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# Messenger

Church,

The community here spans the country, with several dozen people praying for us and watching developments as we continue to answer the challenges of ministry in Yazoo City in the Year of Our Lord 2026. It is a delicate dance to simultaneously honor the heritage that we have going back almost two hundred years, while also allowing for change to happen in the face of a changing world. We have to both care for the people who are already here, while also positioning ourselves to receive others whom the Lord will call into our midst. We have to lift up the high standards of the calling of Christ, but we also need to meet people where they are.

This is not easy work. It is impossible without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I wanted to ask all of you to take some time in your daily prayer lives to pray that the Holy Spirit would speak in accents clear and still to our fellowship here. A big budget, a big building, a set of impressive programs—these things can do much. But unless the Lord builds the house, the builders build in vain (Psalm 127:1). We need to continually seek the Lord's will as we continue forward boldly. We know that those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:5). Go to your knees and pray with tears for your church.

We have been blessed to have a lot of activity in our church. Many wonderful fellowship meals, much singing, children playing, music and melody for God's glory. We are connected to a vital annual conference and we are all praying is another powerful move of the Spirit to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. These things don't just magically happen. They require prayerful intentionality. They require conscientious and intentional charity among our members and supporters. We require that all recognize that the call of Christ is requiring us to stand against a pervasive paganism that continues to spread across this land. Pray that God will equip his saints for ministry, that he will arm us for the day of battle.

And for those of you who live close, remember that nothing can replace presence. We are embodied spirits. Christ came in the flesh. We are raised bodily. What we do with our bodies matters. Get your bodies in the right place. Do the right things with your bodies. Let your bodies be joyful temples of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord bless us all as we continue to say "yes" to the promptings of His Spirit.

- Brother Jeffrey



There will be youth gatherings and fellowship during the Summer. Updates will be sent out.

### **M28 Camp –Dates July 6 - July 10, 2026**

#### **Current Camp Itinerary:**

- \*We will leave the Church early on the morning of Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**
- \*We will stay overnight on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Raft on the Nantahala River on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.**
- \*M28 Camp in Lake Junaluska, NC will begin on Tuesday evening, July 7, and continue through Friday, July 10. We will return home on July 10.**

### **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.

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

Children's Bible Study has concluded for the time being. We will meet for a few activities during the summer months, so be on the lookout!

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Volunteers are needed for Youth Sunday School for the month of July.

Contact Tera Smith

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### **SUNDAY NURSERY**

Volunteers are in place for our Sunday Nursery for the month of June. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday in July, please contact Allison Hughes at 662-571-4964.

# RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God



**THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE!!!**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

- 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, JUNE 15**

- 6:00 P.M. Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

- 6:00 p.m. No Choir

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



**Birthdays**

- 6/16 Susanna Rickman
- 6/20 Melinda Richards

**Anniversaries**

- 6/15 Mr. & Mrs. Brent Chaney
- 6/16 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Patterson
- Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Burton
- Mr. & Mrs. Shane Manor
- 6/21 Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Hatfield

***JoAnne Collins***

Janelle & Will Hederman

**VOLUNTEERS**

**SUNDAY, June 14, 2026**

- Greeters** Archie & Angie Edgar/Millie Phillips
- Scripture** Genesis 2
- Sermon** "The Nature of Love"
- Flowers** Donna & Chip Heidel

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***Appreciation***

***We want to thank Rosemary, Tera, and Linda, who have all done so much for our church. They are models of grace and service. May God continue to richly bless you. Thank you.***