



# Messenger

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Many people dream of having the “right stuff” to fly to space. Recently, 18,300 people applied for just 12 astronaut spots at NASA! Fanfare over the moon landing’s 50th anniversary is sure to spark even more interest.

Leaving behind earthly troubles and floating in zero gravity must be amazing, right? Not, it turns out, for one’s body. Weightlessness takes a heavy physical toll in space. Without resistance, muscles waste away and bones weaken. Bodily systems we take for granted are disrupted, causing disorientation. To counteract these effects, astronauts wear resistance suits while exercising. Ironically, after escaping Earth’s gravity, they must replace it.

Similarly, we long for trouble-free days and pray for an end to earthly burdens, not recognizing that exertion, whether physical or spiritual, builds strength. “He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood,” said Harry Emerson Fosdick. “He who faces no calamity will need no courage. ... The characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles.”

Every weighty challenge is a reason to “rejoice ... knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”

Romans 5:3-4, ESV



**SUNDAY, JULY 14**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 15**

9-12 noon Methodist Market

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17**

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

**FRIDAY, JULY 19**

Movie Day Grades 1-6

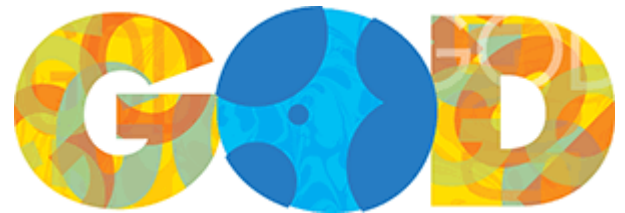
**SATURDAY, JULY 20**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



*Sympathy and love is extended to Sidney Rose Lowery Douglas and Patty Lowery Little and family in the death of their daughter and granddaughter, Layton (Lake) Little, who died July 6, 2019.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Brittany and Chase Spell and family in the death of Brittany's brother, William Joseph "Will" Stonestreet, who died July 7, 2019.*



We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything — in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

16. Claire Dunnington

20. McCaa Fuller

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15. Mr. & Mrs. Hayes Heidel

16. Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Whitaker

20. Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wyatt

Mr. & Mrs. Butch Gary

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Harris



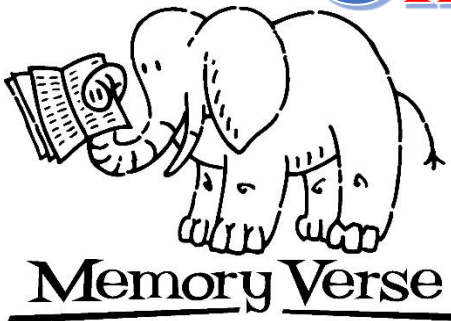
## Solid Ground Youth

This Sunday we will look at a few verses from the book of Romans. We will talk about having a disciplined mind and spiritual life.

## Sunday Night Youth and Wednesday Night Small Group

Thank you to everyone who lifted up the Youth group this week with your prayers. We all had such a wonderful time of renewal while at M28 Camp. It is such a powerful experience to be able to witness the work that God is doing in the lives of our youth.

## Children's Page



"I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing."

Genesis 12:2



This week in Sunday School, we will continue to talk about Abraham and his family.

### HisKidz & Planet 456 Summer Activities:

On Friday, July 19, we will have our final movie day. We will be going to Madison to see "The Lion King." The cost will be \$7.00 for the movie and additional money for snacks. The movie time and meeting time will be announced as soon as I find out.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, July 14, 2019

Greeters	Albert & Christy Vandevere/Howard & Vicky Webb
Security	De Paul/Hubert Hatfield
Scripture	Judges 4:1-16
Sermon	<b>“Authentic Holiness”</b>

## Attendance, July 7, 2019

Worship Services	164
Sunday School	94

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### JULY

<b>14. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</b>
15. Sow to the Spirit	Galatians 6:7-9
16. There is no other!	Isaiah 44:6-8
17. Abounding in steadfast love	Psalms 86:11-17
18. An encounter with God	Genesis 28:10-19a
19. God’s faithful presence	Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
20. Waiting for redemption	Romans 8:12-25