

Messenger

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This Sunday, December 5, there will be a Special Offering for the Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi.

One-hundred percent of the money collected will fund their programs, helping children and families. Please give generously.

POINSETTIAS ARE COMING SOON!

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 our church office or Tera Smith by December 8, if you would like their names to be printed in the Poinsettia bulletin. The poinsettias are offered in red and pink, and they are \$15 each. They will be available to pick up at the church that week.





December 5

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School
Special Offering for Methodist Children's Home

December 12

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School
11 a.m. Children's Ministries Light the Advent Candle
Special Music by the Children's Choir
6 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

December 15

1-5 p.m. Children's Day of Christmas Cheer

December 19

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School
11 a.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir Special Music

6:00 p.m. **White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service**

December 24

5-6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Communion**

December 25

Christmas Day

December 26

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School

January 2

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School



December



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 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. Youth

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Planet 456 & Children's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 5. Jennifer Phillips, Diane Vaughan
- 6. David Arnold, Clark Duncan
- 7. Bill Kyle, Kathryn Phillips
- 9. Michael Slater Phillips II
Prather King

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- 5. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lafferty
Mr. & Mrs. Garrett McClellan
- 10. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols

FOSTER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you would like to help provide Christmas for a Foster Child or a child in need, please consider helping in one of the following ways and contact Allison Hughes (571-4964).

1. Using the provided list, purchase and wrap gifts for a particular child.
2. Purchase and wrap a single item for a particular child.
3. Make a financial contribution. Money/checks can be turned in to the church office and marked "Foster Children's Fund".
4. Commit to pray for a particular child over the course of the next year.

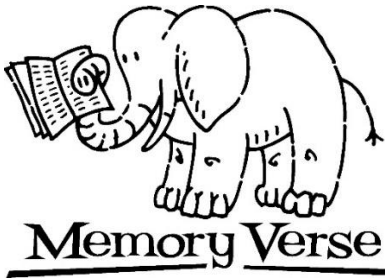
Our goal is to have everything ready for delivery by Friday, December 17th.

Our church has sponsored this ministry for many years. It has been a blessing to watch many of these children grow up and become a blessing to others.

KAIROS

Don't forget the Kairos Ministry. A few weeks ago a list was given of needed items for this mission project. Items may be dropped off in a box that has been placed in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, contact Allison Hughes (662-571-4964.)



"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given."

Isaiah 9:6



For the month of December, we will start a series entitled "**Jesus: His Birth.**" This Sunday our lesson, *God Promised Us a Savior*, takes us back to the promise of the long-awaited Messiah. The scripture reading will be from the books of Isaiah and Micah.

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In our children's Wednesday night Bible Study, "TOY STORIES: Bible Stories," we have talked about how the characters of the Pixar Movie Series, correlate to characters and stories in the Bible. We have one more Wednesday night on December 8th. This has been a fun study and thank you to the parents who have made a concerted effort to have your children here each Wednesday.



A Day of Christmas Cheer!!



We will have our annual Day of Christmas Cheer!! This is always such a fun day of making Christmas Ornaments & Crafts and enjoying time in the kitchen making candy & cookies. We will have snacks and Christmas punch and also plan on having a few other activities.

Date: Wednesday, December 15th

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Upstairs in the church children's department



Youth Sunday School

As we close out the year of 2021, we are beginning a new series, “**Jesus: His Birth.**” This week we will be looking back at the last Prophecy in the Old Testament – the birth of John the Baptist. John was the cousin of Jesus, and he was to prepare the way for Jesus. God had a plan for John, and He has a plan for each of us too.

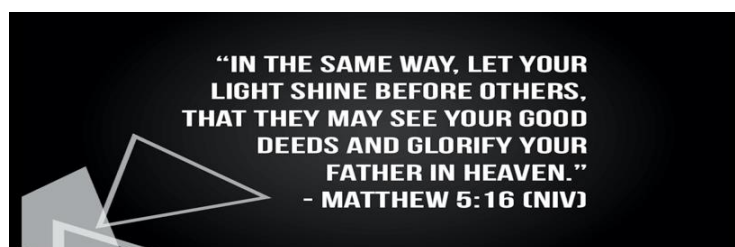
Sunday & Wednesday Night Group



The new series entitled, *Triggered*, will carry us throughout the remainder of the year. In our last lesson, “On Mission,” we were reminded that when we are faced with rejection and obstacles, we have two choices: to give up or persevere. With God’s strength we can persevere and stay on task. This week our lesson is called, “One of the Good Guys.” This lesson has a message to which we should all pay attention. We live in a very self-centered and self-focused society. When we focus all our energy on being accepted, we miss the opportunity to be Jesus to someone else who may be longing for the same thing. God wants us to put others first, to set our ego aside, and be willing to be a friend to anyone in need.

Group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Group will meet each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 5, 2021

Greeters	Diane Vaughan/Pam & Hubert Hatfield
Acolytes	Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38
Sermon	“What’s In a Name?”
Flowers	Barbara Parks

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

5. 2nd Sunday of Advent	Matthew 3:1-12
6. Do not worry	Philippians 4:4-7
7. God rescues the exiles	Zephaniah 3:14-20
8. My spirit rejoices	Luke 1:47-55
9. The Holy Way	Isaiah 35:1-10
10. A mighty defender	Psalms 146:5-10
11. Wait patiently for God	James 5:7-10