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The Harvest Is the Lord's

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

- 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Harvest time is here. The crops planted in the spring and cared for through the summer are now finally ready for the harvest: First the corn, then the beans, and now at last the cotton. Everywhere we look the harvesters are hard at work. It's an exciting time of year when we get to see the culmination of a whole year's work.

Paul suggests that much the same is true for you and me. We are God's harvest. We are the crop that God has planted and is cultivating in the hopes of reaping a good harvest when the time comes.

Mind you, there are others who have invested in our lives as part of God's work. So, as Paul mentions, there is the one who plants the seed. There is someone in our lives who first shared the gospel with us and introduced us to a personal, living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Then, there are those who took the time to water the ground and even weed out the garden. That is, there are people who took the time to mentor and disciple us. They helped teach us the Bible and the Christian faith and to follow Jesus more faithfully. They invested in helping us grow.

But, in the end, the work is the Lord's. All of it is God's grace through the Holy Spirit in our lives. And we give thanks to God for each of those who have invested in our spiritual lives, who helped us get to this point and who are helping still. Who are some of those people for you? Who planted the seed in your life? Who watered? Who is helping you grow even now? Give thanks to God for all the harvesters He has sent into your field. *Brother Lauren*

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

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
5:30 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR
COLUMBUS DAY**

6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's house

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
6:30 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9-12 noon Methodist Market

OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

8. Carmen Thompson
10. Van Ray
11. John Cobb
14. Mallory Pender



Memorial Gifts

Linda Barrack

William Brabston, III

Miller P. Holmes, Jr.

M/M Billy J. Paulson



It's not too late to pack a shoe box. Our goal is 75 shoe boxes! When you do finish packing in those school supplies, comb/brush, balls hair accessories, coloring books, colors, etc. please do these 4 things: 1. Include your \$10 check for each box. Checks made out to Good Samaritan Fund and marked Operation Christmas Child. 2. Put the boy/girl strip at the end of each box. 3. Place a rubber band around each box. 4. Say a prayer over each box that the child who receives it may be led to Christ.

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Join us in blessing this growing family and new home.
Let us surround and celebrate Matt, Hannah,
and coming soon, baby Elijah Matrick with love.

Saturday, October 14 @ 3:00PM
588 White Oak Drive - Yazoo, MS 39194

Matt & Hannah Matrick are registered with Amazon & Walma
Questions or regrets: Kelli Phillips 601-826-7220



Our new series for the month of October is called ***Taking a Stand for God***. The lessons we will be covering are "Unselfish Friendships", "Don't Get Even," "When Life Gets Tough," "Give God Credit," and "Showing Kindness." These lessons take us on a journey through the relationship of David and Johnathan and the jealousy that grows from Johnathan's father, King Saul.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. There are so many amazing stories throughout the Book of Genesis. During the months of August and September, we talked about the Creation Story, The Fall of Man, The Great Flood, and The Tower of Babel. For the next several Wednesday nights, we will be talking about the story of Abraham. We have some fun crafting activities planned for these lessons. Supper will be at 6:15, and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be one scheduled Sunday afternoon activity (field trip) each month.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group have been talking about the importance of living a Christ-like life. We all have a story that God is writing for each of us. Sunday nights we have been having a great group of youth who continue to show up ready to study God's word. We have made a slight time change for Sunday's and will be gathering at 5:30 for this semester. Wednesday Nights we will have supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 6:40 p.m.

WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** 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. Payment of \$125 per participant will be due in full by the last week in October.

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Greeters

D'Ann Adams/Owen Richards

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

Sermon

“The Tower of Babel”

Flowers

Emily & Nathan Burton

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER

8. 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Mark 10:2-16
9. The LORD's everlasting love	Psalms 103:15-18
10. Evil lies close	Romans 7:9-21
11. Jesus came as light	John 12:44-50
12. Wanting to be heard	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
13. When God is silent	Psalms 22:1-15
14. Approach with boldness	Hebrews 4:12-16