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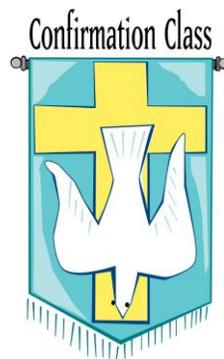
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CONFIRMATION CLASS

This Sunday, April 23, during 11:00 a.m. worship, we will be welcoming our new Confirmands into the Church family. We completed a weekend retreat for Confirmation classes in March, and we are excited to introduce these children into the Church membership.

They are Kemper Aaron King, Elsie Hampton Patterson, and Johnston Wilson Pender.

Jesus Answers Our Uncertainties

Thomas didn't believe the other disciples when they said Jesus had risen. The two travelers to Emmaus despaired over Jesus' death, uncertain what might come next.

During our life of faith, we all face questions, doubts and despair. In *Fearless*, Max Lucado says Jesus' responses to us echo his responses to the disciples. His answer to our doubt is the same as with Thomas: "Touch my body" — which we do every time we connect with the church (the body of Christ), wounds and all. As with the Emmaus disciples, Jesus urges us to ponder his story found in Scripture — which we do through Bible reading and study. Today, just as long ago, Jesus meets his followers — in his body, in his Word — and strengthens our faith.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 20. Jo Ed Woodard
- 21. Jake Louis Paul
Craig Paul
- 24. Myla Wallace

Vibrant Belief

The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *The Rock That Is Higher*



Phil and Sharon Nichols have been distributing food, supplies, needed items and financial contributions from our church to the tornado victims in Rolling Fork and Silver City. There has been some progress, but much more is needed. Please remember to pray for the victims of this terrible storm. At the present time, volunteers are needed at the distribution center at Rolling Fork. Hours are 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 7 days a week, at South Delta High School. Monetary contributions will also be most helpful. If you would like to help, please contact Phil Nichols.



Sunday, May 7, we will be honoring our graduating high school seniors at the 11 a.m. worship service.

**Carter Mayson Carter
Mills Paul**



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week our Sunday School lesson is titled, "Jesus Strengthens Us." This is our 4th lesson in the series, **Jesus Conquers Death**. In this lesson we are reminded that Jesus gives us strength in tough times. This lesson is about the story of Stephen. After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, Stephen began sharing the story of Jesus with people. However, Stephen soon had to deal with tough times, and he turned to Jesus for strength.

W.O.W. Wednesday

"The Ten Commandments" are the heart of the Old Testament and are the core expression of God's rules for his people. Christians have always looked to the commandments as simple directions for life and worship as the basis of right living. In this series, children will learn that God's rules show us our need for Christ and how we can express his love in how we live. The Ten Commandments are good rules that God gave to Moses for all people to follow, including you and me! These rules help us to have good relationships with God and people. For the last few weeks, we have focused on the Commandments directed on God and our respect towards Him. Last week we talked about **Commandment 6 - Value Life**. This upcoming Wednesday, we will be discussing **Commandments 7 & 8 - Keep Promises & Don't Steal**.



Youth Sunday School

Last week we began with a new series, **Jesus Conquers Death**. This Sunday our lesson "Living Expectantly," reminds us that Jesus promised that He would come back someday "on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory." We need to live our lives like Jesus is coming back today. Live with purpose, intent, and accountability.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will soon be coming to a pause for the summer break. We will be meeting for the remaining Wednesdays and Sundays during April and the first week in May. We will have Bi-monthly gatherings throughout the summer months. Hard to believe the school year is nearly over and summer is almost here.

Senior Sunday

We plan on recognizing our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 7, 2023, in the 11:00 a.m. service.

M28 Camp

Final payment for Summer Camp at Lake Junaluska is due by Wednesday, May 10. A reminder text will be sent out to all who have signed up. If you are unable to go, I need to ASAP, so we can offer someone on the waiting list, the opportunity to attend.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Greeters	Julie & De Paul/Pam & Hubert Hatfield
Scripture	I John 1:1-10
Sermon	“Walk in the Light”
Flowers	JoAnne Collins

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL

23. 3rd Sunday of Easter	Luke 24:36b-48
24. Scattered flock redeemed	Jeremiah 23:1-4
25. Like a watered garden	Jeremiah 31:10-14
26. Well-fed with justice	Ezekiel 34:12-16
27. No other name	Acts 4:5-12
28. You are with me	Psalm 23
29. Sent to save, not condemn	I John 3:16-24