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# Messenger

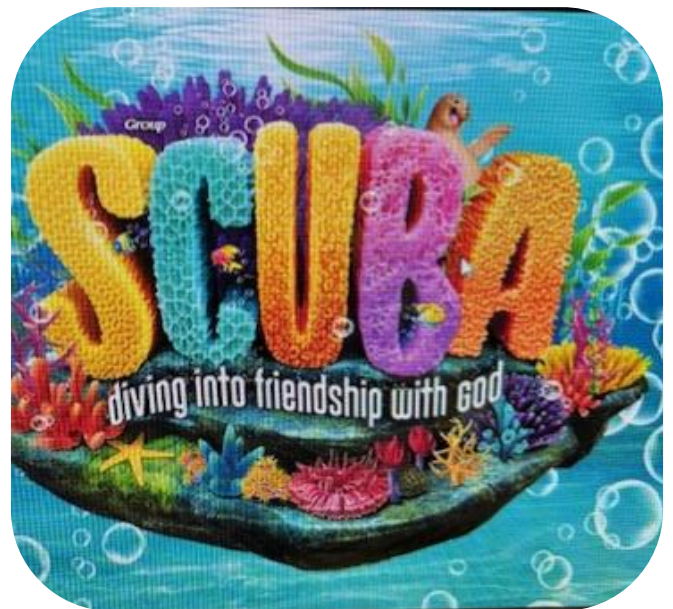
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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 24 – 27      8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

We encourage you to be a part of this special experience and bring your friends.



Scuba divers all follow one unwavering rule: Dive with a buddy. That means never jumping into the water alone. It means discovering the deep blue alongside a friend.

Together, we're going to explore unfathomable faith!

Scuba VBS is going to be full of Bible adventures, games, music, snacks, hugs, high-fives, and sciency-fun "wows." But we're doing more than simply entertaining kids. We have a powerful purpose at the heart of every single activity:

*Helping kids dive deeper into a friendship with God.*

# June

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 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 24

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

- 23. Jason Patterson
- 25. Jay Whitaker
- 27. Allison Wyatt
- 29. John Hagen Ketchum
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- 23. Mr. & Mrs. Edwin McDonald
- Mr. & Mrs. Louis Thompson
- 27. Dr. & Mrs. Walter Burnett
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hughes
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill McNair
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Chip Heidel



*Congratulations to Ryan and Randi Gary on the birth of their son Wells Davis Gary, who was born June 13, 2024. Proud grandparents are Butch and Neetsie Gary and Great Grandfather, Davis Gary.*



*Curtis William Kyle, Jr.*

- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Oakes
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Davis
- Mr. & Mrs. Camp King

## ATTENTION!

On **June 30**, and **July 7, 2024**, we will have **Joint Worship Services** at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.



Sunday, **July 7**, we will have our Patriotic Program at **10 a.m.** We urge all of our service men and women and veterans to be present so that we might recognize them for their service to our country. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and musicians.





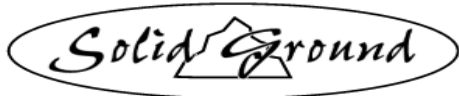
We have started a new series for the summer. Our June series is called *Our Heavenly Father*. Throughout this month, we will be thumbing through several Old Testament books of the Bible: Genesis, 1 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, Ezra, Daniel. In this week's lesson, "God Can Help," we will talk about the story of King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel, and the writing on the wall.

### HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 27 - Pizza and Patriotic Swim Day - after VBS

More information regarding times will be in the messenger next week and sent by text.

### Hiskidz had a fun day on Tuesday at the Hattiesburg Zoo and Serengeti Springs!!!



### Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Youth Bible study has concluded, but the Youth and I talked in Sunday School, and they would like to have Sunday Lake and Pool days once or twice a month throughout the summer. If you would be willing to host our youth, please contact Tera Smith.

### M28 CAMP

Camp dates are Friday, July 5- Tuesday, July 9. The total cost is \$350.

Please make sure you are paying towards your balance. Final payment must be made by June 23.



# Annual Conference Report

The Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference held a Special Called Session of Annual Conference at Madison Methodist Church on June 12-13. Though we had just met this past January, we needed to meet to vote on a few items and ordain some new pastors.

We began on Wednesday, June 12, with workshops that covered a variety of topics like Family Discipleship, Church Planting, Prayer, Global Missions, and Biblical Holiness. Most sessions were standing room only.



Wednesday night we held an ordination service where Bishop Scott Jones ordained 8 new pastors: 2 Deacons and 6 Elders. One of the new Deacons was Lee Ann Williamson who is currently pastoring a church plant in Bay St. Louis. You may remember Lee Ann from when she came to share with us about the Global Methodist Church one Sunday.



Thursday morning Bishop Jones shared a wonderful message on Evangelism and Discipleship. And then, later that morning, we held our business session, which lasted less than an hour.

As part of the business session, we approved our proposed Conference Budget for 2025. Total budget for 2025 will be \$735,897. A full breakdown of projected expenses is available on the Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference website: <https://ms-wtngmc.org/annual-conference> The chair of our conference Finance Committee is our own Rich Knox.

We also elected our delegates for the upcoming Convening General Conference. There are 7 lay and 7 clergy delegates, with 2 alternates each. So, we will be sending 16 representatives to Costa Rica this September.

Rich Knox was elected to serve as a lay delegate, and Brother Lauren was elected as a clergy delegate. Both will travel to San Jose, Costa Rica for the General Conference held September 20-26.

Finally, we approved a new mission partnership with the two new Provisional Conferences in the Philippines, in addition to our current partnership with Angola.

## **Sunday, June 23, 2024**

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandevere/ Brenda & Jim Oakes
Scripture	Acts 5:27-42
Sermon	<b>“If God Be with Us”</b>
Flowers	Mabel & Michael George

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **JUNE**

23. 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Luke 8:26-39
24. Grounded is God’s Power	1 Corinthians 2:1-5
25. A new prophet	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
26. Centered on God	Psalm 16
27. Inheriting the mantle	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
28. God’s mighty wonders	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
29. An important commandment	Galatians 5:1, 13-25