

Messenger



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Come Glorify God Together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

—Monica L. Wilkinson

August

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

9-12 noon Methodist Market



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8. Margaret Woods
- 11. Archie Edgar
- Ryan Ragland
- Denny Paul

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- 11. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Williams

Seasonal Humor

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.
- What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"
- Why are frogs good baseball players? Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She ran away from the ball.



**DAY CARE
NEWS
WATER DAY**





Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week we begin a new series for the month of August, *Living Out Our Faith*. This Sunday in the lesson "Helpful, Hurtful Words," we must pay attention to what we say. Words are very powerful; they can be uplifting but also very hurtful. In our story this week we will be talking about King Solomon and the wise advice that he was known to give.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, August 13, we will have our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" to start off a new school year. During this time, we offer up a prayer over all our students and school faculty as they begin another school year.

Youth Sunday School

Our new series for the month of August is *Living Out Our Faith*. This week our lesson is entitled "S-S-S-Satan's Subtle Schemes." We know that one angel set himself against God and he presently schemes against people to challenge God. He has a group of demons (angels who joined with Satan) who help him. Paul referred us to the book of Ephesians to help us suit up with armor to fight against our spiritual enemy.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will be kicking off soon. We are planning for our first meeting to be on Sunday, August 20th.

WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. We will also have a few activities planned in the Branson area. The cost is \$125, and half of the cost (\$75) will be required as a deposit to hold your spot. Sign-up will begin soon. Payment will be due in full by the first week in October.

Sunday, August 6, 2023

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| Greeters | D'Ann Adams/Linda & Edwin McDonald |
| Scripture | Joshua 7:1-13 |
| Sermon | “The Trouble with Ai” |
| Flowers | Janet Adams |

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST

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| 6. 10th Sunday after Pentecost | John 6:24-35 |
| 7. You alone are the LORD | Nehemiah 9:6-15 |
| 8. Exult, O earth | Isaiah 49:8-13 |
| 9. A healthy hunger | Matthew 5:6 |
| 10. David suffers collateral damage | 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 |
| 11. Great power to redeem | Psalm 130 |
| 12. Love as Christ loved | Ephesians 4:25-5:2 |