



# Messenger

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## **“Surely he has borne our griefs ...”**

When veteran Joe Serna confessed that he'd been drinking — behavior prohibited in the Veterans Treatment Court program — Judge Lou Olivera sentenced him to one night in jail. That might not seem like much, but while deployed, Serna had been trapped underwater when his truck toppled into a canal. A buddy managed to move him to an air pocket, saving his life, but the buddy and two others died. Years later, even the thought of confinement triggered flashbacks.

As Serna arrived for his jail stay, Olivera, also a vet, saw his anxiety, entered the cell with Serna and spent the night. His kind act nearly brought Serna to tears, but the judge believes any vet would have done the same. “These are our brothers,” Olivera says. “We never leave each other behind.”

Similarly, Jesus entered our troubled story alongside us, sharing in our suffering, brokenness and even death. As a comrade unlike any other, Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters, refusing to leave us behind with our self-imposed burdens. Above all, Jesus does what only God can: redeems us for the joy of new life.

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Acolyte Training
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus meeting

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 26. Whitney Adcock
- 27. Angie Edgar
- 28. Bill Dew
- 29. Brenda Hines, Monica Heidel,  
Reese Ragland

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- 28. Mr. & Mrs. James Cresswell
- 31. Mr. & Mrs. Max Sanders



# FLOOD RELIEF

*Volunteers Needed*

*If you would like to volunteer to do some odd jobs on occasional basis for Flood Recovery, please contact Daniel Pender.*



- Sept. 3: Nominations Committee**  
**Ladies' Bible Study/Millie's**
- Sept. 4: Children's Choir Grades 1-6**  
**begins. 3:00-4:15.**
- Sept.. 8: Planet 456 begins**  
**Adult Bible Study led by**  
**Bro. Lauren 6 p.m.**
- Sept. 10: Staff Parish Meeting**
- Sept. 11: Adult Bible Study led by**  
**Bro. Lauren 6 p.m.**



## **Solid Ground Youth**

Human diversity is an important part of God's plan. In Sunday school this week, we will be talking about the Tower of Babel. This lesson will help us understand how unity and separation are both equally important in God's plan for the world.

## **Sunday Night Youth**

The Youth will meet this Sunday night to talk about the upcoming plans for the Fall and Winter quarters. We will be discussing study topics of interest and Mission opportunities, as well as calendar events. This will also be our first meeting with our 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We are looking forward to having them move up. Hope to see you as we make plans for our upcoming year.

## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

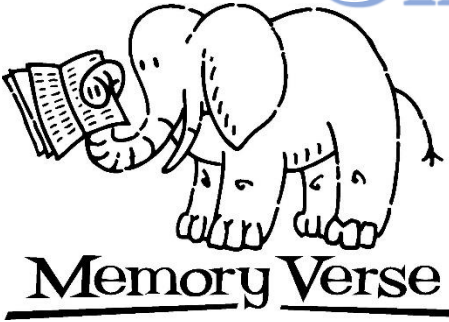
This past Wednesday was our first Small Group meeting. Small group is an opportunity to have Bible Study in a more intimate and smaller setting. We will study a series, as opposed to a weekly topic. This week we talked about different studies that we will be looking into this Fall. We will begin with a new Bible Study series next week, so if you missed this past week, we hope to see you next Wednesday.



### **Church Scholarships**

*Church Scholarships are now available for students going to college. Please contact the church office by Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are interested.*

# Children's Page



"The Lord sees into the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7



## Hiskidz and Deep Blue:

For the past month, we have been studying about David and his family. This Sunday we will learn more about David's son, Solomon. Solomon was known for his wisdom, yet he also displayed foolishness in certain areas of his life. We need to seek God's guidance in our everyday lives, not just when we need Him.



Acolyte training for those who will be in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. this Sunday, August 25. This will be our final training, and we will begin with our schedule on Sunday, September 8. We will meet in the Sanctuary.



## *Memorial Gifts*

***Penny Jackson***

Barbara Pittman

***Mabel Jordan***

Janice Middleton

***Macel Simmons***

M/M Michael Curran

### **Volunteers serving Sunday, August 25, 2019**

Greeters  
Security  
Scripture  
Sermon  
Flowers

Byron & Robyn Kelly/Alice Cobb  
John Cobb/Reece Vaughan  
Exodus 2:11-15  
**“Somebody Ought to Do Something”**  
Walter & Marilyn Burnett

### **Attendance, August 18, 2019**

Worship Services	212
Sunday School	126

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

#### **AUGUST**

**25. 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

26. Treasure in clay jars

27. With you to save

28. I walk in faithfulness

29. I AM has sent me

30. Remember God’s wonderful works

31. Overcome evil with good

**Matthew 16:13-20**

2 Corinthians 3:17-4:7

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21