

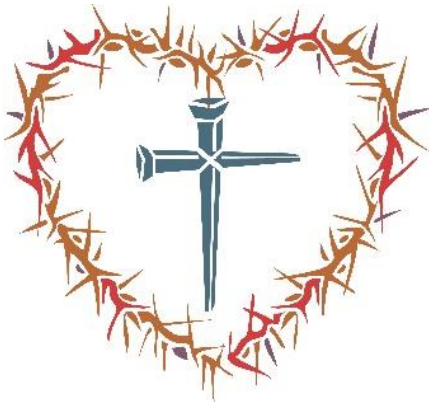
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Our Lenten Focus

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 3-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir
- 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service**
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 23. Angie Kyle
- 24. Debra Batton
- 26. Kathryn Lafferty, Wanda Simmons
- 27. Melanie Yates

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- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Marty Pender
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Denson Thomas

Did you know that Operation Christmas Child has a plan to share the Gospel of Jesus with all unreached people groups with in the next 10 years? Your local OCC area team wants to share that vision with you at an exciting event to be held very soon. Come celebrate what God has already done, and see the vision He has given us for the future. Let us know if you are planning to attend.

February 29,2020@10am Parkview Church of God. 1750 Ms Hwy 16 Yazoo City



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Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday. There will be a short service in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. We hope you will join us in this brief time of worship.



Solid Ground Youth

As we wrap up this month in our Fathom Series, *The Teachings of Jesus*, we will complete our final lesson “Gather around the Table.” This lesson takes us through times in the Bible when Jesus shared meals with others. Wrapping up this month, we must remind ourselves that Jesus taught many things, but He wants us to love others. In fact, He commands us to. Not just when it is convenient, not just specific family and friends. We are called to love everyone!

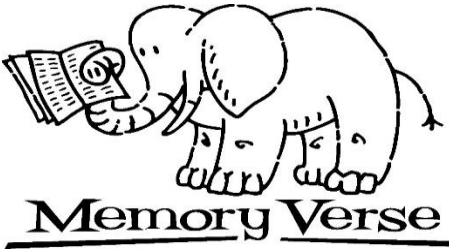
Sunday Night Youth

This week in Sunday night youth group, we will continue with our Bible study series, *The Twelve Outlaws*. As we take a closer look at Jesus’ apostles, and why they were “WANTED” by Christ, we will study them as individuals. Last week, we talked about Phillip. This week we will learn about Bartholomew.

Wednesday Night Small Group

Wednesday night small group has been a little crazy with all the weather, but we are still in our Study, *What Do You Allow to Define You?* This week we will catch up on the lesson, *Identity and Purpose*. We all have a purpose in life. We do not always immediately see that purpose, but God has a plan for each of us. In this lesson, we will look at Paul/Saul. Before he found Christ, his life was headed in a different direction. What do you see as your direction?

Children's Page



"He did what was right in the Lord's eyes."

2 Kings 22:2



This week is our last Sunday on our lessons about Old Testament leaders of the Bible. This Sunday we will be talking about King Josiah. Josiah became King at the age of 8 years old!!! Josiah did what God asked of him. He urged people to be faithful to God. Even though he was a young child, God still used him.



This week in Bible study, we will continue with lesson two in our new study, *Defined, Who God Says You Are*. This lesson is **Transformed by the Gospel**. In this lesson, we will be talking about the transformation of Saul to Paul, and we will hear more about his story.

Volunteers serving Sunday, February 23, 2020

Greeters	Christy Cader/Sam & Sharon Smith
Acolytes	Sherrill Ann Chaney/Mallory Pender
Scripture	Luke 18:1-8
Sermon	“Persistent Prayer”
Sunday Night Supper Moms	Emily Burton/Alexess Swoope

Attendance, February 16, 2020

Worship Services	186
Sunday School	98

Daily Bible Readings

FEBRUARY

23. To bring good news	Isaiah 61:1-3
24. A way to understand	Matthew 7:15-20
25. Not as mortals see	1 Samuel 16:1-13
26. I fear no evil	Psalm 23
27. Living in the light	Ephesians 5:8-14
28. Great beyond all understanding	Isaiah 41:21-28
29. Signs and wonders	John 2:1-11