

Messenger

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Be a Lifesaver

About 200 people — including 100 lifeguards — attended a pool party in New Orleans in 1985 to celebrate the first summer in memory that no one had drowned at a city pool. At the end of the festivities, the four on-duty lifeguards began clearing the area and found a fully dressed man in the deep end. Despite efforts to revive him, he died.

Just as swimming with a bunch of lifeguards doesn't guarantee safety, "swimming" with a sea of churchgoers doesn't guarantee peace. People in the pews next to you might be struggling to stay above water physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually. Be alert to ways you can serve as a lifeguard. Extend a helping hand, a listening ear and an encouraging reminder of Jesus' ultimate rescue (see Romans 7:24-25).

"...In my mind I want to be God's willing servant but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in! Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free." Romans 24-25.

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August

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- 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. Solid Ground Youth

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 6:00 p. m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES

- 20. Wyatt Burton
- 23. Libbie Kyle Ragland

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- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Patterson
- 21. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Davis
- 23. Mr. & Mrs. Camp King



If you would like to apply for Scholarships for the fall semester, please come by the church office for an application.

Deadline – September 1, 2023.

Christian Symbol



HARP — This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 (“And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps”).



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday will be our third lesson in our series for the month of August, *Living Out Our Faith*. This week the lesson "Sharing the Work," may be a story that we have not heard from the Old Testament. In the lesson today we will learn about Moses' father in-law, Jethro. This story teaches us the importance of working together and helping each other.

Back to School Swim Party

Thank you to Julie and De Paul for hosting the Swim Party last Sunday. We had a fun time ending the summer and getting ready for a great start to a new school year!!



W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th. This year's Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. This is something a little different but will hopefully be fun. Supper will be at 6:15 p.m. and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m. There will also be one scheduled Sunday afternoon activity (field trip) each month. This schedule will be revealed and begin in September.



Youth Sunday School

Our series for the month of August is *Living Out Our Faith*. This week we will continue with part 3 of our lesson entitled “Unshakable Faith.” The last few Sundays we have talked about the father of all lies, Satan, and how he uses pleasures and disguise to trip us up and deceive us. This week our lesson is a great reminder that **genuine faith is trusting God.** Although the thoughts of God are beyond human understanding, we can still have faith in the “wisdom and knowledge of God.” *Romans 11:33*

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group kicks off this Sunday. Our first meeting is Sunday, August 20th. We will meet for our first Wednesday on August 23rd

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 half of the cost (\$75) will be required as a deposit to hold your spot. Sign-up will begin soon. Payment will be due in full by the first week in October.

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Greeters

Donna Heidel/
Pam & Hubert Hatfield

Scripture

Joshua 10:5-15

Sermon

“When the Sun Stood Still”

Flowers

Tay & Tom McCormack

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST

20. 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 11:1-13

21. God listened to me

Psalm 66:16-20

22. Wisdom excels

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:28-23

23. No exemption from death

Psalm 49:1-12

24. Unrelenting love

Hosea 11:1-11

25. God's steadfast love

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

26. With Christ in God

Colossians 3:1-11