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Believe.
HOPE.
Encourage.
P E R S E V E R E .

Self-fulfilling prophecies

“Children have this amazing way of becoming exactly who we tell them they are,” writes Amy Weatherly. “If we tell them they are strong, they become strong. If we tell them they are kind, they become kind.”

Perhaps Jesus knows this when he tells his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth [and] the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13-14). Clearly they haven’t already mastered sharing Jesus’ goodness with everyone! They are works in progress, as are we. But Jesus, teacher that he is, seems to set the bar high so his followers will strive to meet his expectations.

“You are Peter,” Jesus tells Simon, “and on this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). We can hear Weatherly: “If we tell them they’re faithful, they become faithful.” And when Jesus declares, “You are of more value than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:31), we believe in our worth and live it out. We become what Jesus tells us we are.

—Heidi Mann



SUNDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

9-12 noon Methodist Market

*Sympathy and love is extended to Mike Hughes family in the death of his mother, **Emma Lee Creel Hughes**, who passed away June 4, 2022.*



***Retirement Love Offering
For Bishop Swanson***

Bishop Swanson is retiring after 10 years as the bishop of the Mississippi Conference. This Annual Conference will be his last one with us.

In honor of his years of service we are inviting every church to give a Love Offering for the Bishop that will be used to renovate a campus home at the Methodist Children’s Home here in Mississippi. If you would like to donate to this cause, you may make a check payable to First Methodist Church with “Bishop’s Love Offering” in the memo line, and we will forward it to the Conference in celebration of Bishop Swanson’s service.



JUNE

17. Lackey Saxton

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15. Brent & Carrie Chaney

16. Jason & Jamie Patterson

Nathan & Emily Burton



Congratulations to Ben & Elizabeth Ford on the birth of their son, James Webb Ford who was born June 6, 2022. We also extend our congratulations to grand-parents, Frank & Dee Webb, and to big brother, Reed.

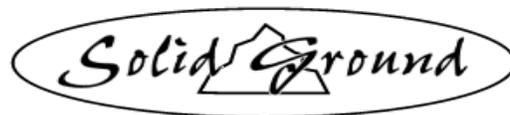
Hiskidz and Bible in Life

Last week we began the first month of our summer series, **Together as Believers**. This Sunday we will talk about the importance of leadership. Even though you are young, you can still be a leader. Our lesson this week is about a young boy named Timothy. Timothy grew into a strong leader for God.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year's VBS theme is "**Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness.**" Dates for VBS are June 20 – June 24. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office or contact Tera Smith. We still need volunteers to have a successful Vacation Bible School.



Youth Sunday School

Last Sunday we began a new series, **Together as Believers**. This week our lesson, *Reaching for Leadership*, is a reminder of how God sets high standards for those in leadership roles and positions. The primary purpose of a leader is to serve others in the way God has laid out. Our lesson this week will come from 1 Timothy and follow the apostle Paul as he steps into his role as a leader.

Sunday & Wednesday Night Group

Wednesday night, June 1, we had our first bi-monthly Bible Study for the summer. We will continue to meet on a bi-monthly schedule next week to keep us connected through the Summer.

Lake Junaluska/M28 Camp

Reminder for payment. Please send in your payment for M28 if you have not yet done so. M28 Camp at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina is July 8-11. All our spots have been filled, but if there are any cancellations the Camp will notify us. We are excited to finally be going back for Summer Worship in the Mountains.

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon
Flowers

De & Julie Paul/Ardis Russell
John 17:13-26
“That They May Be One”
Phil & Sharon Nichols

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE

12. 1st Sunday after Pentecost

- 13. God's desire to save
- 14. Judging prophetic words
- 15. Rejoicing in God's faithfulness
- 16. The Lord will provide
- 17. My heart shall rejoice
- 18. Choosing a master

Matthew 10:24-39

- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Jeremiah 28:5-9
- Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
- Genesis 22:1-14
- Psalm 13
- Romans 6:12-23