

Messenger

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Blessing of the Backpacks

This Sunday will be Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks. All incoming first graders will be presented a Bible during the Sunday School hour. The Blessing of the Backpacks will be a time to pray for all students, teachers, coaches and counselors as the new school years begins. This will be at both morning worship services.

August

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- 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
- 4-5:30 p.m. Back to School Swim Party
K-6th grade
- 6-7:30 p.m. Back to School Swim Party
Youth

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

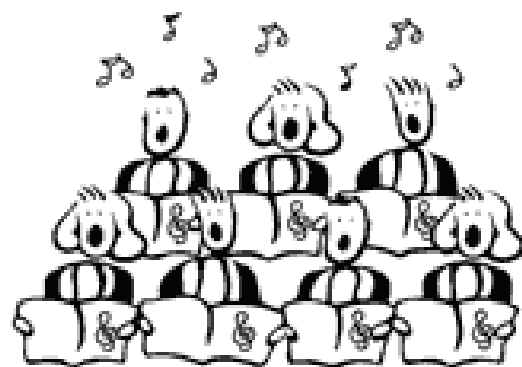
- 6:30 p. m. Prison Ministry

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Join the Choir

We welcome **The Chancel Choir** back after a rest during the month of July. We invite you to join us if you enjoy singing! Choir rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. We **NEED** and **WANT** you to be a part of our program. The only qualification is a true desire to serve God and the church. Our music is an offering to the glory of God.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 13. Edwin McDonald
Helen Hendrix
- 18. Eric Poe
Jon Riley Poe
Parks Poe

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- 13. Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Ragland
- 14. Mr. & Mrs. Eric Poe
- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Van Ray



If you would like to apply for Scholarships for the fall semester, please come by the church office for an application.

Deadline – September 1, 2023.



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday we will cover our second lesson in our series for the month of August, *Living Out Our Faith*. This week the lesson "No Fighting," may be an unfamiliar story from the Old Testament. This story involves Isaac and a situation with the Philistines and a well.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

This Sunday, August 13, we will have our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" to start off a new school year. During this time, we offer up a prayer over all our students and school faculty as they begin another school year. Our rising first graders will also receive their Bibles during the Sunday School hour.

Back to School Swim Party

There will be an end of summer swimming party for *Grades K-6th* from 4:00- 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, at the home of Julie and De Paul. We will meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. Parents will be responsible for picking up your child at 5:30 p.m. Don't forget a towel.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for *Grades K-6th* will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th. This year's Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. This is something a little different but will hopefully be fun. Supper will be at 6:15 p.m. and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m. There will also be one scheduled Sunday afternoon activity (field trip) each month. This schedule will be revealed and begin in September.



Youth Sunday School

Our new series for the month of August is *Living Out Our Faith*. This week we will continue with part 2 of our lesson entitled “S-S-S-Satan’s Subtle Schemes.” We know that one angel set himself against God and he presently schemes against people to challenge God. Paul referred us to the book of Ephesians to help us suit up with armor to fight against our spiritual enemy.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will be kicking off soon. We are planning for our first meeting Sunday to be on August 20th. We will meet for our first Wednesday on August 23rd.

Back to School Swim Party

There will be an end of summer swimming party for *the Youth* from 5:45-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 13 at the home of Julie and De Paul. Don’t forget a towel.

WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Xtreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. We will also have a few activities planned in the Branson area. The cost is \$125, and half of the cost (\$75) will be required as a deposit to hold your spot. Sign-up will begin soon. Payment will be due in full by the first week in October.

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Greeters

Wanda & Tommy Woodard/
Sharon & Phil Nichols

Scripture

Joshua 9:3-21

Sermon

“Promise Keepers”

Flowers

Jamie & Tim Byrd

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST

13. 11th Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:35, 41-51

14. A limit on life

Genesis 3:22-24

15. A lasting legacy

1 John 2:15-17

16. The cost of discipleship

Matthew 19:16-30

17. Praying for understanding

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

18. God’s precepts are trustworthy

Psalm 111

19. Live as wise people

Ephesians 5:15-20