



## **The Lion and the Lamb**

This past Sunday we were unable to livestream the worship service since we were in the Chapel. So, I thought I'd share a brief summary of our Scripture from Sunday.

*"Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne." Revelation 5:6-7*

Starting in chapter 4, John sees a vision of the God Almighty on the throne of glory in all His majesty and splendor. And all of heaven bows down to worship and adore Him, singing "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

And in His right hand God holds a scroll that's been sealed with seven seals so that no one can open it. And John weeps because no one is found who is worthy to open the scroll and read the Word of God for them. Finally, one of the elders consoles him: "Do not weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." (Rev. 5:5)

And John looks up expecting to see this powerful, roaring lion stride forth to claim the scroll and read it. Only, what he sees instead is a little lamb. Worse yet, the lamb looks as if it had been slain. The lamb looks like one of those lambs sacrificed on the altar for the forgiveness of sins or for the Passover feast.

John expects to see this roaring lion come like a mighty King. And instead, what he sees is a bloodstained Lamb coming in meek and mild.

In essence, the great Lion of Judah who has triumphed and gained the victory is the Bloodstained Lamb who was slain on Calvary. Jesus, our Crucified Lord, is the King who sits on the throne of glory. And He alone is worthy to take the scroll, break the seals, and read God's Word.

The Cross is God's victory over sin and death and the devil. Though the devil doesn't know it yet, he has already lost. The victory was won on Calvary. The war is over. Only the final battle remains. And the outcome is certain. Jesus has won. Not by sword or spear or battle, but by His shed blood on the Cross for you and me.

What the world views as weakness is God's glory. Love, mercy, forgiveness. Sacrifice, humility, compassion. These look like weakness to the world. But they are God's glory and our great strength. As God told Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for you. For my power is made perfect in weakness."

That's so often how God works. He takes what looks like weakness to the world, and He perfects it for His glory. He takes what looks like losing, and He uses it to seal the victory over sin and death. And nowhere is that clearer than Jesus' death on the Cross.

Jesus gave His life out of love for you and me. He sacrificed all for the forgiveness of our sin. And what looks like defeat becomes God's victory over sin and the devil.

Take heart, the devil has lost. That's the point of Revelation. Things will get worse before they get better. Dark days are still ahead. But the devil is defeated. Jesus has won. And the Lamb who was slain sits upon the throne of glory, and all of heaven and earth bow down to worship and adore Him. For, worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive honor and glory and praise!

*Brother Lauren*

## REMINDER

BOTH morning worship services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. will be held in the chapel.





## SUNDAY, JULY 20

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

9-12 noon Methodist Market



21. Avery Harris

23. Stephen Harris

Michael Hughes

25. Dr. Walter Burnett

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26. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Harris

20. Mr. & Mrs. Butch Gary

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wyatt

Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!



**Congratulations** to Beau and Katie French  
on the birth of their son, Jonathan Beau  
French Jr., who was born July 10, 2025.



*Sympathy and love* is extended to Phil and Sharon Nichols and family in the death of his brother, Oren Lavon Nichols, who died June 13, 2025.

*Sympathy and love* is also extended to Lisa and Lackey Saxton in the death of Lisa's mother, Joan Breland, who died July 5, 2025.

*Sympathy and love* is also extended to Calvin "Man" Brookins in the death of his brother Johnny James Brookins, who died July 15, 2025.



## Peggy Ferguson Fraiser

Methodist Market Ladies



Yazoo City Methodist Family--

Thank you for continuing to share the need for Sunday Fund support. Your church family has been an answer to elders' prayers. We can offer Sunday Fund to qualifying residents only because of partners like you. You make it possible. God's Church responds to this need, and we are so grateful!

"Serving older adults in the spirit of Christian love" alongside y'all is a BLESSING!

We love you all!

Brittany Cuevas

Methodist Senior Services





For the summer months we will be in the series, ***Together as Believers*** and ***Talking With God***. 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.

Making Wise Choices - Paul writing a letter to help Philemon.

Prayers Anywhere- What to Say When You Pray- The Lord's Prayer

Trusting God's Answers - Why Doesn't God Just Fix Things - Paul's Letters

Prayers From the Heart- Two Prayer at the Temple- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Prayers for All People - All Kinds of Prayers - God wants us to pray for everyone.

Prayers of Thanks - One Came Back - The Ten Lepers

## **HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY**

### **Summer Activities Schedule**

**Wednesday, July 23** - Working on a Back-To-School Bash Time & Place: TBD

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## **VOLUNTEERS**

**SUNDAY, July 20, 2025**

Greeters

Donna Heidel/Owen Richards

Scripture

Revelation 6:1-17

Sermon

**"The Four Horsemen"**

Flowers

Sara & Rodney Henderson

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **JULY**

20. 6<sup>th</sup> **Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 9:51-62

21. God weighs the spirit

Proverbs 16:1-3

22. Blinded by false optimism

Jeremiah 6:10-14

23. Dangerous pride

2 Kings 5:1-14

24. Independence Day

Psalm 2

25. Joyfully praise the LORD

Psalm 66:1-9

26. Most important

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16