



# Messenger

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## **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

*In the words of Pope Francis*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

9-12 noon Methodist Market

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir

5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9-12 noon Methodist Market



Anniversaries  
and Birthdays

17. Harold Fisher

20. Todd Hart, Jane Glenn

22. Michael Haynes

23. Terrye Layne Tenhet

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23. Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Thornton

*With  
Sympathy*

*Love and Sympathy is extended to Hubert and Pam Hatfield and family in the death of Hubert's sister, Pamela Kay Hatfield Foot, who died March 9, 2019 in North Little Rock, Arkansas.*



## **Solid Ground Youth**

This week we will continue our new lesson series on Old Testament Heroes – Women. This Sunday we will learn about Ruth: a Woman of Loyalty. Ruth was a very loyal person. She could have easily gone back to her own family during the hard times, but she remained devoted to Naomi. How loyal are we? Do we work through difficult times with others, or do we wash our hands and turn away? Loyalty is a highly valued characteristic. This is a character quality that we should all seek to possess.

### **Sunday Night Youth**

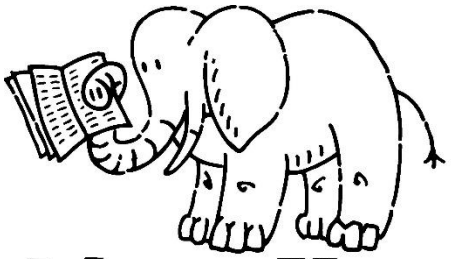
This Sunday we will meet back with our regular Sunday night Bible Study. We will have a lesson on faith. It is so hard sometimes to accept everything that happens in life, and to understand how it is working out as part of the plan God has. Faith is sight unseen, yet it is belief.

### **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Wednesday night small group will resume back to our regular schedule on March 20. We will continue with our series on Counter Culture. This lesson is about forgiveness. So often we hold onto our anger and the things that others have done to us. Jesus says that in order to move forward, we must forgive. Sin keeps us from being connected to God. We need to strive every day to live out the example that Christ set for us. We will not be perfect, but as Christians, we should do our best to live as Christ would want us to.

Please be in prayer for traveling mercies for our youth and chaperones as they leave this week to see the Ark Encounter and as they continue on to explore parts of Kentucky and Ohio. Thank you all in advance for your prayers and support for the young people in this church.

# Children's Page



Memory Verse

"Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom!  
Change your hearts and lives and trust this  
good news!"

Mark 1:15



The Sunday school lesson this Sunday is another parable told by Jesus about two debtors. Both men owed money, one more than the other. However, both men were forgiven of their debt. Jesus' parable was to teach us that we all sin and make mistakes, and God is willing to forgive us if we repent and ask His forgiveness. We should all be gracious for His forgiveness.



Bible study will meet back this week at our regular time of 5:00 p.m. We will begin a 3-week study on Samson to learn more about his story before attending the Sight and Sound Production of Samson in April. Hope to see you on Sunday as we start this new series.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, March 17, 2019

Greeters	Clay Adcock/Clayton Nagle
Acolytes	Drake Smith/ Craig Paul
Scripture	Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon	<b>“Forgive As We’re Forgiven”</b>
Security	Nathan Burton/Brent Chaney
Flowers	Sallie Pender

## Attendance, March 10, 2019

Worship Services	189
Sunday School	112

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### MARCH

<b>17. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>Luke 13:31-35</b>
18. Journeying in faith	Hebrews 11:1-10
19. The wisdom of hope	Lamentations 3:24-33
20. To God be glory	Jude 24-25
21. He believed the Lord	Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18
22. Whom shall I fear?	Psalm 27
23. Citizens of Heaven	Philippians 3:17-4:1