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Ruth — a Pentecost story?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go Your people will be my people ..." [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: lovingkindness — all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth's story. For in it, God unites two enemy peoples for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.



THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 10

9-12 noon Methodist Market

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

1:00-3:00 Grades 1-3 Swimming

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

12 Noon - Grades 4-5 Fishing
5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

9-12 noon Methodist Market



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

- 11. Donna Heidel
- 12. Fenton Anderson
- 15. Rusty Perry

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- 9. Mr. & Mrs. Josh Allen
- 15. Mr. & Mrs. Brent Chaney



This Sunday, June 9, is Pentecost Sunday. Remember to wear Red as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.



*Memorial Gifts*

*Macel Gary Simmons*

- M/M John H. Swayze
- M/M Tom Huff
- M/M Ted Kendall

*Sue Parker*

Susie Bradshaw



## **Solid Ground Youth**

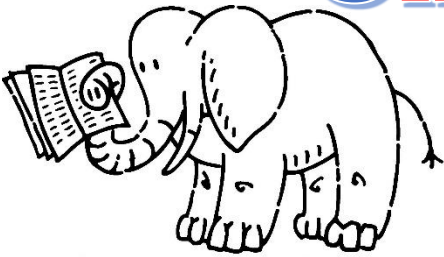
As we move through the study of the Book of Psalm, this Sunday we will look at chapter 91. This chapter will focus on trusting the Lord. We will take a look at what David wrote as he was encouraged to follow and trust God. He is the only one with whom we will find eternal safety and happiness.

## **Sunday Night Youth and Wednesday Night Small Group**

Sunday, June 9, the youth group will meet for an afternoon of bowling and dinner. We plan to meet at the church around 2:30 and travel to Flowood to bowl at Fannin Lanes. After bowling, we will have dinner before returning home.

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the church and have a time of food and fellowship, before heading out on another activity together. Plans are still in the works for this activity, but you will be notified soon.

# Children's Page



## Memory Verse

"An abundance of grace was working among them all."

Acts 4:33



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the birthday of the church. It is the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and others. This Sunday we will talk more about this special day in the church.

## **HisKidz & Planet 456 Summer Activities:**

Friday June 7 - Grades 1-6 will have movie day in Madison to see *The Secret Life of Pets 2*.

Tuesday, June 11 - Grades 1-3 will have a swimming day at the Ketchum's from 1-3. Please meet at the church at 1:00, and we should return by 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 12 - Grades 4-6 will meet at the church at 12:00 noon for a day of fishing and kayaking at the Richard's Pond. We should return to the church by 3:30 p.m.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, June 9, 2019

|           |                                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Greeters  | Sammy & Claire Burnham/Bill & Molly McNair |
| Security  | Nathan Burton/Larry Adams                  |
| Flowers   | Max & Rita Sanders                         |
| Scripture | Acts 2:1-4,14-21                           |
| Sermon    | <b>“The Spiritual Secret”</b>              |

## Attendance, June 2, 2019

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| Worship Services | 180 |
| Sunday School    | 99  |

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### JUNE

|                                            |                                |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>9. Pentecost</b>                        | <b>John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15</b> |
| 10. Ritual an moral instruction            | Leviticus 19:1-18              |
| 11. Fullness of life in Christ             | Colossians 2:6-15              |
| 12. The fast the Lord chooses              | Isaiah 58:6-14                 |
| 13. Isaiah’s vision in the Temple          | 6:1-8                          |
| 14. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood | Psalms 29                      |
| 15. Life in the Spirit                     | Romans 8:12-17                 |