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Thinking about Labor Day

The Bible affirms the importance of work. Adam was put in the garden “to till and keep it.”

In the fourth commandment we are told to “Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.” Then we read: “Six days you shall labor and do all your work” (Exodus 20:8-9 NRSV).

Work is important for us. It allows us to use our talent, our minds and our strength to create and bring forth the “fruits” of our labor. Work satisfies an inner need to make a positive contribution to the world. Work helps to bring satisfaction and fulfillment to us as we use our lives for good and uplifting purposes. It is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents.

Since we have the privilege of being “workers together with God” it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work. Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR



2. Pat Davis, Laura Williams
5. Mary Grace Summers
6. Bettye Crout, Tommy Tenhet
8. Connye Dees, Bettina Newman

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2. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts
7. Mr. & Mrs. Billy Melton

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

*CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*  
*—LABOR DAY*

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/  
Prayer Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

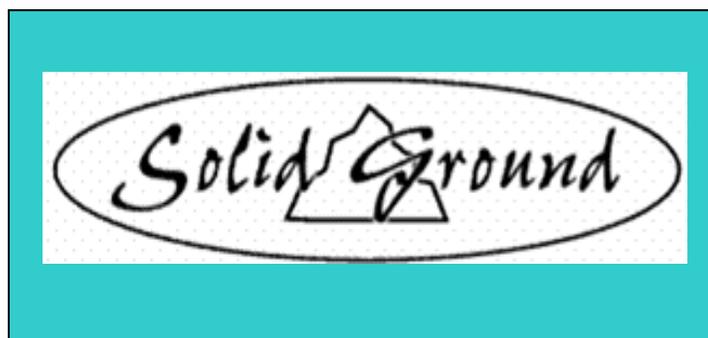
- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

IN THE HANDS OF GOD  
PRAYER SERVICE



WEDNESDAY • 5:30 - 6:00 P.M.  
FUMC CHAPEL

For more info go to [fumcyazoo.org](http://fumcyazoo.org) or  
Facebook at "First Methodist Yazoo."



This month in Sunday school, we will begin a 15-week study on the History of the Old Testament. Lesson 1, *The Covenants*, will give us an understanding of the promises that God made with His people. These promises or covenants were part of preparing the way for the Messiah. See you Sunday as we kick-off this new study.

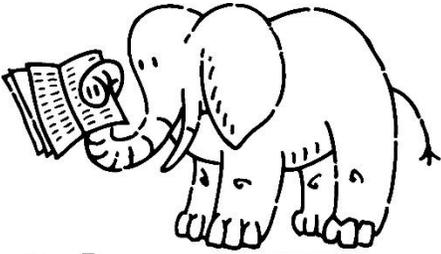
### **Sunday Night Youth**

There will be **NO** Sunday night Bible study this week due to the Labor Day weekend and holiday. We will pick back up next week as we add to our game called *Fortress – level 3*, before moving into week 3 of our series, **Be Brave**.

### **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Small group will meet Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. in the youth basement. We will continue our Bible study on **David: Seeking God's Heart**. Session 3 is entitled "Alone with God." There are times in our lives that we just need to be alone, but there are also times in our lives when we feel alone. The one thing we must always remember is that God is always with us.

# Children's Page



## Memory Verse

"A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son whom I dearly love: I find happiness in him'."

Matthew 13:17



This month we are starting a new series in Sunday school. For the next few weeks, we will be talking and learning about Jesus and his family. Families are so important, and they help shape us in so many ways. Hope to see you Sunday as we talk about the family of Jesus.



Planet 456 will begin meeting next Sunday, September 9. We will have Bible study at 5:00 p.m. in the Planet 456 room in the basement. Following Bible study, we will have snack supper at 6:00 p.m. and dismiss by 6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to welcoming our new 4<sup>th</sup> graders to the group.

**Thank you! Thank you!**

Thank you so much for all those who offered to teach in the Children's Sunday school department. There is still a need for a few more teachers, or for someone to sign up for another month. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tera Smith, and again, thank you to those who have signed up.



Marilyn Burnett is heading up a mission opportunity through the Evangelism Committee. They will be participating with First Baptist Church in a weekend backpack ministry for the children at Bentonia Gibbs. These items are packed in bags for children that may not have sufficient food over the weekend. It is hard to believe that this need exists, but, unfortunately, it does. If anyone would like to help, please contact Marilyn!

Items needed for backpack ministry

Instant oatmeal  
Cereal bars  
Pop-tarts  
Ravioli\*  
Vienna sausages  
Soup\*  
Jerky sticks  
Crackers  
Cookies  
Granola bars  
Macaroni and cheese\*  
Ramen noodles

*\*Single Serve Containers*

**Please no items with peanuts or peanut butter**

## **Kairos- Women's Walk #41**

I will be participating in the Kairos Women's Walk October 2-5. Kairos is a prison ministry whose mission is to develop Christian communities inside prisons. Volunteers show the love and forgiveness of Jesus through talks, fellowship, chapel time, listening and loving. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this ministry, your check can be written to "Kairos of Mississippi" and turned in to me. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Allison Hughes

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

We are currently in the process of adding a digital PDF version of our *Messenger* newsletter to the church website that can then be sent out by text message, email or Facebook. To subscribe to receive the Messenger by text, text the message @yazoo1 to the number 81010. We hope to have an email system in place soon.

**Volunteers for Sunday, September 2, 2018**

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|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Greeters       | Hays & Monica Heidel/<br>Steve & Bettina Newman |
| Worship Leader | Rich Knox                                       |
| Scripture      | Acts 2:1-8, 37-41                               |
| Sermon         | <b>“Powered by the Spirit”</b>                  |
| Comm. Assts.   | Rich & Rosemary Knox/Tera Smith                 |
| Security       | Nathan Burton/Alan Swoope                       |
| Flowers        | Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols                         |

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**Attendance, August 126, 2018**

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| Worship Services | 190 |
| Sunday School    | 116 |

**SEPTEMBER**

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| 2. Be humble and gracious    | Luke 14:1, 7-14       |
| 3. <i>Labor Day</i>          | <i>Exodus 20:8-11</i> |
| 4. Paths that bring blessing | Matthew 5:1-12        |
| 5. Rejoice in God            | Psalm 33:1-9          |
| 6. God's mind can change     | Jeremiah 18:1-11      |
| 7. Still with you            | Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  |
| 8. Now brothers in Christ    | Philemon 1-21         |