

The Hearts of the Fathers

The angel Gabriel announced to the priest, Zechariah, that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a son. The son was to be called John. Gabriel also said that John would bring "many of the people ... back to the Lord" and would "turn the hearts of the fathers to their children" (see Luke 1:5:ff). Recognizing that there are countless loving fathers today whose hearts are turned to their children, it is still true that far too many have hearts turned elsewhere.

Russell Miller's book called The House of Getty offers a heart-tugging story that makes the point. Timothy Getty, the young son of J. Paul Getty, the oil tycoon, had a frail body and was often ill. When Timothy was 11 and about to turn 12, his father telephoned him and asked what he wanted for his 12th birthday, "I want your love, Daddy, and I want to see you." But the father felt that he couldn't see his son then. Too many business obligations.

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The story brings to mind Socrates' warning to the people of Athens: "Fellow citizens, why do you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth, and take so little care of your children, to whom one day you must relinquish it all?"



June 16-18, 2025 from 8:30am-11:30am.



SUNDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service9:50 a.m. Sunday School11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 16

8:30-11:30 Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

8:30-11:30 Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

8:30-11:30 Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

9-12 noon Methodist Market



15. Mr. & Mrs. Brent Chaney

16. Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Burton Mr. & Mrs. Jason Patterson

21. Mr.& Mrs. Hubert Hatfield





Vacation Bible School

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict in scheduling, VBS dates have been changed to June 16-18, 2025 from 8:30am-11:30am.

Our theme this year:

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.

This is the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. Kids will learn how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our world today. We point them to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Jesus—our true north!

If you can help, we need you! Please call the church office.



For the next few weeks we will be in a new series, **Together as Believers**. Each week we will have a lesson about how the new Christians came together after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. We will learn how the Holy Spirit led them to be strong in their faith.

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY Summer Activities Schedule

Mon. -Wed., June 16-19 - Vacation Bible School 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Wed., June 25 - Patriotic swim party and games. Time and Place: TBD

Wed., July 9 - Surprise activity in the works

Wed., July 23 - Bowling at Party Safari. Time: TBD

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There will be youth gatherings and fellowship during the Summer. Updates will be sent out.

M28 Camp – Dates June 27 – July 2, 2025

Current Camp Itinerary:

- *We will leave the Church early on the morning of Friday, June 27th
- *Travel to Birmingham for the half-way stop and break for an activity. Continue to travel the rest of the way to Gatlinburg, TN.
- *We will stay in Gatlinburg for 2 nights and Whitewater Raft on the Pigeon River with Big Creek Expeditions on Saturday, June 28th.
- *M28 Camp in Lake Junaluska, NC will begin on Sunday evening, June 29, and continue through Wednesday, July 2. We will return home on July 2.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, June 15, 2025

Greeters Julie & De Paul

Linda & Edwin McDonald

Scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-11

Sermon "Samuel: A Father's Legacy"

Flowers Donna & Chip Heidel

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE

15. Trinity Sunday	John 3:16-17; John 14:16-20
16. In days to come	Micah 4:1-4

17. Those who listen Proverbs 1:20-3

18. The value of wisdom Proverbs 2:1-11

19. Corrupt...filled with violence Genesis 6:9-22, 8:14-19

20. "Be still, and know" Psalm 46

21. God of the nations also Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28(29-31)