

# Messenger

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## You're Going Places!

Commencement marks the beginning of a new stage of life, with graduates heading off to discover opportunities and face challenges. *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* — a Dr. Seuss book that's now a popular graduation gift — whimsically explores life's ups and

downs, twists and turns.

Young adults will face excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness. They'll feel a sense of purpose as well as confusion and even fear. "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on," writes Dr. Seuss.

In the storybook, the life-traveler's sheer determination propels him beyond difficulties. But God's children don't need to journey alone. Our heavenly Father walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NRSV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."





**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Boys Bible Study

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Supper

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



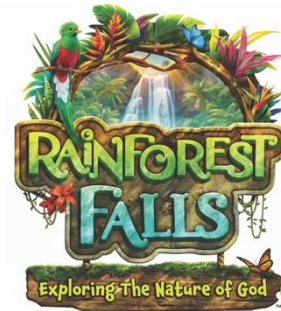
Memorial  
Gifts

*Joy Boyd*

M/M Chat Phillips

*Gloria Adcock*

M/M Chat Phillips



VBS will be June 1-4, Monday- Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

At Rainforest Falls, kids will explore the nature of God and they will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.



- 17. Jason Dees
- 19. Tyler Bardwell



- 18. Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Burnham
- Mr. & Mrs. Tim Richards
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kyle



If you would like to apply for Scholarships for the fall semester, please come by the church office for an application. Deadline – May 31, 2026.



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

We will begin a new unit in our *HeartShaper* curriculum for the month of May. Unit 3 is entitled, *Paul Continues to Tell About Jesus*. Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

May 17 - "Paul Tells a Crowd About Jesus."

May 24 - "Paul is Shipwrecked."

May 31 - "Paul Tells About Jesus in Rome."



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

During the month of May our upper elementary Sunday School will begin a new series for Spring, Unit 3- *Justice of Gospel Light's -The Edge*.

May 17 - "The Crippled Woman"

May 24 - "The Centurion"

May 31 - "The Widow of Nain"

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

Children's Bible Study has concluded for the time being. School is almost out, and summer is upon us. We will meet for a few activities during the summer months, so be on the lookout!

### **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 6:00 p.m.

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

With upcoming exams and the end of the school year, our Bible study will take a break and resume towards the end of the summer/beginning of the school year.

As usual there will be summer gatherings and activities. The information will be sent out when a schedule is formed.

### **M 28 camp**

Just a reminder, the dates are July 7-10, with plans to leave on Monday, July 6. Our pre-Lake J activities are in the works and information will be sent out as soon as they are confirmed.

# VOLUNTEERS

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

Greeters	Jim & Dixie Roberts/David Parker
Scripture	Philippians 1:3-11
Sermon	“How Salvation Works”
Lay Reader	Donna Heidel/Alice Cobb
Flowers	Dee & Amanda Boykin

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**MAY**

<b>17. 7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>John 14:15-21</b>
18. When the Spirit comes	Acts 1:6-14
19. The Lord is King	Psalm 95
20. A spirit of wisdom	Ephesians 1:15-23
21. Jesus prays for us	John 17:20-26
22. King over the nations	Psalm 47
23. Humble yourselves	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11