

# Messenger

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## The Magi's story — and ours



The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself. ... On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon Jesus just as the Magi did. We see the glory of God manifested through Jesus Christ in the internal work of the Holy Spirit. We see our utter sinfulness and God's abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts.

We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carrying the truth about the Messiah.

—Travis Cunningham, [tvcresources.net](http://tvcresources.net)

## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

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

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

9-12 noon Methodist Market

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

6:00 Chancel Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



10. Mabel George, Chat Phillips, Brad Phillips
11. Will Phillips
12. Kirk Coulton, Bobby Thompson
13. Tim Richards
14. Jamie Patterson
16. Claire Burnham

# With Sympathy

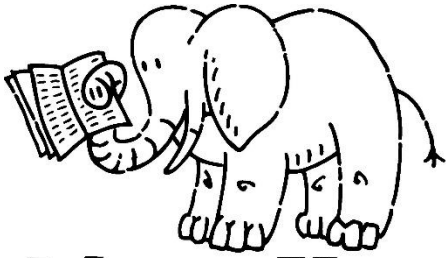
*Sympathy and love is extended to Harry and Shirley Simmons and family in the death of Shirley's mother, Susie Kuykendall McElroy, who died December 30, 2020.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Myra Dunlap and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Lt. Colonel Howard D. Hulen, who died December 31, 2020.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Thomas and Kate Fisher and family in the death of his father, Harold Fisher, who died January 2, 2021.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Clark Duncan and family in the death of her mother, Puddin Watson, who died January 4, 2021.*

# Children's Page



## Memory Verse

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life."

John 3:16



This Sunday we will continue to talk about the life of Jesus as He prepared for His ministry. Our lesson is on the baptism of Jesus.

## P22 Ministries



Planet 456 and P22 Ministries will pick back up on Sunday, January 17. We will meet for Bible study at 5:00 p.m. and supper will follow at 6:00p.m. Children's choir will also start back as well.



## Solid Ground Youth

This week in Sunday School we will be discussing "Tearing Down Walls." Walls are built for protection, and often we build walls in our own lives. However, our walls can keep us from so many good things.

## Sunday Night Youth & Wednesday Night Small Group

We will resume our regular schedule on Sunday, January 10, and begin a new study entitled "IF." Hope to see you on Sunday as we prepare to kick off a brand new year!

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

Greeters

Donna Heidel/Millie Phillips

Scripture

Luke 9:23-27; Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon

**“What is a Disciple?”**

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **JANUARY**

**10. Baptism of the Lord**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

11. Like good stewards

1 Peter 4:7-11

12. A new song

Psalm 40:1-3

13. In the fullness of time

Galatians 4:4-7

14. So God shall rejoice!

Isaiah 62:1-5

15. The fountain of life

Psalm 36:5-10

16. Varieties of gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-11