

Messenger

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Waiting Until God is Heard

We're often taught that prayer is speaking to God. And of course, that's part of it. It's good to pray for the well-being and needs of others — even Jesus prayed for his disciples. It's okay to pray for our own growth in faith and love. It's a wonderful, powerful thing, modeled especially by the Psalmists, to give God thanks and praise. And God welcomes our cries of pain and sorrow, offering the Spirit's help when words fail us (Romans 8:26).

But through the ages, many deeply faithful followers of Christ have practiced contemplative prayer, centering prayer and other forms of stillness before God. Danish theologian Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) expressed it this way: "To pray does not mean to listen to oneself speaking. Prayer involves becoming silent, and being silent, and waiting until God is heard."

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. P22 Ministries
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9-12 noon Methodist Market

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9-12 noon Methodist Market



FEBRUARY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

1. Amy Ray, Sarah Phillips,
Drake Smith
3. Bonnie Holmes, Katherine
Phillips
4. Shirley Simmons, Lisa Haynes
5. Bill Summers

4. Mr. & Mrs. Gray Goodman



Harold Fisher

- Billie Faye & Billy Joe Paulson
- Mary Galloway
- Dian & Wilburn Smith
- Robin & Edward Campbell

Susie McElroy

M/M Jim Oakes

Jim Watson

Mary Galloway

Puddin Watson

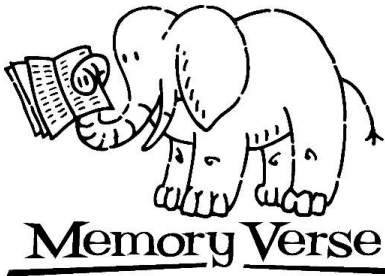
- Mr. & Mrs. Pat Rush
- Mary Galloway

A Daily Prayer

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness.

Amen.

Children's Page



"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 learn about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus taught his disciples how to share the Gospel, and then he sent them out to tell others about the Good News. He instructed them to take only a walking stick and their shoes. They were to stay where they were welcomed but move on if they were not. In Sunday School, we will dig a little deeper into this message.

Our lesson this Sunday night will be about Noah and a very bad day that he had. We all have bad days sometimes, but we have to use the situations as learning opportunities in order to grow. We will have a few object lessons and games to go along with our lesson before dismissing for Snack Supper. Choir will follow supper and the children will be finished by 7:15p.m.



P22 Ministries



This Sunday night P22 will meet at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Julie Paul will have a lesson and a few activities for the children to engage in. Snack supper will be at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall and choir with Mrs. Lettie will follow supper. We will dismiss at 7:15p.m.



Youth Sunday School

The world we live in today has changed in terms of the acceptance of Christians. Christians in the United States are facing more backlash and persecution than ever before. God has given us the proper equipment needed to fight the battles we face. In Ephesians 6, we learn about the Armor of God. This Sunday our lesson is focused on this Armor.

Sunday Night Youth

Last Sunday the youth group resumed with our Bible Study. We talked about "IF". Last Sunday night continued discussing *ifs* by beginning Mark Batterson's Bible Study entitled *IF*. We began with the first lesson, "If Only Regrets." In this lesson we discussed how we all have regrets, but it is important to know that we do have second chances. We need to learn from the mistakes we made in order to grow.

Wednesday Night Small Group

Wednesday Night Small Group resumed this week. We are trying something new with the Youth Wheel of Challenge and incorporating Bible trivia, activities, and games. We will also introduce a new game entitled *I Should Have Known That*. The Wheel of Challenge will be in correlation with our topic each week.

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Greeters	D'Ann Adams & Pam Hatfield
Scripture	Mark 1:35-39
Sermon	“Let Us Pray”
SNS	Jana Bardwell & Angie Kyle
Flowers	Hubert & Pam Hatfield

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY

31. 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

John 11:38-44

FEBRUARY

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| 1. Jesus and the Passover | Luke 2:41-49 |
| 2. The “Last Passover” | Matthew 26:20-30 |
| 3. The Fourth Plague | Exodus 8:20-29 |
| 4. The Eighth Plague | Exodus 10:12-20 |
| 5. Detailed Instructions | Numbers 9:1-4,13 |
| 6. When Your Children Ask | Joshua 4:1-7 |