

Messenger

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Thank You, Veterans!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).
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A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips

November

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study/Millie's
- 6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Open Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 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, NOVEMBER 16

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 14. Allison Hughes
- 15. Calvin "Man" Brooking
- 16. Emily Burton, Kim Woodarad



Special thanks to Everett Deere for disposing of a mobile home that was destroyed in the flood and preparing the site for a new mobile home for my client.

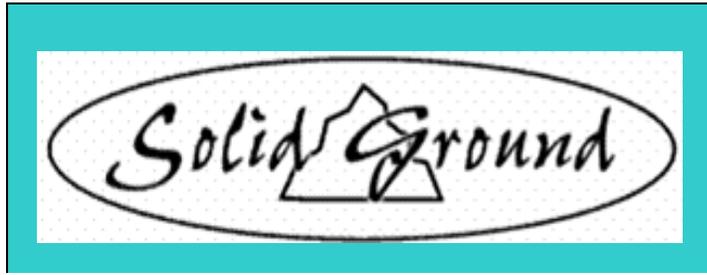
Patricia Parker
Yazoo LTRC Case Manager

Emmaus Meeting

The Emmaus Community will have a special meeting for all who might be interested in learning about the Walk to Emmaus. There will be a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. We invite you to join us and learn more about this very special ministry.

At this meeting we will be packing Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. You might like to bring items to complete some of the boxes or possible bring a box or two that you have prepared.

Come join us for food, fellowship and help with a very important ministry for children all around the world.



Solid Ground Youth

This Sunday we will begin the next series in our *Fathom* Sunday School lessons. Last week we began to study about *The Birth of the Kingdom*. . . from Saul to Solomon. This Sunday, we will take a closer look at the fall of Saul and the rise of David.

Sunday Night Youth

Last Sunday night we began a new series called **Acceptance**. God accepts us just as we are, and this week we will continue with our new study, diving into several aspects of acceptance. Our lesson this Sunday night is titled *Looking for Acceptance*. God accepts us even when we feel rejected by others, or when we struggle with life's obstacles.

Wednesday Night Small Group

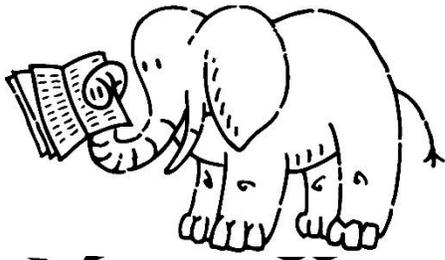
Last Wednesday night in small group, we continued with a second lesson in our new series called **Forever Changed**. This series is based on the transformation of Saul to Paul. This week we will examine how Paul engaged with those around him. He had a true spiritual conversion, and he shared it with others. Christ is a part of our lives, and He should not only surface on Sundays. We need to learn to be comfortable talking about our Christianity and faith around our friends and family. We don't need to hide Christ or be ashamed of Him. It can be an intimidating and daunting thing, but we can begin by allowing Christ to show up through our actions and behavior.



Poinsettias are back!

If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one, to help decorate the Church for Christmas, or just to take home for yourself, please contact a youth or Planet 456 member. They will be making an effort to be accessible. Also, you may contact the church office or Tera Smith. The poinsettias are offered in red, white, and pink, and they are \$15 each. They will be available to pick up at the church the week of December 9.

Children's Page



Memory Verse

"Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey."

Psalm 119:105



Last week, our Sunday school lesson was about Adam and Eve. We discussed how our choices lead to consequences.

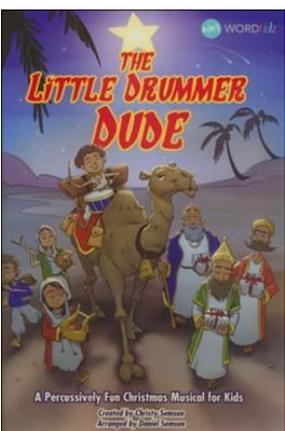
This week we will continue in the book of Genesis and talk about Noah and the flood. In this story, we see the trust that Noah has in God, and we also experience God's faithfulness and His promise.

This week in Bible Study, we will have a lesson on being Thankful. We have so much to be thankful for, but sometimes it is very easy to take all of this for granted. We often may have the mindset that we deserve all the things that we have. It is easy in the world we live in today to have an attitude of entitlement. This is something we are all guilty of, and we need to be more aware of our blessings.



Our HISKIDZ CHOIR is busy rehearsing for their Christmas musical, **THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE!** The children are learning dialogue, songs with motions and are eager to present this fun musical on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, at 6 PM.**

God has a way of taking people from ordinary situations and changing their lives forever. Please make sure your child makes each rehearsal so we might give you a great performance!



IN MEMORY

Terrell Tenhet

Jo Anne Collins

Frances Pierce

Lorene Ketchum

Jo Anne Collins

Volunteers serving Sunday, November 10, 2019

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Howard & Vicky Webb
Acolytes	Drake Smith/Prather King
Scripture	Exodus 33:1-6, 12-17
Sermon	“I’d Rather Have Jesus”
Security	Joe Ed Woodard/Hubert Hatfield
Sunday Night Supper	Kathryn Phillips/Angie Black

Attendance, November 3, 2019

Worship Services	190
Sunday School	108

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER

10. 222nd Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 25:1-13
11. No longer servants	John 15:12-16
12. A day of retribution	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
13. Wisdom born of reality	Psalms 90:1-8 (9-11), 12
14. God calls a warrior	Judges 4:1-7
15. Hoping in the Lord	Psalms 123
16. Living in readiness	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



Ministries

Yazoo County Foster Children

If you would like to “adopt” a foster child for Christmas please contact Allison Hughes at 662-571-4964. If you would like to make a financial contribution toward this ministry, make your check out to FUMC and mark it for “foster children.” Thank you!



Complete your Christmas Shoe boxes for the waiting children of the world. Please have them in the church by November 17, 2019. Remember, it isn't just the gift, but the Gospel that goes with it. Last year 3,361 boxes were sent from the Yazoo City area with a goal of 3630 for 2018. Our FUMC members contributed 65 boxes in 2018. More boxes mean more children will learn about JESUS CHRIST!

Thanksgiving Dinner for Flood Victims



We are accepting donations of food items for Thanksgiving boxes which will be prepared for Holly Bluff Flood victims.

Items needed are: 3 lb. ham, 3 cans green beans, 2 cans cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, boxed Stove Top Stuffing, brown and serve rolls, and a pie or cake.