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Celebrating the Church's Birthday

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

Remember to wear RED!

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.



May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Daycare visits Martha Coker Green Houses

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 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

MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day/Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

Friday, May 19, the children in our Daycare visited the Elders at the Luse, Butler, and Mariah Houses to share their joy by singing, to commemorate National Skilled Nursing Care Week.



- 29. Mike Phillips
- 30. Carter Smith
- 31. Emily Harris
- 2. Slater Phillips



- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Ledbetter
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kyle
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Claude Martien
- Mr. & Mrs. Archie Edgar
- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Chat Phillips



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week we will complete our series **How Believers Live**. This Sunday's lesson, "Praying about Problems," helps us to remember the importance of prayer. Prayer is how we build and strengthen our relationship with Jesus. The lesson this week is about the arrest of Peter. His friends were afraid that he would be killed, so they knew the best that they could do was to pray.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Summer Activities are in the works, so be watching so you can mark them on your calendar.



****If there is anyone who would be interested in helping teach a children's Bible study on Sunday or Wednesday nights, please contact Tera Smith. I would love to offer other nights for a children's Bible study, but I will need extra help.**



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates will be Monday, June 26- Thursday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Our theme this year is **STELLAR**. VBS cannot happen without

volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Tera Smith or the church office. We will reach out to those who would like to help. Bible School is such a fun and important part of being a child. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS.

Youth Sunday School

As we wrap up the month of May, we end the series **How Believers Live**. This Sunday our lesson is called "The Sheer Joy of Sharing." We all remember being young and getting a new toy. We cherished that toy and we wanted to share it, but we also wanted to protect it. Sharing is a privilege. We all have been blessed with so much in our lives, not just material things. We need to strive daily to share our blessings with others; our happiness, our joy, our positivity, our kindness, our time, and so many other things. As Christians, we have the responsibility of sharing Jesus with others.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group has come to an end. We will still be meeting for bi-monthly activities outside of the church. Several outings and gatherings will be happening throughout the Summer. I know we all stay busy during the summer, but let's continue to spend time together as a youth group.

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon
Flowers

Christy & Albert Vandevere/Myra Dunlap
Acts 2:14-24
“Filled with the Spirit”
Hannah & Matt Matrick

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| 28. Day of Pentecost | Acts 2:1-21 |
| 29. Gideon and the fleece | Judges 6:36-40 |
| 30. Jonah saved from the sea | Jonah 1:1-17 |
| 31. Jesus speaks of Jonah | Matthew 12:38-4 |
| 1. Receiving God’s promise through baptism | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 |
| 2. I will call upon God | Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 |
| 3. Born anew | 1 Peter 1:17-23 |