMBER

<b>8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Mark 1:1-8</b>
9. Prepare the way	Isaiah 40:3-5
10. A righteous branch	Jeremiah 23:3-6
11. My spirit rejoices	Luke 1:47-55
12. Anointed to proclaim deliverance	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
13. Reaping God's blessings	Psalms 126
14. This is God's will	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24