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# Messenger

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Don't forget to move your clocks **FORWARD** at bedtime Saturday night **ONE HOUR** as Daylight Saving time begins Sunday, March 8.

## NEW TIME FOR EARLY SERVICE

Beginning this Sunday, March 8, the Contemporary Service will move to a new time slot of **8:45 a.m.** The Church Council recommended this change which will give more time for worship and allow Sunday School to begin on time, which is **9:50 a.m.**



Seeds of Faith, sponsored by our Ladies Ministry team was a HUGE success! Approximately 65 ladies attended. Our thanks go out to Donna Heidel, Amanda Canard, Allison Hughes, Bettina Newman, D'Ann Adams, Diane Vaughan, Dixie Roberts, Jana Bardwell, Julie Paul, and Patricia Parker, Tera Smith, Brenda Paul, Beau French, John Cobb, and Rosemary Knox. It would not have happened without ALL their help!

Also, special thanks to Owen Richards for renovating the bathroom in the hall!

We also want to thank the Family Ministries Committee for planning and setting up our Pot Luck luncheon this past Sunday. Everyone really enjoyed the fellowship and the food.



## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

## TUESDAY, MARCH 10

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9-12 noon Methodist Market



14. Garret McClellan

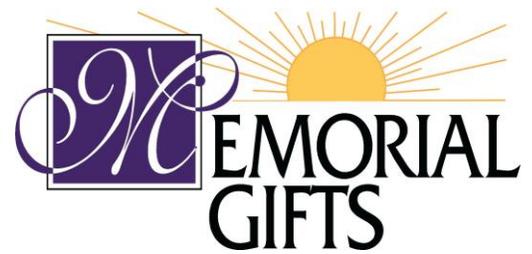


Lent is a good time to think about the quality of your spiritual life. Do you think about God often ... or rarely? Do you pray often ... or occasionally? How well do you know the Bible? The Commandments? The Beatitudes? The lives of biblical heroes and heroines?

During Lent, commit to spending more time in prayer. Also consider selecting a book of the Bible or a particular Bible character to study in-depth during this period.

Some people give up particular items or habits during Lent. If used wisely, this discipline can help you abandon things that have been interfering with your relationship with God.

Seek out devotions and books that can help strengthen your spiritual life.



*Howard Webb*

M/M M/M Larry Holman

*Ted Webb*

Sara & Ben Lloyd

*Phil Williams*

Timothy & Shelby Davis

## LENT

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

adapted from Carlos Wilton, in  
*Homiletics*



5K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

For the month of March, we will begin Spring 2026 in our *HeartShaper* curriculum. Unit 1 is entitled, ***Jesus is Powerful***. Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

March 8 - "Jesus Stops a Storm"

March 15 - "Jesus Heals a Man Who Can't Hear"

March 22 - "Jesus Heals a Man Who Can't See"



4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

For the month of March, our upper elementary Sunday School will be studying lessons from the book of Ephesians in our curriculum, *Gospel Light's -The Edge*, while we patiently wait on our backordered Spring 2026 series.

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

**Bible Study will NOT meet next Wednesday, March 11, due to Spring Break.** W.O.W. Wednesday Bible Study is when 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.

### **Kingdom Quest**

**Bible Study will NOT meet this Sunday, March 8, due to Spring Break.** Middle School Boys Bible Study for grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will continue to meet each Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Our young boys will learn how to grow spiritually in their faith, character, and integrity.

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

**Bible Study will NOT meet this Sunday night or next Wednesday, March 11, due to Spring Break. See you on Sunday, March 15!!**

The youth are continuing with part 2 of the House of David. We are watching the anointed David leave his life as a shepherd and step into a new role as warrior and future king after the slaying of 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, MARCH 8, 2026**

Greeter	Angie & Archie Edgar/Terrye Layne & Helen Tenhet
Scripture	Psalm 1; 1 John 1
Lay Readers	Donna Heidel/Linda Bailey
Sermon	<b>“Light and Dark”</b>
Flowers	Linda & Edwin McDonald

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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<b>8. 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>John 2:13-22</b>
9. He shall be exalted	Isaiah 52:13-15
10. Guard against greed	Luke 12:13-15
11. You will be a blessing	Genesis 12:1-4
12. God Covenants with Abraham	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
13. Stand in awe	Psalm 22:23-31
14. Heirs through faith	Romans 4:13-25