

Messenger

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Padding through Lent — and life



Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. P22 Ministries
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 1

9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

9-12 noon Methodist Market



Greeters are needed for the 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock worship services. If you would like to be a greeter, a sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule or call the church office.



Sympathy and love is extended to Deb Ragland and the entire family in the death of Billy Joe Ragland, who died February 15, 2021.



Billy Joe Ragland

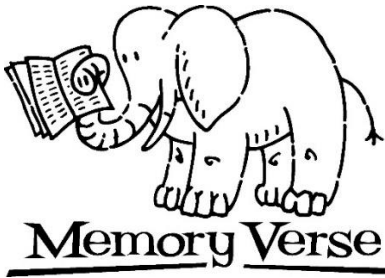
Marsha Burton



- 21. Frank Webb, Parker Adcock
- 22. Brent Chaney, Wendy Perry, J. Ketchum, Maizey Ketchum, Hunter Ledbetter
- 23. Angie Kyle
- 24. Debra Batton
- 26. Kathryn Lafferty, Wanda Simmons
- 2. Lois Russell, Will Skinner Allen, Hannah Swoope
- 3. Alexess Swoope
- 4. Jimmy Whitaker, Andy Bardwell
- 5. JoAnne Collins

- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Marty Pender
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Denson Thomas
- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vandevere
- 6. Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Woodard

Children's Page



"Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness."
Matthew 9:35



Last Sunday we covered 2 lessons in order to get us back on track. This week we will be talking about the time that Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law.

Because the weather kept us from meeting the past couple of weeks, we are going to cover the lesson we did not get to talk about. Our lesson will be on the commandment that reminds us to love one another. We will have a fun craft to make and take home as a reminder of the importance of loving one another.



**P22
Ministries**



FUN NIGHT WITH SPECIAL CRAFT!! Let's try this again since the weather kept us apart the last few weeks. This Sunday night P22 will meet for a special lesson reminding us that we are loved and that we should love one another. Mrs. Julie Paul will have a lesson and a very special fun craft for you to make and take home.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for 6th graders will begin on Wednesday, March 3 at 3:15 and dismiss at 4:30p.m. We plan on meeting every Wednesday through April 7, with the exception of March 17, which falls during spring break.



This Sunday will be our last lesson dealing with the Book of Revelation. We will continue talking about our future and the scripture from this book. The apostle John wrote the book of Revelation while living in exile on the Island of Patmos.

Sunday Night Youth

This Sunday we will begin a study by C.S. Lewis. This study is on a book called The Screwtape Letters. Each day we face a spiritual battle. The problem is that we have become so accustomed to it, we are actually sometimes unaware. This study is designed to show us how Satan plots against us using everyday opportunities that we face. We have choices, and we must choose who to follow.

Wednesday Night Small Group

Wednesday Night Small Group will continue with the Wheel of Challenge and incorporating Bible trivia, activities, and games. We will also introduce a new game entitled *I Should Have Known That*. The Wheel of Challenge will be in correlation with our topic each week.



The DVDs that go along with Beth Moore's study "Daniel" are missing. If you have any knowledge of where these might be, please contact the church office.

The Manna House needs Volunteers!

Please contact the church office if you would like to Volunteer to serve lunches at the Manna House. Our church serves there once a month.



Hey Everyone,

I wanted to invite you to participate in a wonderful Lent/Easter ministry for our local foster children.

1. Easter baskets have been purchased for each foster child and will be placed in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 28th.
2. Each basket will contain a card with a child's name, age, address and prayer suggestions.
3. Volunteers will pick a basket and fill it with something with the Easter message (Bible, storybook, Resurrection Eggs, coloring book) candy, school supplies, toiletries, etc.
4. Once you take a basket, please sign your name next to the number on the basket you picked. The list will be on the table outside the church office.
5. The volunteer will agree to pray for that particular child and their foster parent throughout Lent.
6. On Good Friday, the baskets will be delivered to the children.
7. Volunteers are asked to mail or deliver an Easter card letting that child and foster parent know that they have been prayed for.

If you have any questions, please text/call/email (571-4964).

Thank you! Allison Hughes

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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| Greeters | Sandra Martin/Bill & Molly McNair |
| Scripture | Leviticus 22:17-22, 25b |
| Sermon | “The Perfect Lamb” |
| Flowers | Chat & Mary Kay Phillips |
| Supper Moms | Amanda Canard & Jamie Wallace Byrd |

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

28. 2nd Sunday in Lent

Luke 4:1-14

MARCH

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| 1. Trying God’s patience | Malachi 1:6-8 |
| 2. Let justice roll down | Amos 5:21-24 |
| 3. Seek the Lord | Isaiah 55:1-9 |
| 4. Better than life | Psalms 63:1-8 |
| 5. Watch out! | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 |
| 6. With enlightened heart | Ephesians 1:15-19 |