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The Bible: Inspired & Authoritative

I have an old Bible at home that I cherish deeply. Its pages are dog-eared and well worn. There are key words I underlined at one time, whole verses that I've highlighted. There are notes written in the margin. And the binding is starting to come undone. As a book, it's seen its better days. But still, I cherish it because it reminds me of that stage in my walk with God and God still speaks to me through it today. I suspect many of us have similarly well-worn Bibles at home.

And their power isn't that they're just old books from days gone by, but rather that this is the Word of God to us. That is what we believe about the Bible. As Christians, we believe that the Bible is the Revealed Word of God, that God has spoken to us. God has revealed Who He is and What He wants. He has told us what is good and right and just, how we ought to live, and what is pleasing in His sight. But, even more, He has told us the way to heaven. He has told us the way to everlasting salvation. And if we follow the path He has outlined in these pages, we will have everlasting life with Him.

That is the power of the Bible for us: that it contains everything necessary for salvation. As Paul tells young Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness."

By the Holy Spirit, God inspired individual authors, human as they are, to write down these words. And they did it in their own words and language and style. Each book of the Bible is unique in that sense. And yet, for as unique as they are, for as individual as the authors may be, in the end the Holy Spirit is the ultimate author. The words may belong to Peter or Paul, to Moses or Isaiah, but in the end the ideas are the revealed Truth of God. I use that capital "T" on purpose. It's not small 't' truth; it's big 'T' Truth. It is God's eternal, timeless Truth for us, and if we trust in these words, they will guide us in the Way of Life. This is why we hold the Bible so dear. It's why we cherish it so much. It defines us as the People of God.

Brother Lauren



ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

If you are chairperson of a committee or serve in a capacity that requires financial support from the church budget, it is important that you start preparing to turn in your budget request for 2023. A firm date for submission will come at a later date.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 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. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren’s Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies’ Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 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. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren’s Bible Study

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

Happy Birthday!



- 25. Shawn McCoy
- 26. Shirley Dew
- 27. Bob Coker
- 29. Claiborne Adcock
 - 1. Tommy Woodard, Denson Thomas



Operation Christmas Child

Later this month we will be sending out information about Operation Christmas Child collection!



Our church, along with other churches in our community, are partnering with Martha Coker Green Houses in Yazoo City, “Adopt A House” program.

We have chosen the Luse House as our own project. We have committed to provide something special for this house as often as we wish, at least once a month. We can have parties; play games such as bingo, trivia, puzzle games, etc.; visit; provide music and sing with the residents; and any other activities that you would like.

If you or any group such as Sunday School classes would like to participate by volunteering your time or resources, please contact Rosemary Knox at the church office, at 662-746-7648.



Congratulations to Patsy Clark on the birth of her great-grandson, Jude Clark Jackson, who was born September 15, 2022, to Clark and Mary Darby Jackson.

Children's Page

This Sunday is our last lesson in our September series, *Escaping Egypt*. This series focuses on several different aspects and times of the life of Moses. God had a plan for Moses from the very beginning. Lesson 4, "God's Way to be Saved," is a deeper look at the tenth and final plague that God sent on the Egyptians. In our lesson this week we will talk about the Passover.

W.O.W. Wednesday is our mid-week Bible Study for K - 6th 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**. For the first 5-6 weeks, we will be "unmasking the true hero behind well-known Bible characters." Last week we learned about Joshua - The Fearless Leader. Next Wednesday our lesson will be about - The Praying Mother.



Sunday School

We recently fell behind on some of our lessons, so we are taking time to catch up. Once we have caught back up, we will get back on track with our series about Moses. This series focuses on Moses' faith and leadership and how God uses him to achieve what appears to be impossible. Moses doubted himself and felt he was not capable or even feared being used by God. However, God had a plan from the beginning, and He had specifically chosen Moses. God has a plan for each of us, and it is important that we seek Him and His plans for our lives.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

The youth will continue to meet every Sunday night in the Youth Basement at 6:00 p.m. Currently our Bible Study for Sunday nights is a series on the book of James. This week we move to lesson 5 in the series, **Wisdom**. Knowing it all is one thing; knowing the One who truly does know it all is another.

Wednesday Night Youth Group will meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with snack supper in the Fellowship Hall followed by Bible Study in the Youth Basement. Our topics on Wednesday night will vary but will focus more on everyday life experiences, life application, and testimonies.



*Church Council will meet Monday, September 26,
at 6 p.m.

*Charge Conference will be October 5, 2022 at
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Greeters	Archie & Angie Edgar/Millie Phillips
Scripture	2 Kings 6:8-20
Sermon	“Surrounded by Grace”
Flowers	Patsy Clark

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER

25. 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 21:23-32
26. Moses reunited with family	Exodus 18:1-12
27. Christ is proclaimed	Philippians 1:15-21
28. Jesus' authority to forgive and heal	Matthew 9:2-8
29. The commandments at Sinai	Exodus 20:1-4, 79, 12-20
30. The law rejoices the heart	Psalm 19

OCTOBER

1. Nothing surpasses knowing Christ	Philippians 3:4b-14
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