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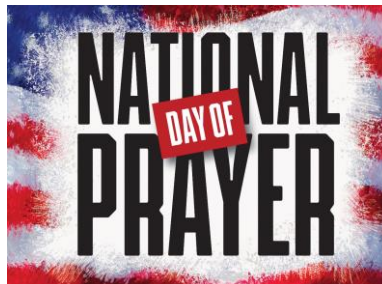
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Our Proper Role

“We’re called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.” This quip may bring a chuckle, but it’s also a good reminder as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord (May 18 this year). Jesus directed his disciples to spread the good news he had taught them: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ...” (Acts 1:8, NRSV).

While professional lawyers and judges certainly have their place in society and can serve God by working for genuine justice for all, we are not called in daily life to judge others’ morality or relationship with God. “Do not judge,” Jesus says, “and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV). And what is one of the most powerful forms of witness to Christ? Forgiveness.



The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4. Please join our community at the Court House at noon to pray for our community, our state, and our nation.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 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

MONDAY, MAY 1

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- 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, MAY 6

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 1. Hunter Kyle
- 6. Sarah Selby Goodman

- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Matt Matrick



Mark Cader

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Peaster



Phil and Sharon Nichols have been distributing food, supplies, needed items and financial contributions from our church to the tornado victims in Rolling Fork and Silver City. There has been some progress, but much more is needed. Please remember to pray for the victims of this terrible storm. At the present time, volunteers are needed at the distribution center at Rolling Fork. Hours are 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 7 days a week, at South Delta High School. Monetary contributions will also be most helpful. If you would like to help, please contact Phil Nichols.



Sunday, May 7, we will be honoring our graduating high school seniors at the 11 a.m. worship service.

**Carter Mayson Ketchum
Brenden Mills Paul**



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week our Sunday School lesson is titled, "Loving Jesus." This lesson is from the series **Jesus Conquers Death**. This lesson is about the story of Jesus having breakfast on the beach with some of his disciples after the Resurrection. In this lesson, we are reminded about the importance of sharing the Gospel and teaching others about Jesus.

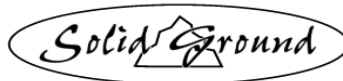
W.O.W. Wednesday

"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 **Commandments 7&8 - Keep Promises & Don't Steal**. Next Wednesday, May 3, will be our final meeting. Our last lesson will be on **Commandments 9&10 - Tell the Truth & Be Content**.



Youth Sunday School

During the month of April, we have been studying the series, **Jesus Conquers Death**. This Sunday our lesson "Making Difficult Choices," is one we need to pay attention to. We need to take heed and remember that when we make choices, they have an effect on others as well.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will soon be coming to a pause for the summer break. We will be meeting for the remaining Wednesdays and Sundays during April and the first week in May. We will have Bi-monthly gatherings throughout the summer months. Hard to believe the school year is nearly over and summer is almost here.

Senior Sunday

We plan on recognizing our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 7, 2023, in the 11:00 a.m. service.

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.



Wesley Biblical seminary is hosting Global Methodist Church Bishop Scott Jones Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, located at 432 Bozeman Rd., Madison, Ms. Bishop Jones will discuss the GMC and its future and answer questions about the GMC transition and what churches can expect.

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon
Flowers

D'Ann Adams/Patsy Clark
I John 1:9-2:6
“The Sin Problem”
Hines Family

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL

30. 4th Sunday of Easter

MAY

1. The song of the vineyard
2. Maintain constant love for one another
3. They shall blossom like the vine
4. Philip baptizes the Ethiopian eunuch
5. The Lord rules over the nations
6. We love because God first loved us

John 10:11-18

- Isaiah 5:1-7
1 Peter 4:7-11
Hosea 14:4-9
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21