

# Messenger

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School for rising 4k - 6<sup>th</sup> grades

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Our theme this year is **STELLAR**.

Our **STELLAR FAITH** will help us shine Jesus' light.

We will hear Bible stories about Jesus' birth, how he accepted Zacchaeus, when he entered Jerusalem as a king, and how Phillip helped an Ethiopian.

Please make every effort to bring your children and their friends as we fellowship and learn together about ways we can shine Jesus' Light!



**SUNDAY, JUNE 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

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**

- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**

- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**

- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**

- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 25. Jay Whitaker
- 27. Allison Wyatt
- 29. John Hagen Ketchum
  - 1. Emily Cresswell
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- 27. Dr. & Mrs. Walter Burnett
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hughes
  - Mr. & Mrs. Bill McNair
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Chip Heidel

**Annual Conference:  
Disaffiliation Vote**

The Mississippi Annual Conference (UMC) meets **June 27-30 in Tupelo**. As part of Annual Conference, the delegates will vote on whether or not to affirm each church's disaffiliation.

The Conference vote will be **Wednesday, June 28, at 9 a.m.** There are 189 churches that will be voted on that morning, including our church. Each church will be voted on individually. And it takes a simple majority approval from Annual Conference to finalize our church's disaffiliation.

So, please pray for the Annual Conference and the Conference disaffiliation vote, that they'll approve our church's disaffiliation as well as the other churches.

Assuming that vote passes, our trustees will meet at the District office on **July 5** to sign the final agreement and make the disaffiliation payment. These are the last two steps of our disaffiliation.



Through the generous donations of our church members, two Yazoo County foster children went to Camp of the Rising Son. This is a Christian camp. The foster mother called and talked about what an impact that week had on the faith of the children. She also said that she had never had a church help her with her foster children. She repeatedly stated how grateful she was and she wanted the church to know.

Please continue to pray for these children and their foster mother, Bettie Priest.  
Allison Hughes

# Bible Life Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week we continue **Rules to Live By**, which is part of our summer series in Sunday school. This Sunday's lesson is "Learn to Be Content." This lesson is a reminder for us to learn to be happy with what we have. It tells the story of a man named Ahab, who became king and ruled for 22 years. He did a lot of bad and evil things in the eyes of the Lord. On Sunday, we will learn more about this greedy king.



## HISKIDZ

**Summer Activities are in the works, so be watching so you can mark them on your calendar.**



**Vacation Bible School  
June 28-29  
8:30-11:30 a.m.**

## Youth Sunday School

This Sunday we will cover our 4<sup>th</sup> lesson in our Sunday School series for the summer. This week our lesson, "Put God Ahead of Things," focuses on Commandments 1 and 10. Many people in our society, whether wealthy or just getting by, define themselves by what they do or don't have. We tend to fall prey/victim to this lie. We must remember that the only way to find true happiness and fulfillment is through God. No matter what our circumstances may be, no matter how difficult and dark some days may be, trust me, God will get us through, if we have Him in the right place in our lives. He should be first and center.

## Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Several outings and gatherings will be happening throughout the Summer. I know we all stay busy during the summer, but let's continue to spend time together as a youth group.



M28 Camp dates at Lake Junaluska are July 6-10. We are so excited at the number of youth who have signed up to attend this Summer. We will be taking 21 teens, and we ask that our church family be in prayer for these students. The theme this year is ***Faith Can Move Mountains.***



*Sympathy and love is extended to Sarah and Ryan Ragland and family in the death of Sarah's step-mother, **Veronica Strickland**, who died June 8, 2023.*

*Sympathy and love is also extended to Mary Lou and Owen Richards and family in the death of Mary Lou's brother, **John McGowan**, who died June 18, 2023.*

## **Sunday, June 25, 2023**

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/Brenda & Jim Oakes
Scripture	1 John 4:7-21
Sermon	<b>“Perfect Love”</b>
Flowers	Mabel & Michael George

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **JUNE**

**25. 4th Sunday after Pentcost**

26. Keep your heart

27. Break every yoke!

28. A day of judgement

29. Mourning lost leaders

30. Hope in the LORD

**Mark 4:35-41**

Proverbs 4:20-23

Isaiah 58:6-8

Malachi 4:1-2

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

### **JULY**

1. A fair balance

2 Corinthians 8:7-15