

# Messenger

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Bring a dish and join us for Supper in  
the Fellowship Hall!

February 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

We will play bingo and have other family  
friendly games.

Family Ministries Committee will supply bread,  
tea, dessert & Bingo prizes.



Ash  
Wednesday  
Service

Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. As part of our observance, we will have an **Ash Wednesday Service at 6 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Come join us as we enter into the season of Lent and look forward to all that Jesus did for us through Good Friday and Easter.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper & Games

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 20. Hubert Hatfield  
Amanda Canard
- 21. Frank Webb  
Parker Adcock
- 22. Brent Chaney, Wendy Perry,  
J. Ketchum, Maizey Ketchum  
Hunter Ledbetter
- 23. Angie Kyle
- 24. Debra Batton

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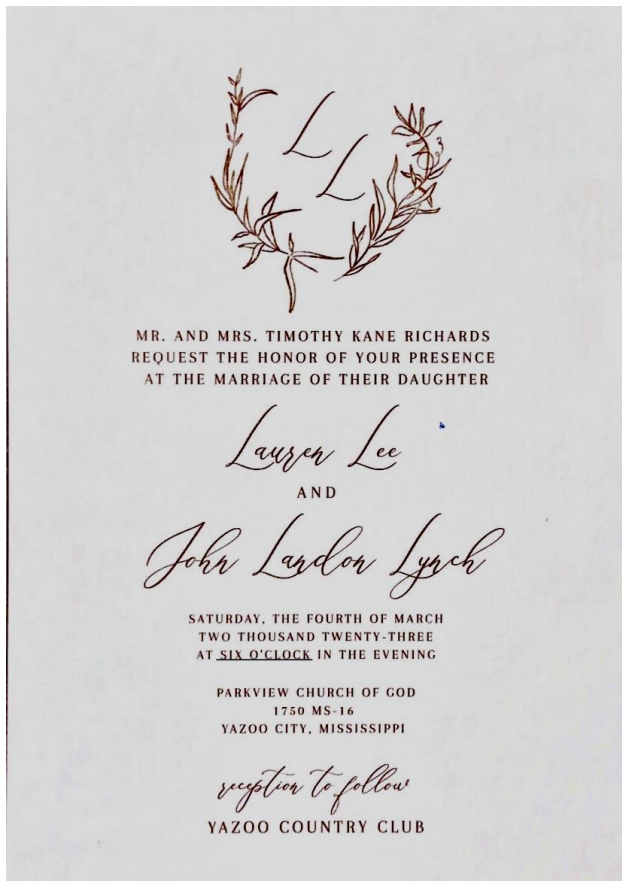
Kairos Ministry

March 23-26th, Julie Paul, Amanda Canard, Maggie Lane, Pamela Cameron and I, along with 28 other women, will be a part of Kairos #45. For 72 hours, our team will be sharing the love of Jesus with 30 incarcerated women. Please consider supporting us all by clicking the link below and signing up for a 30 minute prayer time. This 72 hour prayer vigil is such an important part of this ministry.

Once all slots are filled, we create an actual prayer chain that we bring in to the prison and hang all the way around the room. The ladies are able to see that there are Christians all across the state and around the world who are praying for them, every single minute. It is quite a moving experience and definitely one of the highlights of the weekend. We covet your prayers and are grateful for the support of our church family.

Allison Hughes

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## SUGGESTED DISCIPLINES FOR LENT 2023

1. Instead of watching that television show which probably has no spiritual value, call some lonely, elderly, or sick person.
2. Write a daily or weekly note to encourage different persons during the Lenten season.
3. Look for positive attributes in your “sandpaper” person. Intentionally pray for those persons with whom you have problems or even ones whom you think may dislike you.
4. Surrender negative talk. Let your speech be soft and gentle. Cultivate a life of gratitude.
5. Sacrifice pleasure reading for spiritual reading. Spend more time reading the Bible. Learn to meditate on scriptures.
6. Commit scripture to memory. Memorize a verse or verses each day, week, or other established time frame.
7. Set aside quiet time with God!
8. Purchase only essentials for yourself. Give the money saved to someone in need or to some other Kingdom-of-God cause.
9. Discipline your eating habits. Eat for fuel and not for fun or pleasure. Omit in-between-meal snacks.
10. Do a John Wesley fast one day a week. (This would be water only until 3:00 p.m.)
11. Do a partial fast (liquids only) for a day, two days, three days, or even a week.
12. Add some type of physical activity to your day/week.
13. Schedule fasting from cell phone use and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, or other forms of social media.
14. All fasts should be accompanied by prayer, study, or service.
15. Volunteer your service where you discover needs such as Manna House or Boys & Girls Club.
16. Develop trigger points for prayer. For instance, say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your email. Before you text someone, pray for them.



## Hiskidz and Bible in Life

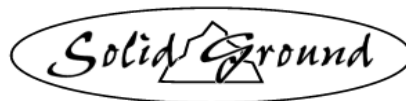
For the month of February, we have been in the series, *What Jesus Said*. This week our lesson will be about putting others first. This lesson comes from a story in the Bible when Jesus was at dinner at the home of a Pharisee. Jesus taught a lesson about arrogance and humility. We will discuss this lesson in more detail on Sunday.

### W.O.W. Wednesday

W.O.W. Wednesday meets this week and begins a new series. Our new study will be The Ten Commandments.

"The Ten Commandments" are the heart of the Old Testament and are the core expression of God's rules for his people.

Christians have always looked to the commandments as simple directions for life and worship as the basis of right living. In this series, children will learn that God's rules show us our need for Christ and how we can express his love in how we live. Our first lesson is *Love Rules*.



### Youth Sunday School

This Sunday in our lesson, "You Against the World," we will discuss the persecution the early Christians had to face. Following Jesus isn't always easy, but the reward is worth it!

### Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group has picked back up with Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. We will continue by wrapping up with a few more testimonies and begin a new Bible Study series.

We will **NOT** meet on Wednesday, February 22, due to the Ash Wednesday Service that will be at 6:00 p.m.

### Spring Break Trip

If your youth is interested in the Spring Break trip planned for March 13-16, please respond to the information that has been sent out.

## **Sunday, February 19, 2023**

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandevere/Frances Pierce
Scripture	Luke 5:12-16
Sermon	<b>“The Healing Touch”</b>
Flowers	The Ragland Family

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **FEBRUARY**

<b>19. Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	<b>Mark 9:2-9</b>
20. Mercy, not sacrifice	Matthew 9:10-13
21. That they should turn	Ezekiel 18:20-23
22. Learn to do good	Isaiah 1:11-17
23. A prophet's mantle passes	II Kings 2:12, (1-14)
24. God summons the earth	Psalms 50:1-6
25. We proclaim Jesus Christ	II Corinthians 4:3-6