

# Messenger

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## Prayer Warriors

After tragedies, natural disasters and terrorism, people now commonly turn to social media to request prayers. Although it can feel “jarring” to see “so many references to the divine in spaces normally reserved for vacation photos,” writes journalist Eleanor Barkhorn, it’s a modern-day version of the New Testament’s reminders to pray constantly and in all circumstances.

Over the years, churches have encouraged members to pray through letters, phone chains, prayer breakfasts and prayer groups. “With that context in mind,” Barkhorn writes, “Facebook shouldn’t cheapen prayer any more than the Postal Service or the telephone does.”

Russell Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention says, “Asking for prayer via Twitter or Facebook is no different than calling someone and saying, ‘We should really pray for this.’ ... Social media can be a tremendous force for good in alerting people to things they can be praying about right away.”

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZUR Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 5:00 p.m. P22 Ministries
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Hiskidz Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study
- 6:15 p.m. Youth

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 20. Tony Martin, Zion Thomas
- 21. Jim Oakes
- 24. Larry Clark, Camp King
- 25. Shawn McCoy
- 26. Shirley Dew



**September 28**

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

**October 4**

- Senior Services Sunday

**October 11**

- 5:00 p.m. Charge Conference  
Via Zoom

**October 25**

- Stewardship Sunday



Time to fill your Christmas Shoe Boxes for the waiting children of the world. There are 24 plastic shoe boxes and 50 boxes you fold together outside the church office. The plastic boxes have the boy/girl slip inside them. The slips for the fold together boxes will be in the church office until the plastic boxes are taken. You may take a pamphlet and a large rubber band to put around your completed box. Please wait until the week of November 8 to begin bringing your boxes to the church, so they will not congest the area outside the church office. Boxes will be collected on the morning of November 16, 2020.



## **Solid Ground Youth**

Last week we wrapped up our series on Wisdom. This Sunday we will do a recap of all we have learned about how to be wise in not only our spiritual walk, but also our daily lives. It is so important for us to make wise choices and decisions and to always remember there are consequences that follow.

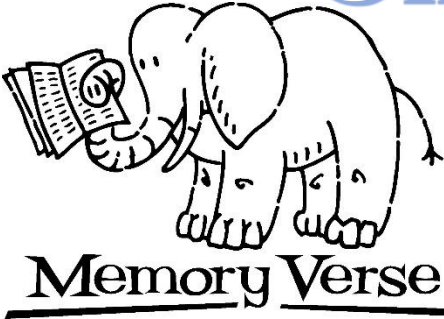
## **Sunday Night Youth**

Each Sunday Youth will begin at 5:45 with supper in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Bible Study in the Youth Basement. We will continue with our study on **Gideon**. Last week we discussed Idols, and this week we will cover the next session, “Confidence in God’s Calling.”

## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Youth Small Group will continue to meet each Wednesday night and move through our study entitled, **Feed the Dog**. This study is by illusionist Brock Gill and focuses on 7 key disciplines to help us grow our relationship with God.

# Children's Page



"God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good."

Genesis 1:31



## Hiskidz and Deep Blue:

This Sunday we will pick up with our story of Abraham and Sarah. God had led them to a new land, and things seemed to be going well. However, it doesn't take long for problems to begin.



Last week we continued our study on the *Armor of God*, talking about the "Belt of Truth." This Sunday night we will move to our next session on "The Breastplate of Righteousness." After snack supper we will have choir practice. Everything should wrap up by 7:15 p.m.



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Ministries

We will meet this Sunday at 5:00 p.m., followed by snack supper at 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Paul will be talking with the children about *The Armor of God*. After snack supper we will have choir practice. Everything should wrap up by 7:15 p.m.

## **Volunteers serving Sunday, September 20, 2020**

Greeters	Claire & Sammy Burnham/Brenda & Denny Paul
Scripture	Matthew 5:17-20
Sermon	<b>“More Righteous than the Pharisees”</b>
Flowers	Van & Amy Ray

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

#### **20. 16<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

21. Neither hot or cold

22. Repent, and live

23. God teaches the humble

24. God provides water

25. From generation to generation

26. The mind of Christ

#### **Philippians 1:21-30**

Luke 7:31-35

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13