

# Messenger

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## The Beauty of Growing Old



“How beautifully leaves grow old,” wrote 19th-century essayist John Burroughs. “How full of light and color are their last days.”

Society doesn’t think highly of old age. Beauty products tout the supposed virtues of maintaining a youthful appearance. Older adults’ wisdom, born of much life experience, is often disparaged, ignored or not sought. But God says this about the righteous, whose lives are rooted in him: “In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright” (Psalm 92:14-15, NRSV).

The aging leaves of autumn can prompt us to look for beauty in the seniors among us, to notice the light and color that still abound. From all the fruit they still produce — service, prayer, love — may we learn about living faithfully until our own last days.

—Heidi Mann



### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

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 28**

9-12 noon Methodist Market  
6:00 p.m. Church Council

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

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

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



27. Bob Coker  
29. Claiborne Adcock  
1. Tommy Woodard, Denson Thomas  
2. Sallie Pender



### **September 28**

6:00 p.m. Church Council

### **October 4**

Senior Services Sunday

### **October 11**

5:00 p.m. Charge Conference  
Via Zoom

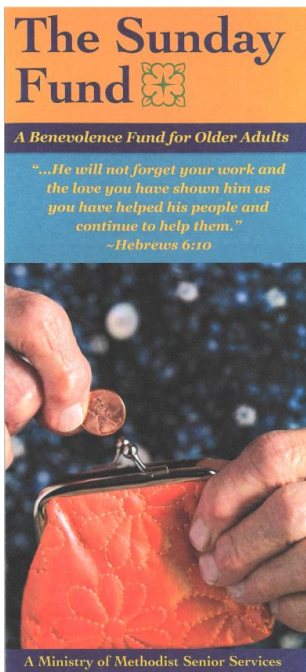
### **October 25**

Stewardship Sunday



*Rodney Ertle*

Mr. & Mrs. Lea Black



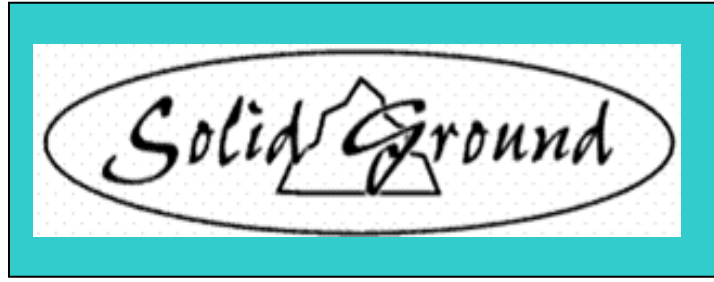
## SENIOR SERVICES SUNDAY

On Mother's Day each year, we receive an offering called The Sunday Fund for Methodist Senior Services. Due to Covid, this year we were not able to collect this on Mother's Day because we were not able to come to church for in-person worship. October 4, 2020 is this year's Senior Services Sunday. The Sunday Fund is the MOST critical part of the Methodist Senior Services' Ministry. It is a benevolence fund designed to assist elders living on any of the campuses across Mississippi. Elders of all denominations, who have outlived their financial resources and can no longer afford the cost of housing and/or care, are eligible to receive Sunday Fund assistance. We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry next week.



**TIPS ON PACKING YOUR SHOE BOX** due November 16, 2020. 1. Use new items since used clothing or toys will be discarded. 2. Each box stands alone; so don't divide items between two boxes. 3. Include some fun in each box as this may be the only gift some of these children receive all year. 4. Remove all wrappings from your items as many sites have no place to put trash. 5. A tooth brush may be put in a ziplock bag. No candy or toothpaste as they have a "use by date." 6. Include your \$9.00 check for each box you pack. If you do multiple boxes just write one for all your boxes and place in one of your boxes. You may also go online and use a credit card where you will get a tracking number strip which you can print out and attach to the shoe box. 7. Place the boy/girl strip at the end of the box. Later these boxes will be taped around the middle for shipment.





## **Solid Ground Youth**

This Sunday we will be covering a lesson on “Taking a Stand for God.” We will be taking scripture from Ecclesiastes and talk about how there is a time for everything, be it good, bad, tough or rewarding.

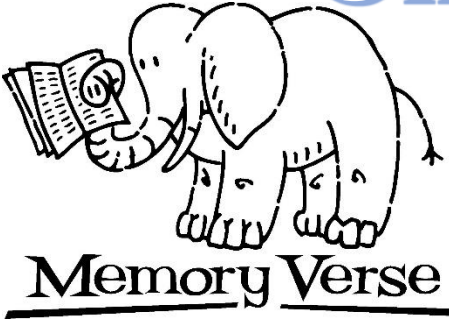
## **Sunday Night Youth**

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 stepped off course to talk about how we have to listen for God’s voice and do our best to block out Satan. 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 learn about the birth of Isaac. His birth fulfilled the promise that God made to Abraham. Because of Isaac's birth, Abraham and Sarah's family would become a whole nation of people and dwell in the land that God had given them.



Last week we continued our study on the ***Armor of God***, talking about the "The Breastplate of Righteousness." This Sunday night we will wrap up this session and move to our next session on "The Shoes of Peace." 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 pm. 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 27, 2020**

Greeters	Tommy & Wanda Woodard/Myra Dunlap
Scripture	Matthew 5:21-26
Sermon	<b>“The Inside-Out Christian”</b>
Flowers	Van & Amy Ray
Supper Moms	Sarah Ragland/Connie Dees

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>27. 17th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Acts 7:2-4, 8-10, 17</b>
28. Never Moved	Psalm 15
29. Be content	Hebrews 13:5-10
30. Stand firm	Ephesians 6:14-18

### **OCTOBER**

1. Stand Boldly	Acts 13:52-14:3
2. Stand Regardless	Acts 8:1-8
3. Stand Ready	Acts 8:26-40