

# Messenger

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It is good for us to find opportunities to celebrate one another in the local church. Birthdays and anniversaries are good. Even better? Baptisms. Baptism, among other things, is a sign of biblical obedience to Christ. Specifically, when the resurrected Christ appeared to the disciples, he issued the Great Commission: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20). To have received baptism is to have been a part of this biblical imperative.

There are a number of things every local church is expected to record with respect to everyone on the membership roll, stipulated in ¶429 of the Book of Doctrines & Discipline. Among those is the date of one's baptism, along with the location, the name of the one who baptized you, and what local church body they represented. Over the coming months/years I will be working to update our church's means of recording the discipleship journeys of our people. I wanted to ask that you do what you can to track down what records you have about your baptism so that I can do my part, not only to record good membership records, but to actually minister to you where you are. A big part of knowing you now is knowing where your journey began. Baptism is the entry point to the church, as I have said a few times while preaching on covenant. To celebrate our baptism in Christ is to celebrate his redeeming work among us. Thank you for your attentive care in this matter.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Youth

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

**Church office closed/Holiday**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry

6:00 p.m. Choir

6:15 p.m. Supper

6:30 p.m. Youth

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



9. Claude Martien

19. Sherrill Ann Chaney

22. Janet Adams

Sam Smith



For more information contact Phil Nichols at 662-392-3365.



*Sympathy and love is extended to Lynn Williams and family in the death of their husband and father, Philip C. (Phil) Williams, who died January 8, 2026.*



*Memorial Gifts*

**Philip C. (Phil) Williams**

Darrell Glisson

**Terrell Tenhet**

Helen & Terrye Layne Tenhet

**YAZOO METHODIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

presents

**SEEDS OF FAITH**



JEREMIAH 17:7-8

**Saturday, February 28**

**First Methodist Yazoo Church Sanctuary**

**9:00 - 1:00**

REGISTRATION AND LIGHT BREAKFAST FROM 8:30 - 9:00

LUNCH INCLUDED

**\$25 REGISTRATION FEE DUE BY FEBRUARY 14**

ONLINE: @FMCYAZOO.ORG OR CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE

**A day filled with devotion, worship, and fellowship.**



New Year, new lessons. For the month of January, we begin Unit 2 in our *HeartShaper* curriculum entitled, ***Who Jesus is.***

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

January 18 - "Jesus and the Children"

January 25 - "Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life"

February 1- " Jesus and Ten Men with Leprosy"



Starting off our New Year with a new unit. For the month of January, our upper elementary Sunday School will begin Unit 2- ***Family of Gospel Light's -The Edge.***

The lesson are as follows:

January 18 - "No Record of Wrong"

January 25 - "Love Never Fails"

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

Children in grades 5K-6<sup>th</sup> meet on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Children's Bible Study. We study and craft through Bible stories, and if time permits, we play a game. Supper is provided at 6:15 p.m. before dismissing.

### **Youth Bible Study and Small Group**

Youth Bible Study resumed Sunday, January 11. We will continue with part 2 of the House of David and what happens after David is anointed and defeats Goliath.

Youth Bible Study meets each Sunday and Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Basement. Snack supper is served prior to the lesson.

# **VOLUNTEERS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandevere/Owen Richards
Scripture	Ephesians 2:1-10
Sermon	<b>“Grace”</b>
Flowers	Pam & Hubert Hatfield

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **JANUARY**

<b>18. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>John 1:43-51</b>
19. Looking to the LORD	Micah 7:1-7
20. The yoke of discipline	Jeremiah 27:1-13
21. From generation to generation	Luke 1:46b-55
22. God changed his mind	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
23. God alone is my rock	Psalms 62:5-12
24. Time has grown short	1 Corinthians 7:29-31