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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 1, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

“This do in remembrance of me,” Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. “In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth” (John Oxenham).

Thank you, Lord!

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OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's house

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Memorial Gifts

Miller P. Holmes, Jr.

M/M Jim Oakes

Danny & Marsha Shew



The Christmas Shoe Boxes are also distributed here in the United States to waiting children in areas where they may not have heard of Christ or are living in hardship areas. Please remember to place your check in your completed box or use your credit card acquiring a bar code that may be printed out and placed on the outside of your shoe box. That tracking number lets you know what country your shoe box is going. Last year's shoe boxes were delivered to 153 countries.

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OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

1. Tommy Woodard
2. Sallie Pender
4. Wanda Woodard
Mike Hughes
5. Chip Heidel
7. Kallie Ketchum

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2. Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Ketchum III
6. Mr. & Mrs. Matt King



Join us in blessing this growing family and new home.  
Let us surround and celebrate Matt, Hannah,  
and coming soon, baby Elijah Matrick with love.

Saturday, October 14 @ 3:00PM  
588 White Oak Drive - Yazoo, MS 39194

Matt & Hannah Matrick are registered with Amazon & Walma  
Questions or reaqrets: Kelli Phillips 601-826-7220



This will be the last Sunday in our series called *Good and Bad Choices*. The lessons we will be covering are “God’s Direction”, “Godly Choices”, “Giant-Size Problems”, and “Jealously & Trust.”

## W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year’s Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. For the past few weeks, we have been studying lessons from the book of Genesis. For the next several Wednesday nights, we will be talking about the Great Flood and The Tower of Babel. We have some fun crafting activities planned for these lessons. Supper will be at 6:15, and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be one scheduled Sunday afternoon activity (field trip) each month.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group are back in full swing. Sunday nights we have been having a great group of youth who continue to show up ready to study God’s word. We have made a slight time change for Sunday’s and will be gathering at 5:30 for this semester. Wednesday Nights we will have supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 6:40 p.m.

### Youth Supper List

Sunday Night Youth Suppers are starting up again. Parents will receive a Group Supper List and be asked to prepare a Sunday Night supper for our Youth.

### WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. We will also have a few activities planned in the Branson area. The cost is \$125, and a deposit of \$75 will be required by **September 24<sup>th</sup>** to hold your spot. Sign-up will begin soon. Payment will be due in full by the last week in October.

# Sunday, October 1, 2023

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|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Greeters  | Dixie & Jim Roberts/Myra Dunlap |
| Scripture | Genesis 6:9-22                  |
| Sermon    | <b>“Noah &amp; the Flood”</b>   |
| Flowers   | Carrie & Brent Chaney           |

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### OCTOBER

|                                                  |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1. 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> | <b>Mark 9:38-50</b>   |
| 2. God’s fruitful word                           | Isaiah 55:6-13        |
| 3. If only we hold firm                          | Hebrews 3:7-14        |
| 4. Be renewed in God’s likeness                  | Ephesians 4:17-24     |
| 5. Integrity in suffering                        | Job 1:1; 2:1-10       |
| 6. I walk in faithfulness                        | Psalms 26             |
| 7. God speaks through a Son                      | Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 |