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# Messenger

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## **Our present hope**

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Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy.

And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now.

## **M28 Youth Retreat**

Our youth are all safely back home from M28 Camp Youth Retreat. On Friday, July 5, we had **18 youth and 3 chaperones** leave for Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.



Over the next few days they heard powerful messages from great speakers. They connected with old friends from various churches. And they were able to take part in a number of mission opportunities. They arrived safely back home on Tuesday evening, July 9. God moved in a powerful way. And everyone had a great time.



Thank you to all of our parents for your prayer and support. Thank you for helping our youth attend such a wonderful event. Without your support these sorts of trips would not be possible!

And a special thanks to our chaperones, **Melissa Gooch and Julie Paul**, who gave of themselves so much on this trip. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated!

And finally, thank you to **Tera Smith**, our Youth Minister, for all her hard work in planning, organizing, and leading our youth on this trip. No words are sufficient to express our gratitude. Thank you so much!











SUNDAY, JULY 14 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

SATURDAY, JULY 20 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 21. Avery Harris
- 23. Stephen Harris Michael Hughes
- 25. Dr. Walter Burnett
- 27. Susan Melton
- 30. Phil Williams, Mills Paul Jana Bardwell, Julie Trammell Melissa Wyatt
- 31. Gray Goodman, Daniel Newman \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

16. Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Whitaker 20. Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wyatt

- Mr. & Mrs. Butch Gary
- 26. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Harris
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Colten



**Congratulations to** Julie and Tim Trammell and Lettie Terrell on the birth of their granddaughter and greatgranddaughter **Parker Blair Trammell**, who was born July 10, 2024 to Ty and Sloan Trammell.



Curtis William Kyle, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin McDonald



We would like to thank the Chancel Choir, Jenny Whitaker, Patricia Parker, Dr. Walter Burnett, and Lettie Terrell, for the inspiring Patriotic Program that was presented Sunday, July 7.

We would also like to thank John Cobb, Donna Heidel, and Carrie Chaney for sound and media. It was so special to have Will Vaughan as our flag bearer.

We are always proud of our veterans and service men and women.





Our July series is called **My Family**. Throughout this month, we will be learning and talking about stories of Jesus helping and interacting with families.

#### HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our July schedule is in the works, and hopefully we can squeeze in bowling, skating, and another swimming party before school starts back.

\*\*More information regarding dates and times will be in the messenger soon and sent by text. \*\*

Solid Ground

### Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Summer is almost over, and school will be resuming soon. Youth Bible study is still on hiatus; however, plans are in the works for a few social gatherings for the remainder of the Summer. Stay tuned for info.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024**

Greeters Scripture Sermon Flowers Donna Heidel/Millie Phillips Acts 7:54-60 "**The Cost of Discipleship**" Linda & Bob Bailey

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

#### JULY

14. 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
15. The face of faith
16. An amazing promise
17. Who shall stand?
18. The cost of injustice
19. Like a green tree
20. The fullness of God

Luke 10:25-37 James 2:14-18 Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 2 Colossians 1:15-28