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Who, me? Yes, you!

The Bible is filled with people who don't feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading his people. But God always knows what he's doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: "When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the 'I don't care' blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (See Esther 4:14.)

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. "God always has his person," he writes, also citing the book of Esther. "When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and he invites you and me to partner with him in his work."

Lucado continues: "[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When his people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has his person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story he has you."



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- 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. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 5:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's home

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9-12 noon Methodist Market



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

29. Kathy Phillips

1. Drake Smith

Amy Ray

3. Bonnie Holmes

Katherine Phillips



Mary Stigler Thompson

- Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Jones
- Susan and Kirk Graves
- Pam & Dickie Collins
- Sam Ray, Jr. & Sam Ray III
- Donna & Jack Bridges



Register Today!

WHEN

Feb. 2, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. – Feb. 3, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m.

WHAT

Register here:

<https://indianolafirst.church/riseup>

Schedule:

Day 1 – Feb. 2, Friday Evening

*Begins 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Location: St. John's Methodist Church, Greenwood, MS

*Larry's Fish House Truck will be on site for purchase.

Day 2 – Feb. 3 – Saturday Morning

*Time: 8:30 -10:30 a.m.

Location: Bailey Hall @ Indianola First Methodist Church, Indianola, MS

* Breakfast provided



We will begin a new series in this brand New Year. These lessons are from the series "READY TO SERVE". Jesus was the greatest example of a servant, and we must remember that as followers of Christ, we are also called to serve.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th resumed in January and begins at 5:30 p.m. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. The children have enjoyed learning about so many of God's faithful followers in the Book of Genesis while creating crafts and activities.

Children's Outing

I am still working on a fun Sunday outing for our Children for the month of January. Unfortunately, the weather has been a problem. However, once I get everything worked out and in place, I will send out more information.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will continue with where we left off during Christmas break. We ended the year watching *The Blind* movie. This movie is about the life of Phil Robertson of the **Duck Commander** and *Duck Dynasty* Family Empire. We will begin the Study that follows along with the movie, as well as the *I am Second* series in which several of the Robertson family members shared their testimonies.

M28 CAMP

Sign up for M28 Camp at Lake Junaluska has begun. The youth are asked to sign up ASAP due to limited availability. Sign-up includes a \$50 deposit to secure their spot. Camp dates are Friday, July 5- Tuesday, July 9. The total cost is \$350.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Greeters
Scripture
Sermon
Flowers

Donna Heidel, David Parker
Matthew 8:14-17
“The Healing Touch”
Pam & Hubert Hatfield

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY

28. 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

29. The road to life

30. Let your light shine

31. Faithfulness for a foundation

Luke 4:21-30

Matthew 7:13-14

Matthew 5:1-16

Luke 6:46-49

FEBRUARY

1. “Whom shall I send?”

2. With my whole heart

3. Of first importance

Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13)

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11