



# Messenger

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## How Jesus Says Your Name

It's been said that when someone loves you, they say your name differently. Your name is "safe" coming from their mouth.

Mary Magdalene found this to be true. Walking alone in the dark to Jesus' tomb, she wanted nothing less than for a concerned loved one to interrupt her private grief, crooning her name in pity: "Oh, Mary, there, there." Or worse, someone from her old life who would spit her name like a curse, not knowing that Jesus had cast out her demons. But then Mary saw the tomb open and panicked, ran to get Simon, hurried back to the garden. Angels addressed her — not by name, just "Woman ..." — and then a gardener: "Woman ..."

Except then — "Mary" — this man knew her after all, speaking her name so knowingly, tenderly, lovingly that she recognized him. "Mary." Her name was safe in his mouth, her life safe in his care. He wasn't the gardener. He was her teacher, her friend, her Savior.

Friend, your name also is safe in Jesus' mouth, your life safe in his care, for he loves you deeply.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

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. Solid Ground Youth

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir  
5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry  
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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

9-12 noon Methodist Market



20. Todd Hart  
Jane Glenn

### FOSTER CHILDREN MINISTRY

Thank you for all the help with the Easter baskets! The children enjoyed receiving them and the foster parents were very appreciative.

Presently, we are running low on funds. We have two children who have an opportunity to go to Camp of the Rising Son this summer at a very discounted rate. If you would like to help with this or any of the projects for these children, please make a donation to the church and indicate it is for the "Foster Children's Fund."

Thank you!



*Sympathy and love is extended to Christy, Dillon and Ann Stewart Cader in the death of their husband and father, Mark Stephen Cader, who died April 7, 2023.*

*Sympathy and love is also extended to Kathryn and Will Phillips and family in the death of Kathryn's father, Dr. Brantley Barnard Pace of Monticello, MS.*

*Sympathy and love is also extended to the Louis Thompson family in the death of Leslie Metcalfe, the husband of Laura Stigler Thompson Metcalfe, who died March 23, 2023.*



*David Arnold*

Frank M. Patty, Jr.

*Irma Newell Hart*

Frank M. Patty, Jr.

*Leslie Metcalfe*

Bank of Yazoo

*Barbara Pittman*

Frank M. Patty, Jr.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, April 23, the Confirmation Class of 2023 will be joining the church. They are Kemper King, John Wilson Pender, and Elsie Patterson.



## Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday in Sunday School our lesson will be on the Ascension. In this lesson, the disciples were upset because Jesus would be leaving them. Jesus offered them comfort by promising them that they would not be alone. The Holy Spirit would be with them. Jesus always keeps His promise to us. We must learn to have faith and trust in Him.

### W.O.W. Wednesday

"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. The Ten Commandments are good rules that God gave to Moses for all people to follow, including you and me! These rules help us to have good relationships with God and people. For the last few weeks, we have focused on the Commandments directed on God and our respect towards Him. Last week we talked about **Commandment 5 - Obey Authority**. This upcoming Wednesday, we will be discussing **Commandment 6 - Value Life**. Since Jesus died for us all, we are called to value everyone's life.

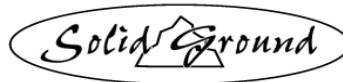


## Confirmation

On Sunday, April 23, we will be welcoming our new Confirmands into the Church family. We completed a weekend retreat for Confirmation classes in March, and we are excited to introduce these children into the Church membership.

## Youth Sunday School

This week we begin with a new series, **Jesus Conquers Death**. In our first lesson "Providing Plenty," we are reminded that Jesus acts on our behalf. All of our needs are provided, and Christ will never leave us or forsake us.



## Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will resume for the next several of weeks for the remainder of the school year. Hard to believe summer is almost here.

### M28 Camp

Final payment for Summer Camp at Lake Junaluska is due by Wednesday, May 10. A reminder text will be sent out to all who have signed up. If you are unable to go, I need to ASAP, so we can offer someone on the waiting list, the opportunity to attend.

## **Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Greeters Dixie & Jim Roberts/Sharon & Phil Nichols  
Scripture Luke 24:13-35  
Sermon “On the Way to Emmaus”

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **APRIL**

<b>16. Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>
17. Trust in the LORD	Proverbs 3:5-8
18. Like an evening sacrifice	Psalm 141:1-3
19. Another advocate	John 14:1-3
20. Faith in His name	Acts 3:12-19
21. The LORD hears	Psalm 4
22. God's children now	I John 3:1-7