

# Messenger

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## **Focusing on the Trinity**

Christians are monotheists, meaning we believe in only one God. Yet we talk about the doctrine of the Trinity. In the church year, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. It's a day for focusing on what theologians call the Triune God — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Someone said about the concept of the Trinity, “You will lose your soul if you don't believe it, and you will lose your mind if you try to explain it.”

The bottom line is this: God is One Being revealed in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person is fully God, eternal and almighty. Each one is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. And yet, each one is distinct. The Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Spirit. Yet, the Three are fully One God. It is a holy mystery.

On Trinity Sunday, we praise our Triune God for meeting all our needs.

## **The Finest Hymn**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826), a vicar and hymn-writer in England, was the first person to compile a hymnal based around the church calendar. He composed the beloved hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” specifically for Trinity Sunday, with lyrics based on Revelation 4:8-11.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The joyful song celebrates the eternal, omnipotent Triune God. Throughout the verses, Heber used units of three to symbolize the Trinity (God is “perfect in power, in love and purity”; God is worshiped by saints, cherubim and seraphim; and he's praised “in earth and sky and sea”).

Heber, who witnessed much idol worship while serving as Bishop of Calcutta, often reaffirmed God's holiness in his hymns.

British poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson so admired the uplifting language in “Holy, Holy, Holy” that he proclaimed it the finest hymn ever written.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

- 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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



4. Kemper King

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9. Mr. & Mrs. Josh Allen

*Sympathy and love is extended to Angela and Jimmy Hudson and Paige and Clay Adcock and families in the death of Angela and Clay's father, Benford Franklin Adcock, who died May 26, 2023.*

**Luse House News!**



Thank you to Mary Lou! As most of you know, our church adopted the Luse House at Martha Coker Green Houses. Mary Lou took the flowers that we had in the sanctuary on Sunday and made 10 small arrangements to give each elder. They were so appreciative and wanted to thank her!

**Kairos Update**

Kairos #45 will begin on June 22nd. Amanda Canard, Julie Paul and I will be serving.

If you would like to donate cookies, there will be a collection box in the Fellowship Hall. The prison allows us to serve packaged cookies and the "bakery style" cookies that are usually found in the deli section of most grocery stores.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, make your check out to "Kairos of Mississippi" and turn it in to me or the church office.

Finally, the closing for Kairos will be Sunday, June 25th at 2:00 at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. This is a wonderful experience and allows guests to see firsthand, how the Lord is working in the prison. If you would like to attend, contact me as well.

Thank you!

Allison Hughes  
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Congratulations to Rodney Henderson who was named "Volunteer of the Year" for his work with the Federal Correctional Complex in Yazoo City. He has ministered to incarcerated men at the prison for 24 years!

# Bible Life Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week we begin our summer series in Sunday School. **Rules to Live By** is the name of the series for the month of June. This Sunday's lesson, "Put God First," helps us to remember the importance of making sure God is the most important person or thing in our lives. This lesson kicks off lessons focused on the Ten Commandments.

## W.O.W. Wednesday

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



**\*\*If there is anyone who would be interested in helping teach a children's Bible study on Sunday or Wednesday nights, please contact Tera Smith. I would love to offer other nights for a children's Bible study, but I will need extra help.**



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates will be Monday, June 26- Thursday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Our theme this year is **STELLAR**.

VBS cannot happen without volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Tera Smith or the church office. We will reach out to those who would like to help. Bible School is such a fun and important part of being a child. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS.

## Youth Sunday School

This Sunday officially begins our Sunday School series for the summer. This week our lesson, "God Still Rules," is the first lesson in our series for the month of June. This Sunday we will be discussing the unique covenant between God and Moses. To this day, God remains faithful to His covenant by guiding with love and compassion, but He also stands firm in His attitude towards evil. The world we live in today is no longer hiding evil, in fact, it is on full display and celebrated. We, as Christians, must stand firm in our faith and our walk.



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**.

# Day Care News

## Preschool Graduation Celebration

Austin Barnett, Charlie Grace Eldridge, Deliah Golden, and Kaine Keith are pictured below. Thank you Mrs. Laura Stokes and all who made this celebration so special!



**Sunday, June 4, 2023**

Greeters  
Scripture  
Sermon  
Flowers

Donna Heidel/David Parker  
1 John 2:18-29  
**“Beware the Antichrist”**  
Donna and Chip Heidel

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### JUNE

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>4. Trinity Sunday</b>          | <b>John 3:16-17; John 14:16-20</b> |
| 5. In days to come                | Micah 4:1-4                        |
| 6. Those who listen               | Proverbs 1:20-3                    |
| 7. The value of wisdom            | Proverbs 2:1-11                    |
| 8. Corrupt...filled with violence | Genesis 6:9-22, 8:14-19            |
| 9. “Be still, and know”           | Psalms 46                          |
| 10. God of the nations also       | Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28(29-31)    |