

# Messenger

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“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:105

“I want to know one thing, the way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this end He came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. Give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God!”

— John Wesley —

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, often described himself as a "man of one book," the Bible. That is, while he read dozens of books every year, the most important book was the Bible because it is the Word of God, and it alone contains the Way of Life.

So, he made sure to set aside time every day to sit down and read the Bible and meditate over what God was saying to him through it. That's a marvelous habit we all ought to have!

New Year's often provides the opportunity to start new habits and to improve on old ones. Do you have a time set aside to read the Bible every day? Have you made it a daily habit? If you have, how could you strengthen it and get even more out of reading the Bible? After all, if the Bible really is the Word of God, how can we not take time to listen to all that God is saying? Let's dig in deeper for the New Year!

# JANUARY

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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, JANUARY 20

9-12 noon Methodist Market  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

3-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

9-12 noon Methodist Market



19. Sherrill Ann Chaney  
22. Janet Adams, Sam Smith  
23. Barbara Parks

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

This week Adult Bible Studies which are led by Bro. Lauren will pick back up where they left off in December. They meet Sunday at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome to participate.



The Hiskidz Choir will be starting their Wednesday afternoon rehearsals SOON!!! Our fall season ended with a great performance at Christmas! Thank you to all who helped make it one of the BEST MUSICALS EVER!!

WE WILL BEGIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR (GRADES 1-6) ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29. WE HOPE ALL OF OUR HISKIDZ CHOIR WILL BE BACK WITH US! LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TOGETHER!

## Ministry Spotlight

### Women's Kairos

I will be leading the Women's Kairos Journey October 6-9, 2020 at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. Prior to the Journey, volunteers participate in five team meetings.

All meetings are held on Saturday from 8:30-2:30 and the dates are as follows: August 29th, September 12, September 19, September 26, and October 3rd.

The mission of Kairos is to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ with incarcerated women.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me at 571-4964 or [ahughes37@bellsouth.net](mailto:ahughes37@bellsouth.net).

Allison Hughes



## **Solid Ground Youth**

As we continue with our Fathom Series, *The Broken Kingdom*, the lesson this week is focused on the hope that we can find through our faith and trust in God. Even in the Biblical days, things were bad, but God sent prophets to offer the people an assurance of hope. We must remember that God is with us through all of life's trials and tribulations.

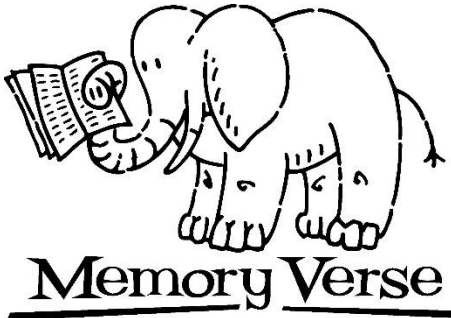
## **Sunday Night Youth**

Last week we began a new Bible study called, *The Twelve Outlaws*. This study takes a closer look at Jesus' apostles. Why were these apostles "WANTED" by Christ? Last Sunday we talked about Simon Peter. Peter was bold, and he was faithful. However, Peter also allowed doubt and fear to creep in. Peter denied Christ and acted as if he didn't know Him. We talked about how we can relate to Peter in all of these ways, but just like with Peter, Jesus will not forsake us. He will be there when we call for Him. This Sunday night we will be studying about Andrew.

## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Wednesday night small group has picked back up. We will continue with the Study we began last week, *What Do You Allow to Define You?* This 6-week study will take us on a journey to understand who we are. The first two weeks we will begin with noting our attributes, the positive ones, as well as the negative ones. Each week we will dig a little deeper into who we are, how others see us, and how God sees us.

# Children's Page



“So, they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives.”

Mark 6:12



During the month of January, we have been learning about the beginning of Jesus' ministry. This week we will be talking about the calling of Levi, or Matthew. Jesus did something that was quite shocking. . . he asked a person who was despised by society to be one of his disciples. We will talk more about this on Sunday.

## Planet 456

In Planet 456 Bible study, we will have a quick summary review of last week's lesson and hopefully finish up with the *Overcomer* movie this week. We will begin with the first lesson of our new study, *Defined, Who God Says You Are*, next Sunday. This study is an 8-week Bible study guiding kids to find their identity in Christ, based on selected passages from Ephesians. This study is by the Kendrick Brothers, the authors of the film *Overcomer*.



## Confirmation



Confirmation classes for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders started up this past Wednesday, January 15. We will continue to meet every Wednesday through February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church from 3:00 - 4:30p.m.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, January 19, 2020

Greeters	Albert & Christy Vandevere/Chip & Donna Heidel
Acolytes	Drake Smith & Prather King
Scripture	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 5:48
Sermon	<b>“Christian Perfection”</b>
Flowers	Phil & Sharon Nichols
Sunday Night Supper Moms	Robyn Kelly & Laura King

## Attendance, January 12, 2020

Worship Services	211
Sunday School	122

## Daily Bible Readings

### JANUARY

<b>19. 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>Isaiah 49:1-7</b>
20. God changed His mind	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
21. God alone is my rock	Psalms 62:5-12
22. Time has grown short	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
23. Here is your God!	Isaiah 40:9-11
24. There is no other	Isaiah 44:6-8
25. All is yours	1 Chronicles 29:11-13