



Messenger

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Vacation Bible School **Monday, May 25- Friday, May 29** **Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through**

Preparation is underway for our first ever virtual VBS. It has been a very new and interesting way to launch VBS, but if we can try to make it work, we will.

The VBS boxes are here and are in the fellowship hall ready to be picked up. Please try to get them as soon as possible. VBS will be pre-recorded, but the links will be sent out Monday, May 25- Friday, May 29.

It is very important that you try to sign up, with this registration link <https://fs27.formsite.com/ujUUpZ/isck7gvgdi/index.html>. The links will be sent out via cell phone or email.



Mark Your Calendars: June 7th!

Many of you have been asking when we might be able to meet for in-person worship again. You've perhaps enjoyed the livestream of our worship service each week, but you're looking forward to that day when we can gather in the sanctuary again.

Well, if that's you, I've got good news! We are looking at **Sunday, June 7th**, for our first Sunday of in-person worship.

Certainly, we will continue to provide our livestream broadcast of the service through YouTube each Sunday. So, if you feel that you are not quite ready to be around others just yet, that you still need to be a bit more cautious, that's perfectly understandable.

In this unique season, we each need to make the best decision for our own well-being and those around us. Please continue to take care of yourself and your family, keep worshiping with us through the livestream service, and we'll look forward to seeing you in person again when the time is right for you.

But, if you are comfortable getting out and gathering together at church, we would love to have you with us in the sanctuary starting Sunday, June 7th.

Next week I will share with you our recommended guidelines for gathering in the sanctuary for in-person worship. So, please watch for that in next week's Messenger. Until then, God bless!

Brother Lauren

Don't forget to watch our live stream worship service Sunday at 11 a.m. Our Scripture for this Sunday, May 24, 2020 is Philippians 3:12-21.

Our Hymns are:

Hymn No. 98 – *To God Be the Glory*

Hymn– *Higher Ground (vs. 1 & 4)*

The Anthem is *We Bless You, Lord*.

See back page for lyrics for the hymns.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship



BIRTHDAYS

- 24. Linda Ketchum, Stella Melton
- 25. Finley Kraft
- 26. Elsie Patterson
- 28. Will Bond
- 29. Mike Phillips, Kathy Lee
- 30. Carter Smith

- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Rob Hines
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Archie Edgar
- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Chat Phillips



Mike Pierce

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin McDonald

Terrell Tenhet

Helen & Terry Layne Tenhet

Betty Coker Wade

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin McDonald
Mr. & Mrs. John Sharp Howie



Solid Ground

A big thank you to Bill and Angie Kyle for hosting the Youth this past Sunday evening. We had a great time being back together, and the hamburgers were great. The youth enjoyed fishing and playing games, but most importantly, they enjoyed reconnecting with each other.

I am continuing to work on getting more youth activities together for the group this summer. I am working on a tubing/river trip in early to mid-June. Hoping to have something every other Sunday and include a devotion, food, and a fun activity.

Children

Planet 456

I will be planning outings for the children this summer. Most of these will be outside events like swimming and outdoor games and such. I am hoping to do this every other Wednesday beginning next week. I will need help chaperoning, and if you have any ideas or can volunteer to send food/drinks, please let me know.

Planet 456 group needs to be on the look-out for an exciting activity/daytrip that is in the works. This trip involves the Okatoma River and will hopefully be happening in early June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We do ask that you continue to support our church with your giving. You can do either of two things: Mail your offerings to **FUMC, P. O. Box 444, Yazoo City, MS 39194**, or use our online giving option by going to our website, **fumcyazoo.org**. Click on the “online giving” option.

Daily Bible Readings

MAY

24. 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:6-14
25. Only with cleared vision	Luke 6:39-42
26. A memorial to deliverance	Joshua 4:1-7
27. Proclaiming Christ's gift	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
28. The days of creation	Genesis 1:1-2;4a
29. What are human beings?	Psalm 8
30. Live in peace	2 Corinthians 13:11-13

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Higher Ground

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

4. I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground." [Refrain]