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Celebrating the Church's Birthday

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

Remember to wear RED!



This **Memorial Day** we remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 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 25

Memorial Day – Church office closed

TUESDAY, MAY 26

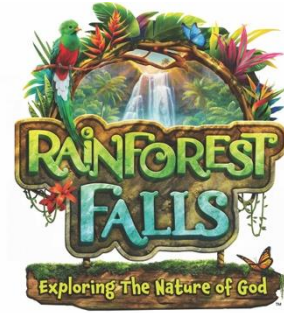
- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 6:00 p.m. Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



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.



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.



- 24. Linda Bailey
- 26. Elsie Patterson
- 29. Mike Phillips
- 30. Carter Smith



- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Rob Hines
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Claude Martien
- Mr. & Mrs. Archie Edgar
- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Chat Phillips



*Susanna's Suzuki
Book Two Recital*
Sunday, May 24
4:00pm
First Methodist
Church of Yazoo
City



5K-3rd 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 24 - "Paul is Shipwrecked."

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



4th-6th 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 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 5th – 8th with Bro. Jeffrey will meet Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

With 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 24, 2026

Greeters	Chip Heidel/Terrye Layne & Helen Tenhet
Scripture	Acts 2:1-24
Sermon	“Holy Spirit Power”
Lay Reader	Christy Vandevere/Bill Kyle
Flowers	Sallie Pender

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY

24. Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21
25. Gideon and the fleece	Judges 6:36-40
26. Jonah saved from the sea	Jonah 1:1-17
27. Jesus speaks of Jonah	Matthew 12:38-45
28. Receiving God’s promise through baptism	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
29. I will call upon God	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
30. Born anew	1 Peter 1:17-23