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Messenger

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Thank You, Yazoo City

It has been an honor to be your pastor these past eight years. Honestly, it feels like just the other day that I was meeting with Frank Webb and the Staff-Parish committee in the church library and getting to know everyone. Time has passed so quickly. And so much has happened along the way.

I cannot thank you enough for all of your kindness to me. You have blessed me more than I deserve. You took me in and made me feel at home. And honestly, I feel like we're more family and friends than we are pastor and church.

Thank you to each of you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to this church. Over the years, we have weathered any number of unexpected challenges, from a global pandemic to disaffiliation. We even helped launch an annual conference for a new denomination. At every point, we did our best to try to follow Jesus. We weren't perfect, but we tried to be faithful. And I believe that God blessed that.

Thank you especially to our church staff. You have made it so much easier be your pastor. Words cannot fully express my gratitude for all your hard work and sacrifice. And you have always done it with a cheerful spirit. And I am grateful for each of you.

As we enter into this season of transition, I pray for God's best for each of you. Please know that you will always be near and dear to my heart. And I love each of you more than words can express. Thank you again, and God bless.

Brother Lauren



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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
 6:00 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 p.m. Prison Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9-12 noon Methodist Market



8. Connye Dees
 Bettina Newman
 10. Dixie Roberts
 13. Hayes Bardwell
 Rosemary Knox

31. Mr. & Mrs. Billy Melton



Our grandparents and elders shape who we are with their wisdom, love, and faith. On Grandparent's Day, September 7th, honor the special elder who influenced your life by making a gift to our benevolence fund, The Sunday Fund, in their name.

Your donation helps provide compassionate care and support to older adults who have dedicated their lives to family and community—just like your grandparents.

Celebrate their legacy of love by blessing others in their honor.

Yazoo Methodist Women's Ministries

Seasons of Faith

A night of fellowship, food, and faith

Special Guest Speakers

Mrs. Lettie Terrell
 Mrs. Rosemary Knox
 Mrs. Jamie Patterson

October 21 6-8 pm

Registration \$20 per guest

Online: @fmc yazoo.org
 Venmo: @Jana-Bardwell

For other payment options contact church office.
Deadline - Friday, October 10

Childcare will be provided

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1



HeartShaper:

5k-3rd Grade

This Sunday, September 7th, we will begin new curriculums for our Children's Sunday School. *HeartShaper* will be the new 5k-3rd grade curriculum, and this class meets in the first room upstairs on the children's wing, across from the men's restroom.

God Made Everything is our first unit. This Sunday we will begin with the lesson God Makes the World. In this lesson we learn that God created all things just by speaking. He also created the world with order.



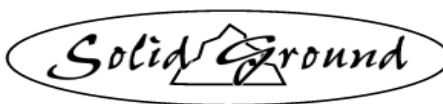
The Edge: 4th-6th Grade

Our upper elementary Sunday School will begin a new curriculum entitled *Gospel Light's -The Edge*, and they will continue to meet in their same classroom.

This Sunday we will begin our September series - Unit 1- ***Friends and Enemies***. Our first lesson in this unit is Brotherly Love. This is the story of David and Johnathan.

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children in grades 5K-6th are welcome on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Children's Bible Study. We will study and craft through Bible stories, and if time permits, we play a game. Supper is provided at 6:15 p.m. before dismissing. We are currently learning about King Solomon.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group:

Youth Bible Study is back in full swing. On Wednesday nights for the next 6-8 weeks, we will be in the series, ***Life and Death – The Power of the Tongue***. On Sundays, we will begin a study on David, and we will be viewing ***The House of David***. We meet on Sundays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. with snack supper followed by our lesson. I would like to encourage our youth to reach out to friends and invite them to Bible Study.

Youth Sunday Snack Supper

Youth snack supper is being reintroduced this year on Sunday nights. Parents will be asked to provide supper for our youth at 6:00p.m each Sunday throughout the year. We will begin the supper list on Sunday, September 7, following Labor Day weekend. The Church will provide on holiday weekends, but we would like to ask the parents to be involved with the program. Information will be emailed or sent via text message. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Sunday, September 14, at our regular worship services, we will have a guest speaker from the Delta State Wesley Foundation, Darron Davis.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, September 7, 2025

Greeters

Joyce & Sam Pace/
Molly & Bill McNair

Scripture

Joshua 1:1-9

Sermon

“Be Strong and Courageous”

Flowers

Amy & Van Ray

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER

7. 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 12:49-56

8. A sure reward

Matthew 10:39-42

9. Like a watered garden

Isaiah 58:9b-14

10. Seek God’s presence continually

Psalms 103:1-5

11. Do not be afraid

Jeremiah 1:4-10

12. Secure with God

Psalms 71:1-6

13. Unshakable hope through Christ

Hebrews 12:18-29