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Saved from Sinking

For Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time, fame and gold medals weren't enough to shore up a drowning self-esteem. The U.S. swimmer, who faced legal trouble and ended up in rehab, contemplated suicide during the prime of his sports career. "I thought the world would just be better off without me," Phelps told ESPN.

Then a friend, NFL star Ray Lewis, sent Phelps a copy of Rick Warren's bestseller *The Purpose Driven Life*. The book made such an impact on Phelps that he read excerpts aloud to fellow rehab-clinic patients, who dubbed him Preacher Mike. "It's turned me into believing there is a power greater than myself, and there is a purpose for me on this planet," Phelps says. "It helped me when I was in a place where I needed the most help." The swimmer's message to Lewis? By extending a hand and sharing the gospel's message of hope, "You saved my life." --copied



SUNDAY, JULY 25

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

MONDAY, JULY 26

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

TUESDAY, JULY 27

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 31

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 25. Dr. Walter Burnett, Howard Webb
- 26. Hannah Woods
- 27. Susan Melton
- 28. Sharon Smith
- 30. Jana Bardwell, Mills Paul,
Melissa Wyatt, Phil Williams
- 31. Gray Goodman, Daniel Newman

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- 26. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Harris
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Coulton

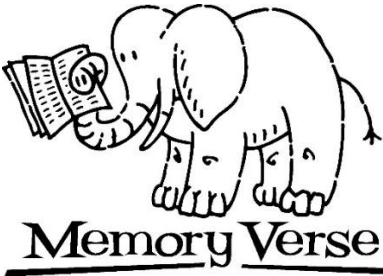


A few weeks ago a gentleman by the name of Dennis Daily called the church office stating that he would be riding the Amtrak to Yazoo City on July 21. He was looking for help to have someone drive him out to Vaughan, MS to see where Casey Jones had the “great train wreck” in 1900. Mr. Daily, a retired radio news anchor in Washington, D.C. for 25 years, travels around the US on the Amtrak visiting historical sites. We immediately thought of Frank Patty. He is a great ambassador for Yazoo City and his interest in and love of trains made him the perfect host.

He visited the Casey Jones exhibit at the Triangle Cultural Center museum, the Rick’s Memorial Library, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, and other places of interest.

Special thanks to Frank Patty for willing to be a tour guide for Mr. Daily. You can see more about Mr. Daily by going to YouTube.

Children's Page



"But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family."

Esther 4:14b



This week our Bible story and lesson is from the Book of Jonah in the Old Testament. Our Sunday School lesson is about a Prophet named Jonah. This is a very well-known Bible story with a very important lesson. It is a reminder that God is always there, and we cannot hide or run away from God.

P22 Ministries & Planet 456

Be watching for a re-vamped schedule for the Fall. We have been paying close attention to how life has changed and shifted since the pandemic appeared and settled in. We want to meet you and your family in the middle and provide a schedule in which church activities can be included. We are hoping to try a few new things by shifting our Sunday Night Children's activities to Wednesday Night. This new schedule will begin on Wednesday, August 18th. If anyone is interested in helping out with a Children's Mid-Week Bible Study, please reach out to the church office or Tera Smith.



Youth Sunday School

This Sunday we will conclude our series entitled "Family." This final lesson reaffirms the importance of the role family plays in our values and faith. Families need to make sure that God is at the center and heart of their homes.

Sunday & Wednesday Night Group

Our groups will begin meeting once again in a few weeks. We will have an End of Summer Gathering and then kick-off our new school year.

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Greeters	Debra Batton/Linda & Edwin McDonald
Acolytes	Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace
Scripture	Numbers 11:1-9, 31-34
Sermon	“When Egypt Looks Good”
Flowers	Denny & Brenda Paul

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY

25. 9th Sunday after Pentecost	Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52
26. Where were You?	Job 38:1-21
27. Listen.....and live!	Isaiah 55:1-5
28. The Lord is near	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
29. A new name	Genesis 32:22-31
30. Attend to my cry	Psalm 17:1-7, 15
30. From them....the Messiah	Romans 9:1-5