

# Messenger

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## How Jesus Says Your Name

It's been said that when someone loves you, they say your name differently. Your name is "safe" coming from their mouth.

Mary Magdalene found this to be true. Walking alone in the dark to Jesus' tomb, she wanted nothing less than for a concerned loved one to interrupt her private grief, crooning her name in pity: "Oh, Mary, there, there." Or worse, someone from her old life who would spit her name like a curse, not knowing that Jesus had cast out her demons. But then Mary saw the tomb open and panicked, ran to get Simon, hurried back to the garden. Angels addressed her — not by name, just "Woman ..." — and then a gardener: "Woman ..."

Except then — "Mary" — this man knew her after all, speaking her name so knowingly, tenderly, lovingly that she recognized him. "Mary." Her name was safe in his mouth, her life safe in his care. He wasn't the gardener. He was her teacher, her friend, her Savior.

Friend, your name also is safe in Jesus' mouth, your life safe in his care, for he loves you deeply.

Heidi Mann



## SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship time
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Boys Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

## MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

## TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 20. Joe Ed Woodard
- 21. Craig Paul  
Jake Louis Paul
- 24. Myla Wallace

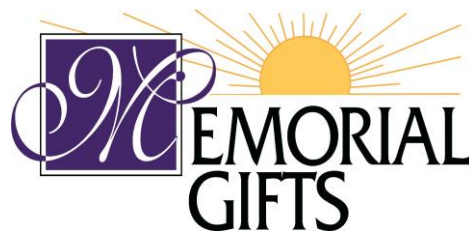


We would like to acknowledge the faithful service the Federal Prison ministry of Rodney Henderson and Charles Davis. They have served on this ministry for 28 years since its beginning and are passing on the torch to others. They have had an impact on many lives and we are grateful for their faithfulness.



*Sympathy and love is extended to the Paige and Clay Adcock and family of Joy Boyd who passed away April 10, 2026.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Melissa and Phillip Gooch and family in the death of Phillip's father, Dennis Hunley Gooch, who passed away April 8, 2026.*



*Jo Anne Collins*

Montine Bond  
Sue Dickerson, Eddie & Jay

*Ted Webb*

Mr. & Mrs. Clay Adcock

## FOSTER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Because of your love and generosity, we delivered 42 Easter baskets to foster children, helped 6 families purchase spring clothes and shoes, and paid for 8 children to go to Camp of the Rising Son this summer. In addition, all 42 children will be prayed for by someone in our church and community.

This fall, we will be helping with "Back to School" clothing and supplies. If you would like to give, you may do so on the church website or by turning your donation in to the church office. Please indicate that it is for "foster children".

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!



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

April brings a new unit in our *HeartShaper* curriculum. Unit 2 is entitled, ***Paul and Barnabas***.

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

April 19 - "Paul and Barnabas Help Others Learn About Jesus"

April 26 - "Paul and Barnabas Tell Others About the Living God."



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

During the month of April our upper elementary Sunday School will begin a new series for Spring, Unit 2- ***FEAR of Gospel Light's -The Edge***.

April 19 - "Crossing the Jordan"

April 26 - "Trouble in Lystra"

## **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.

## **Middle School Boys Bible Study**

Middle School Boys Bible Study for grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> with Bro. Jeffrey will meet Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

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

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.

## **Senior Recognition**

Senior Recognition Sunday has been set for Sunday April 26. This year we have six seniors we will be recognizing and celebrating as they reach this next milestone in their lives.

Mattie Burton

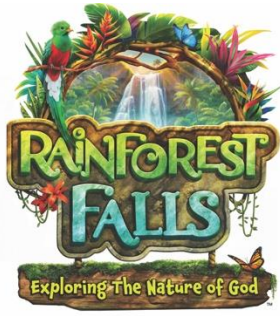
Sherrill Ann Chaney

James Patterson

Mallory Pender

Drake Smith

Claire Stevens



VBS dates and theme has been set. The dates for VBS will be June 1-4, Monday- Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

We are always looking for volunteers and welcome anyone who would like to help. Please call the church office or let Tera know if you would be willing to volunteer as a teacher or leader.

## VOLUNTEERS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

Greeter	Christy & Albert Vandevere/Linda & Edwin McDonald
Scripture	Colossians 3:1-17
Sermon	“Christian Virtue”
Lay Readers	Chip Heidel/Mary Lou Richards
Flowers	Angie & Archie Edgar

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### APRIL

<b>19. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Luke 24:36b-48</b>
20. Scattered flock redeemed	Jeremiah 23:1-4
21. Like a watered garden	Jeremiah 31:10-14
22. Well-fed with justice	Ezekiel 34:12-16
23. No other name	Acts 4:5-12
24. You are with me	Psalm 23
25. Sent to save, not condemn	I John 3:16-24