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Audits and inventories aren't any fun. I used to work in retail, and I hated when it was time for inventory. So boring. And as a pastor, I have had to oversee annual financial audits. Also, not fun. I know I'm not alone in this feeling. Very few enjoy the punctilliar detail-oriented requirements of these procedures. And the folks who DO enjoy these things are often not very fun to be around! Vicious cycle. But the thing is: We need to know what we are working with. Humans are delusional creatures. When the Dunning-Kruger Effect is a real thing (look it up), and confirmation bias is rife, we have to have a sober, objective view of things. The only way to do that is to take the time to list things out. That's what I'm doing right now with our church membership. It is going to take months.

I wanted to invite you to take an inventory on your life. Look at how you spend your time, your attention, your energy, your money. These things speak to what your true values are. Lent is coming up in a few weeks, a season of intentional self-denial and fasting. It'll be an opportunity to reorient yourself. This can only be done rightly after a sober self-inventory. Pray about it!

"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding— 3 indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, 8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones."

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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 26

5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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 31

9-12 noon Methodist Market



23. Barbara Parks

26. Linda Coker

 Jordan Johnson

29. Kathy Phillips

With Sympathy

Sympathy and love is extended to Frank and Dee Webb and family in the death of his father, Ted Johnson Webb, who died January 15, 2026.



Memorial Gifts
Philip C. (Phil) Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bryan

Ted Webb
James Glisson
Chip & Donna Heidel

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.

WELCOMING RHONDA RICHARDSON

WORSHIP LEADER AND SPEAKER

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED



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

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

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 began Unit 2- **Family of Gospel Light's -The Edge**.

The lesson are as follows:

January 25 - "Love Never Fails"

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children in grades 5K-6th 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 25, 2026

Greeters	Julie & De Paul/Amanda & Maddie Canard
Scripture	?
Sermon	“Repentance”
Flowers	Jenny & Jimmy Whitaker

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY

25. 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	Mark 1:14-20
26. Like a shepherd	Isaiah 40:9-11
27. You are my witnesses!	Isaiah 44:6-8
28. All is yours, LORD	1 Chronicles 29:11-13
29. A prophet like Moses	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
30. The beginning of wisdom	Psalm 111
31. Love guides our liberty	1 Corinthians 8:1-13