

# Messenger

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LOVE NEVER  
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GIVES UP.  
FAILS.  
1 CORINTHIANS 13

We're so accustomed to hearing the Bible's "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, at weddings and other occasions that we may not really hear its meaning anymore. It can help to listen to something familiar said in different words. What new understandings of love does this paraphrase from *The Message* Bible reveal to you?

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG).

# FEBRUARY

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9-12 noon Methodist Market

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

3-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir

3-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

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 8

9-12 noon Methodist Market



3. Bonnie Holmes, Katherine Phillips

4. Shirley Simmons, Lisa Haynes

5. Bill Summers

8. Mary Russell Perry, Jim Roberts

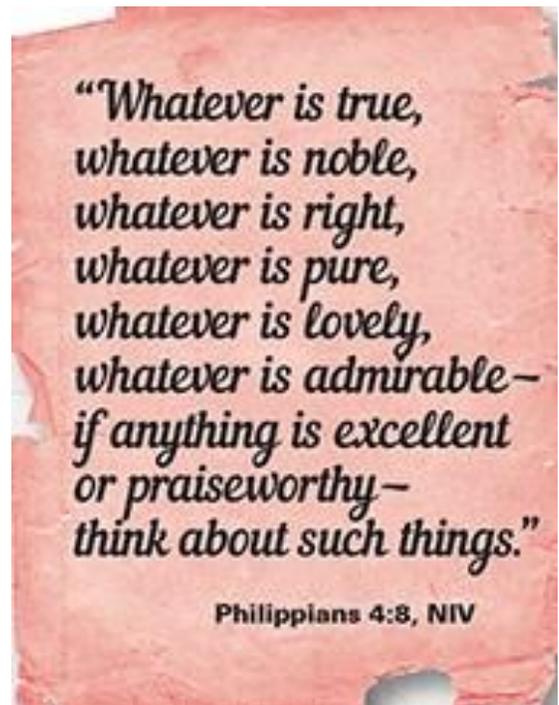
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4. Mr. & Mrs. Gray Goodman

## Long Term Recovery Committee



Special thanks to Reid Watson. Reid works at the Bank of Yazoo and has graciously volunteered his time to help keep track of all of the financial records, contributions, and disbursements for the Long Term Recovery Committee. That may not sound as compelling to some as rebuilding houses, but honestly, without his help the LTR Committee would have been many times overdrawn. So, thank you, Reid, for all you do!



*“Whatever is true,  
whatever is noble,  
whatever is right,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is admirable—  
if anything is excellent  
or praiseworthy—  
think about such things.”*

Philippians 4:8, NIV



## **Solid Ground Youth**

This Sunday we will begin a new session in our Fathom Series. We will be learning more about the teachings of Jesus. This lesson has us taking a closer look at Jesus' disciple, Thomas. Having questions and taking risks in our faith is important. This is the only way for us to grow in our faith and spiritual walk.

## **Sunday Night Youth**

This week, our youth group will be gathering at the home of Jana and Andy Bardwell for a "Super Bowl Party." Please bring some type of pick up food/appetizer or sweet treat. We will meet around 5:00 p.m. at their home for a night of fellowship.

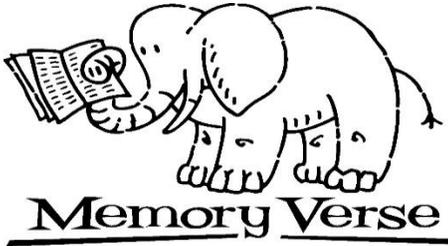
## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Wednesday night small group has picked back up. We will continue with the Study we began last week, *What Do You Allow to Define You?* This 6-week study will take us on a journey to understand who we are. Last week focused on the question, "Who are you really?" This week we will discuss our unique design, and talk in more depth about our purpose.

## **Spring Break Trip**

The Spring break trip for March 9-13 to Pigeon Forge is completely full, and we are excited to have our youth spend a week of fellowship together. We have some fun and exciting adventures planned. Please remember that the final payment for the trip is due on February 23.

# Children's Page



He did what was right in the Lord's eyes.  
2 Kings 22:2



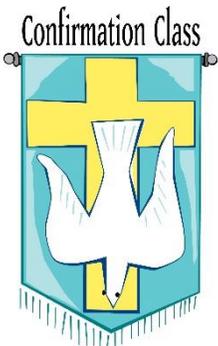
For the next several weeks, our Sunday school lessons will be focused on leaders. In the Old Testament, the Israelites seemed to follow a pattern. They found themselves under the rule of the enemy and would call out to God for help. God found a strong leader to help His people. This week we will hear the story of Deborah, one of those leaders.

## Planet 456

Planet 456 Bible study will **NOT** meet this week due to the **Super Bowl**. We will resume next week and continue begin with our new study, *Defined, Who God Says You Are*. This study is an 8-week Bible study guiding kids to find their identity in Christ, based on selected passages from Ephesians. This study is by the Kendrick Brothers, the authors of the film *Overcomer*.



## Confirmation



Confirmation classes for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders continue to meet every Wednesday through February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church from 3:00 - 4:30p.m.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, February 2, 2020

Greeters	Archie & Angie Edgar/Hubert & Pam Hatfield
Acolytes	Mattie Burton & Kendall Swoope
Scripture	Colossians 3:15-17
Sermon	<b>“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”</b>
<b>Communions Assistants</b>	Nathan & Emily Burton/Tera Smith
Flowers	JoAnne Collins

## Attendance, January 26, 2020

Worship Services	158
Sunday School	96

## Daily Bible Readings

### FEBRUARY

2. God's power and wisdom	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
3. The Lord lifts up	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
4. For the sake of the gospel	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
5. A prayer for renewal	Psalms 51:1-17
6. Now is the time!	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
7. Being like God	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
8. Surrounded by steadfast love	Psalms 32