

# Messenger

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## *Living Each Day as a Steward!*

Consecration Sunday will be October 27 when we will have the opportunity to thank God for the many blessings He has provided. On Sunday, October 13, you will have the opportunity to pick up your Stewardship package. Living each day as a steward should be our goal and I hope that you will take a little time to read and reflect upon the Bible verses listed below concerning Stewardship. By studying these passages you can gain a little understanding on how the Holy Spirit, working through The Word, transforms us to be more like our Chief Steward, Jesus, who willingly poured out his life in giving and serving, ultimately sacrificing his very life for our eternal lives. Just as Jesus faithfully served his Father by serving us, we are to use our lives and gifts in faithful service to him by serving others. *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”* (1 Peter 4:10).

As your Stewardship Chairperson, I pray that each of you will take advantage of these opportunities to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord that you will be strengthened in faith both for eternity and for a fruitful life here on earth.

The Scripture passages I have chosen in addition to the one above are as follows:

Malachi 3:8-12

Genesis 2:15

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

John 3:27

James 1:17

Matthew 23:23

Rich Knox, Stewardship Chairperson



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

- 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. Planet 456
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - Matthew

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

- 3-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Grades 1-6
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - Matthew

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

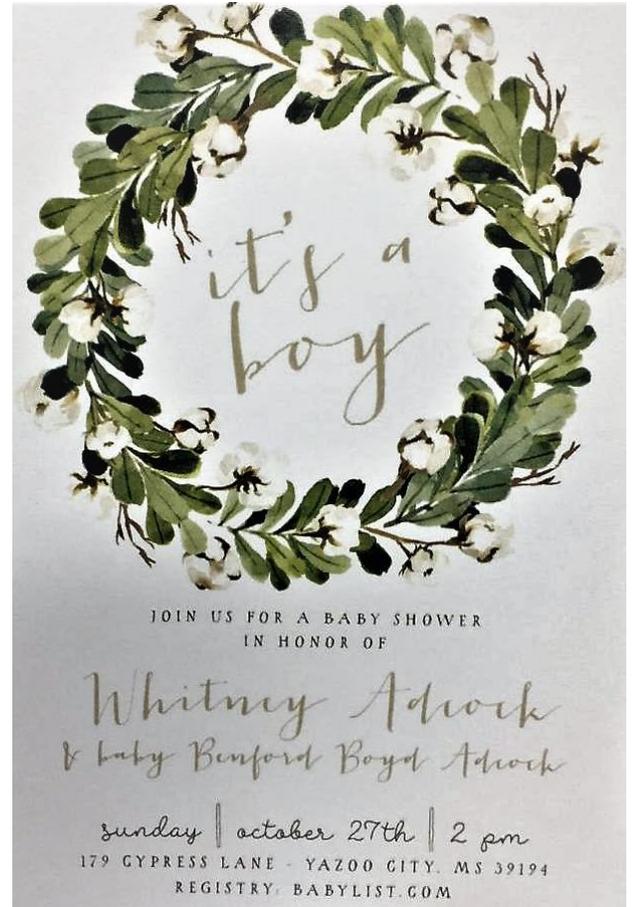
- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 14. Mallory Pender, Chrissy Sullivan
- 15. James Cresswell, Laura King
- 16. Jack Robinson
- 18. Nancy Hart, Brenda Paul, Cadi Appleby
- 19. Buford Atkinson

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- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Ragland



*Sympathy and love are extended to Lois Russell and J. T. and Linda Ketchum and family in the death of their mother, Lorene Freeman Ketchum, who died October 3, 2019.*

*Sympathy and love are also extended to Helen, Terrye Layne, and Tommy Tenhet in the death of their son and brother, Terrell Tenhet, who died this past week in Memphis, TN.*



## Solid Ground Youth

Last Sunday we began a new series called “The Promised Land.” This Sunday our lesson is about Joshua’s farewell address to the Israelite people. He encourages them to look at their past to see where God has brought them. He reminds them to stay strong in the Lord and to trust Him.

## Sunday Night Youth

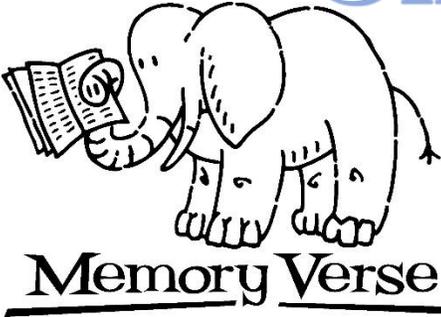
A couple of weeks ago, we began a new series by Francis Chan entitled “**Surrender.**” Our last lesson in the series was *Surrender Status*. We talked about the importance of not being so worried about our status, but instead we need to surrender to God and allow Him to use us for His will. This week we will cover session 3, *Surrender Sin*. Sin is everywhere, and we have to make choices every day. It is impossible to live a sin-free life, but we must strive to make the choices that are pleasing to God, not man.

## Wednesday Night Small Group

Side note about next Wednesday . . . The Yazoo Fair will be in town, and next Wednesday (10/16) our Youth Group will meet up at the Fair for a night of Fun and Fellowship.

Beginning Wednesday night (10/23) in small group, we will start a new series called **Forever Changed**. In this series we will be talking about the life of Saul/Paul. We will see how God can truly transform lives. We just need to be willing to completely surrender to Him. God wants what is best for us, but we must be willing to trust Him.

# Children's Page



"I'll be with you."

Exodus 3:12



## Hiskidz and Deep Blue:

Our Sunday School lesson this week is about Moses and the Israelites. This week will learn about what happened after Moses and the Israelites were free from the Egyptian rule. There was more grumbling and complaining, instead of celebrating and thankfulness. How often do we find ourselves in this same situation?



Last week in our Sunday night Bible study, we began a new series called **Filters**. Our first session was about our attitude. We talked about how what we hold on the inside is what will come out of us when we are shaken or jostled. If we see the negative in things, then we will release a negative attitude. This week's lesson will focus on **Friends**. We need to be very careful who we choose to be our friends. Our friends bring influence into our lives, good and bad. We need to look to God to help us filter how we choose our friends.



October is Pastor Appreciation month. It is time to emphasize prayer and gratitude for the work of our pastor in our church.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, October 13, 2019

|           |                                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Greeters  | Albert & Christy Vandevere/Marilyn Burnett |
| Security  | Buford Atkinson/Brent Chaney               |
| Acolytes  | Sherrill Ann Chaney/Mallory Pender         |
| Scripture | Exodus 19:9-13 & 20:1-17                   |
| Sermon    | <b>“House Rules”</b>                       |
| Flowers   | Van & Amy Ray                              |

## Attendance, October 6, 2019

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Worship Services | 176 |
| Sunday School    | 100 |

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

|                                                   |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>13. 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> | <b>Matthew 22:1-14</b> |
| 14. Sheltered by the Almighty                     | Psalm 91:1-10          |
| 15. God calls Cyrus                               | Isaiah 45:1-7          |
| 16. Revered above all gods                        | Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)  |
| 17. God appears to Moses                          | Exodus 33:12-23        |
| 18. The Lord is holy                              | Psalm 99               |
| 19. An example to all                             | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 |



## **TIPS ON PACKING YOUR SHOE BOXES**

**Due November 17, 2019**

1. Use new items.
2. Each box stands alone, so don't divide items between two boxes.
3. Include some "fun" in every box.
4. Remove all wrappings from your items.
5. A toothbrush may be put in a zip lock bag. No candy or tooth paste because there is a used by date on them.
6. Include your check for \$9.00 for each box you pack. You may also go on line and pay by credit card where you will get a tracking number strip to print out and attach to the shoebox. You can track the number until it reaches the country of its destination.

If you do multiple boxes just write one check and put in one of the boxes. Place the boy or girl strip at either end of the top of the box. Later these boxes will be taped around the middle for shipment so don't put the label in the middle.