

# Messenger

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*St. Valentine was a priest who was executed around 270 A.D. There are many things we don't know about this martyr, but there are numerous, sometimes conflicting, stories about his life and death. One says that he was slain for performing weddings in secret after the Roman Emperor, Claudius II, had outlawed them. Another legend says it was because he helped Christians escape from brutal Roman prisons.*

*In 498 A.D., just over 200 years after Valentine's execution, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day. Valentine's love for God and humanity has made him "the patron of love" in the Roman Catholic Church and for people around the world.*

*By the mid-1700s it was common practice for friends and sweethearts to exchange trinkets made in the shape of hearts or to send handwritten notes of affection on February 14. It's believed that Valentine himself sent the first "valentine" while imprisoned. He is said to have written a letter to a young girl who visited him in prison just before his death. He signed the letter, "From your Valentine," a sentiment still used today.*

## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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. Snack Supper  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Youth

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9-12 noon Methodist Market  
6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

3:00-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Gr. 1-6  
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, FEBRUARY 16

9-12 noon Methodist Market



10. Peggy Appleton  
12. Brody Roberts  
13. Resa Swoope  
14. Leland Bond  
16. Allison Coulton, Brenda Oakes

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Lackey Saxton



**REMEMBER** to be in prayer for the Special Called General Conference February 23-26.

*With Sympathy*

*Sympathy and love is also extended to Mrs. Mary Thompson and family in the death of her sister, **Laurie Stigler Holland**, who died January 18, 2019.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Wendy and Rusty Perry and family in the death of Wendy's father, U. H. "**Junior**" Harvey, who died January 28, 2019.*

*Sympathy and love is also extended to Jack Varner and family in the death of his grandson, **Daniel Wesley Powell**, who died February 1, 2019.*



## **Solid Ground Youth**

In Sunday school this week, we will continue in the book of Mark. This lesson is about the commandments, and what is the *Greatest*. Here's the deal. We have been asked to follow rules. We are not perfect, and we are going to mess up. Jesus came to pay the price for our mistakes. He stated that the greatest commandment is "To love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength, and to love others as you love yourself."

### **Sunday Night Youth**

Solid Ground will pick back up with our regular Bible Study this Sunday night with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by group time. We will continue with our series, *#struggles*. This week we will discuss lesson 3. In this lesson we will be talking about "*Revealing Authenticity*." We live in a filtered "selfie-obsessed" world. The more we filter our lives, the less authentic we become. We need to learn to be ourselves, the person God created us to be.

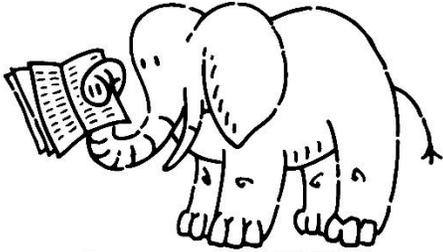
### **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Last week, Wednesday night small group began discussing a new series called *Counter Culture*. In the first lesson of this series we talked about how our culture seems to promote division. Lesson 2 is "*Love God*." This lesson comes from the book of Matthew. Jesus has been teaching, and He is speaking to the believers. He clearly tells us in this sermon that we must seek God. We must desire a relationship with Him, not just the gifts He offers.

### **M28 Summer Camp**

The M28 Camp dates have been released. We will be returning to Lake Junaluska for Summer Camp the Week of July 2-7. If you are interested in going and need information, or you need to sign up, please contact Tera Smith. The cost for this trip is \$225 per person. This includes 5 nights stay, all meals while at the camp, and White Water rafting.

# Children's Page



## Memory Verse

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:5



The book of Daniel in the Old Testament tells a few good stories about peer pressure and how four young men stood against it. Our story this week is about Daniel and his 3 friends. They were chosen to work in the palace and to be a part of a program. In this training program, they were given orders to eat a special diet of food. Daniel and his friends refused to eat this food, but instead follow a diet of vegetables and water. They stood up against the pressure to conform. Sunday morning, we will talk about the rest of this story.



Bible study will resume this Sunday night at 5:00 p.m. We will open up with a game called "Word Drop" and then move into our lesson on ***Serving Others***. Have you ever been asked to do something for someone and thought to yourself, "What's in it for me?" That is not the attitude to have. We need to learn to put other's needs above our own. We all have something we can give to others.

## **Branson Trip**

The dates have been set for our Branson trip. Planet 456 will be attending the Sights and Sounds production of ***Samson*** the weekend of April 5-7. Please contact Mrs. Tera as soon as possible if your child is planning on attending. We need a head count in order to get our tickets.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, February 10, 2019

Greeters	Diane Vaughan/Steve & Bettina Newman
Acolytes	Drake Smith/Prather King
Worship Leader	Rich Knox
Scripture	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sermon	<b>“A Heart for God”</b>
Security	Larry Adams/Steve Newman
Flowers	Archie & Angie Edgar
Sunday Night Supper Moms	Emily Burton & Emily Langdon

### Attendance, February 3, 2019

Worship Services	184
Sunday School	56

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### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

#### FEBRUARY

<b>10. We will obey</b>	<b>Joshua 24:15-28</b>
11. Return to the Lord	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
12. Fasting that pleases God	Isa. 58:1-12
13. That all should turn	Eze. 33:10-11
14. Bless, to bless others	Gen. 12:1-4a
15. Help from the Lord	Psa. 121
16. Through faithful righteousness	Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17