

Messenger

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Ministry Highlights

This past Sunday, two ministries were highlighted in which our church sponsors and participates. We want to thank Mary Lou Richards and Sharon Nichols for sharing their experiences with our congregation.



Mary Lou Richards informed us about the **Methodist Market** ministry which began in the early 80's. They offer much needed clothing, furniture, dishes, etc. to those in our community, and are open on Saturday's from 9-12 noon.



Sharon Nichols reported on our church's involvement in the **Manna House**. This ministry provides meals for the homeless and the hungry. Over 4000 meals are served each month. Our church volunteers one week per month helping to serve these meals.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10. Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour before bedtime Saturday night.



March 24 – Passion/Palm Sunday

Children's Easter Egg hunts

March 25-27 – Lenten noon services with lunch

March 28 – Maundy Thursday service 6:30 p.m.

March 31 – Easter Sunday – Joint service 10 a.m.

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch/rehearsal-Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- 5:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's homed

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 4. Jimmy Whitaker
Andy Bardwell
- 5. JoAnne Collins
- 6. ClairBeth Martien

- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vandevere
- 6. Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Woodard



Luse House

The ladies of our church who work in the Methodist Market have another ministry in which they participate. Once a month they go to the Luse House at the Martha Coker Greenhouse and play bingo with the elders in the Luse house.



Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining - focus on gratitude**
- Give up harsh judgments - think kind thoughts**
- Give up worry - trust God to provide**
- Give up discouragement - be full of hope**
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness**
- Give up hatred – return good for evil**
- Give up anger – be more patient**
- Give up pettiness – become mature**
- Give up jealousy – pray for trust**
- Give up gossiping – control your tongue**
- Give up sin – turn to virtue**
- Give up giving up - persevere**



This Sunday begins a new month and a new series for Sunday School. Our series for the month of March is called ***A Time for Decision***. The next few weeks our lessons will come from the book of I Kings.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th continues to meet at 5:30 p.m. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. We are currently studying about the story and life of Moses. We will soon complete the Book of Genesis and study a little from Exodus. Learning about all of God's faithful followers has been so much fun and learning through arts and crafts has kept it hands on and interesting.

Preschool and Hiskidz Egg Hunts



Easter is fast approaching, and soon we will be preparing for our annual egg hunts. There will be 2 separate egg hunts planned for different ages. Both the Preschool egg hunt and the Hiskidz hunt (5k-6th grade) will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th. Places and times will be announced soon.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group:

Youth Bible Study will ***NOT*** meet this Sunday, March 3rd. We will meet next Wednesday and Sunday on March 6th and 10th. We will continue our current study about entertainment, music, and social media. We will be discussing the progression of the types of entertainment throughout the past decades and how we have been manipulated to accept, become numb to, or just ignore the fact that wrong is being presented as right. We will connect scripture to these facts and talk about how/what we can avoid being too pulled in.

M28 CAMP

The \$50 deposit to secure their spot is due by Wednesday, March 6th. The total cost is \$350. The payment can be made all at once by May 15, or split into 3 equal payments of \$100 - due on April 1, May 1, and June 1. Final payment must be made by June 1. Camp dates are Friday, July 5- Tuesday, July 9.

Special Testimony

Our Youth thoroughly enjoyed hearing the testimony of Tanner Allen last Sunday at Whitehall Church in Louisville, MS. He shared several stories and events throughout his life in which he felt God was teaching him and guiding him. White Hall Church shared his testimony from the service on their Facebook page. It may be possible for those who are interested to be able to hear him.



Sunday, March 3, 2024

Greeters

Wanda & Tommy Woodard/
Donna & Chip Heidel

Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

“Who Do You Say I Am?”

Flowers

Marilyn and Walter Burnett

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH

3. 3rd Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:1-9

4. Return to the LORD

Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

5. Wash me thoroughly

Psalms 51:1-17

6. He shall be exalted

Isaiah 52:13-15

7. Celebrating God's gift

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

8. No need for fear

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

9. Lord of all

Romans 10:8b-13