

# Messenger



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## A Modern-day Parable

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables about the precious being lost and, at great lengths, found again. The kingdom of heaven, he says, is like that. But most of us don't shepherd sheep and wouldn't fret over one lost coin. A child, on the other hand ...

In fall 2019, as night fell in northern Minnesota, 6-year-old Ethan and his dog wandered off. Family and police grew frantic because the area consisted of fields, woods and swamps. Authorities requested assistance.

The kingdom of heaven, Jesus might say, is like *600 volunteers* searching diligently in the dark for a child they didn't know. It's like Steve Fines who, though also a stranger to the boy, grabbed his company's pricy heat-seeking drone and worked the camera for hours, until it detected Ethan huddling with his dog, safe but cold. Yes, the kingdom of heaven — indeed God — is like people giving their all and refusing to quit until the lost one is found.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

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. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Snack Supper

6:30 p.m. Youth

### **MONDAY, MARCH 16**

9-12 noon Methodist Market

6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

3-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir

4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

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

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



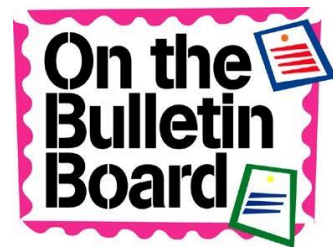
*Margaret Jeanne Santmyer*

Mrs. Nancy Williams

Bank of Yazoo

Frank Patty

Joan McRee



15. Melissa Gooch, Malinda Thompson

16. Margaret Phillips, Massey

17. Harold Fisher

20. Todd Hart, Jane Glenn, Cookie Thomas

I will be serving on the women's Kairos team April 7-10 at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. If you would like to make a tax deductible financial contribution to this ministry, please make your checks out to "Kairos of Mississippi."

Another way you may contribute is by sponsoring a meal for the week. The cost of the meal is \$10.



## **Solid Ground**

This month in Sunday school will take us into a new book in our *Fathom* series. This lesson is “The Passion,” and it will take us through all the events in the life of Christ during Holy Week. This Sunday we will dig a little deeper into Jesus and the disciples throughout Holy week.

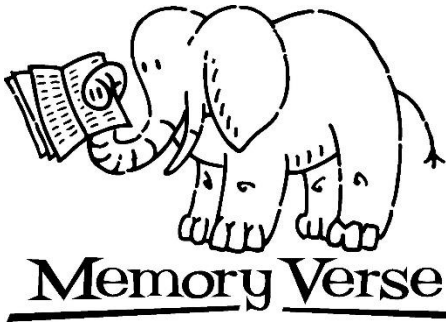
## **Sunday Night Youth**

The Youth group had a wonderful time this week in Pigeon Forge. We are back this week and will start a new series to finish out the remainder of the semester.

## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

We will resume with Bible Study on Wednesday, March 18, and begin a new study.

# Children's Page



"If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet."

Matthew 5:1-9



During the month of March, we will be studying lessons about Jesus, which will teach us more about his ministry. Our lesson this Sunday is about a woman named Mary who showed her love for Jesus by washing his feet. This act did not make sense to some, and they questioned her actions. See you Sunday as we hear more about this story.



I hope everyone had a great week off from school, and I hope to see you all back this Sunday night. We will begin a new series to finish out the semester.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, March 15, 2020

Greeters	Peggy Appleton/Clayton Nagle
Acolytes	Jake Louis Paul & Craig Paul
Scripture	Luke 15:25-32
Sermon	<b>“The Older Brother”</b>
Sunday Night Supper	Amanda Canard & Jamie Wallace

## Attendance, March 8, 2020

Worship Services	150
Sunday School	67

## Daily Bible Readings

### MARCH

<b>15. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>John 4:5-42</b>
16. Only the sinner	Ezekiel 18:1-4
17. To bring good news	Isaiah 61:1-3
18. A way to understand	Matthew 7:15-20
19. Not as mortals see	1 Samuel 16:1-13
20. I fear no evil	Psalm 23
21. Living the light	Ephesians 5:8-14