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# Messenger

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## *What does stewardship mean to you?*

The word, stewardship, simply means to manage someone else's property. For the Christian, as Scripture proclaims everything belongs to God, we manage the property of our Lord. Since everything belongs to Christ, we need to have the attitude and view that our things are His things, our stuff is His stuff, that all we could have now, all we have lost, all we will have, is His, including our very bodies and spiritual gifts. We are mere lessees of the property, money, relationships, talents, time, and even our lives. That means all that we are and all that we have is not ours to begin with. They belong to God. Therefore, the duty of the Christian is to learn how to become responsible stewards of our Lord's resources entrusted into our care. It means to manage everything to the best of our abilities for His glory.

First Corinthians 4:1-2 says, "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." Next week everyone will have the opportunity to come, worship Christ, and return your Intention of Giving form and your Time and Talent Survey. I hope that you have been prayerfully considering what it means to be a steward of God's possessions. Thank you for your service to First Methodist Church of Yazoo City and to God.

Rich Knox  
Stewardship Chairperson



**ATTENTION**

**Sunday, October 30**

**10:00 a.m. ONE Combined Service**

**11:00 a.m. Church-wide meeting**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

6:00 p.m. Disaffiliation information meeting with David Stotts and Dr. Stephen Cook

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir

5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday Children's Bible study

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Snack Supper

6:00 p.m. Youth

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



**Operation Christmas Child**

Weeks after the children receive their Disciple Booklets, the local churches follow up with their Discipleship program. The children are taught 10 lessons on how they can receive forgiveness, eternal life and become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Since 2010 more than 16,609,981 million children have participated in the Bible Programs. At the end of the program the children are given a Bible in their own language. 11,257,343 million of these children made a decision for Christ. If you haven't picked up your shoe box, please do so this week.



- 24. De Paul
- 26. Louis Thompson, Rita Sanders
- 27. Butch Gary
- 28. Clay Adcock

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- 25. Mr. & Mrs. Slater Phillips,  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Oakes
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. John Cobb

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**



We encourage you to take time to let Bro. Lauren know how much you love and appreciate all he does. Some suggestions include:

- 1. Write a simple note of thanks for his work and his ministry.
- 2. Pray for him.
- 3. Send him an email with encouragement.

# Children's Page

Throughout the month of October, we will be in the series, *God Delivers Us*. This Sunday will be our last lesson "Strange and Brave." In this lesson, we journey with the Israelites as they arrive near the promise land of Canaan. God's plan was to allow the Israelites to conquer this new land. However, the spies lost their faith and began complaining which led them on a 40 year tour of the wilderness.

## HISKIDZ W.O.W. Wednesday

W.O.W. Wednesday is our mid-week Bible Study for K - 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Along with Bible Study, we will have snack supper at 6:00 p.m. We will

have many fun games and activities planned for this year. Invite a friend and get ready for our first fun Bible Study about *BIBLE HEROES*. During this study, we will be "unmasking the true hero behind well-known Bible characters." Last week we took a break to do some fun fall activities.

We will continue our activities throughout the remainder of October. In November, we will pick

back up with our Bible Study on Heroes, and our next lesson will be about the Peacemaker.



## PUMPKIN SCAVENGER HUNT

This Sunday, October 23, we will have a fun afternoon having a Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt. Once we each find a pumpkin, we will take time to decorate it, play a few fun games, and enjoy some snacks.

We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and return around 5:30 p.m.



## Sunday School

As we continue to follow the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt, we will begin to encounter and learn about new leaders along the way. In the next few weeks, we will learn about Joshua, Jephthah, and Gideon. These men carried on what Moses began. We must trust God and His plan for our lives. We may often find ourselves in tough situations, but we must have the courage to trust God and let Him lead us. It is important that we seek Him and His plans for our lives.

## Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Currently our Bible Study for Sunday nights is a series on the book of James. This week we move to lesson 8 in the series, *Money and Misery*. Money can be a great tool in a wise hand, but it can also be a cause for misery.



\*Exploratory meeting about disaffiliation with David Stotts, will be Tuesday, October 25, at 6 pm.

\*2023 budget proposals due by October 31, 2022.

## **Sunday, October 23, 2022**

Greeters	Mark & Christy Cader/Patsy Clark
Scripture	Mark 4:35-41
Sermon	<b>“Peace in the Midst of the Storm”</b>
Flowers	Clark Duncan

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **OCTOBER**

<b>23. 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Matthew 22:34-46</b>
24. Death of Aaron	Numbers 33:38-39
25. Faith without works is dead	James 2:14-26
26. The covenant ratified	Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7
27. Crossing into the promised land	Joshua 3:7-17
28. Thanks for a beautiful land	Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37
29. The apostle's teaching	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13