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# Messenger

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## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We encourage you to take time to let Bro. Lauren know how much you love and appreciate all he does. Some suggestions include:

1. Write a simple note of thanks for his work and his ministry.
2. Pray for him.
3. Send him an email with encouragement.



- Nov. 3 – All Saints Sunday**  
**Daylight Savings Time ends**
- Nov. 10 – Charge Conference and Rally at Indianola**  
**First Methodist Church at 3 p.m.**
- Nov. 17 - Consecration Sunday**  
**Joint Service at 10 a.m. with Pot Luck lunch**  
**Christmas Shoeboxes turned in**
- Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day**
- Dec. 15 – White Christmas Music and Candlelight**  
**Service – 6:00 p.m.**
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Communion 5-6:30 p.m.**

# South Delta District Rally

Lauren Porter, Presiding Elder

**November 10, 2024**

3:00 pm-5:00pm

**Indianola First Methodist Church**

205 East Second Street, Indianola, MS

*Everyone is Invited!*

MUSIC BY  
DARIN & MACON DAVIS

MESSAGE BY  
REVEREND JD WALT

### Breakout Sessions



Certified Lay  
Ministries  
*Led by  
Sonny Daniels*



Small Group  
Discipleship  
*Led by Reverend  
JD Walt*



Utilizing Technology in Small  
Membership Churches  
*Led by  
Kyle Wilson*



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## Charge Conference

Charge Conference is going to look a little different this year! While we will have a brief business session to approve the necessary items for Charge Conference, most of our time will be spent in worship and learning opportunities.

Indianola First Methodist Church is hosting our *District Rally* (Charge Conference), and the Indianola worship team will lead us in song. **J.D. Walt**, who publishes the Seedbed devotional each day, will deliver the message. Afterward, we will have three different Breakout Sessions, where we can learn more about Small Group Discipleship, Certified Lay Ministry, or Technology in the Small Membership Church.

Please make plans to attend this exciting district gathering on **Sunday, November 10, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.** at Indianola First Methodist. It should be a great time together!

# October

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 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. Hiskidz Fall Adventure
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Practice
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 29. Caitlin Crim McClellan
- 30. Mary Lou Richards

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- 29. Mr. & Mrs. John Cobb



*Clara Bufkin*

Lisa & David Martin

*Mary Daugherty*

Mr. & Mrs. Camp King

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Oakes



To my First Methodist Church family,

On behalf of my family, I want to thank all of you for the cards, calls, texts, and especially your prayers during my mother's illness. Special thanks to those who assisted and attended her funeral service. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean more to my family than you will ever know.

You are loved,  
Rosemary Knox



It's not too late to pack a shoebox. 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.



This Sunday we will finish the last lesson in our October series, *The God Who Corrects Us*. These lessons began with The Fall of man and move through the early Bible stories of Adam, Eve, Noah, and the introduction of Abraham. This week we will be introduced to a man who we know as *the father of many nations*. Our lesson "Following God's Direction" takes us hundreds of years after the flood and the days of Noah. We are introduced to a descendant of Shem, one of Noah's sons. This man is Abram, or as we know him, Abraham.

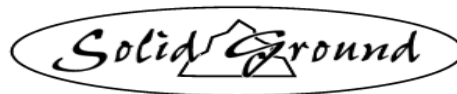
## HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY



Our Children's Wednesday Night Bible study has our children learning about the stories and people in the Old Testament. For the next several weeks, we will be in the Book of Judges, learning the stories of Deborah, Gideon, Samson, and Samuel. This Bible Study has us moving through the Books of the Bible, one story at a time. We meet at 5:30 p.m. with Snack Supper at 6:15 p.m. We will dismiss at 6:30 p.m.

## HisKidz Hayride and Scavenger Hunt

This Sunday we will have a fun day planned for a Scavenger hunt and hayride. We will meet at the church at 4:00 and go to Owen and Mary Lou Richards place. Snacks will be served and we will return to the church by 5:45p.m.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Bible Study for the Youth meets at 6:00 in the basement. We are moving through a study call "Confirming Your Faith." This study encourages us to talk about things in our everyday lives that can help strengthen our Faith or hinder it. We took a break at the mid-way point in this study to watch the movie, "Run the Race." This movie is the story of 2 brothers who have been dealt an unfair hand in life. One brother has a very deep-rooted faith while the other one struggles with the question "WHY?" Why would God allow these things to happen to us? Why do other people get the breaks? Why should I continue to follow Him? For the next several weeks, we will be moving through the Bible Study that compliments this movie.

## M28 Camp – Tentative Date -July 8-12, 2025

Camp registration has open. Sign-up will require a non-refundable deposit of \$120 to hold your place. Spots will only be held if the full deposit has been paid. Deposit may be split into 2 payments of \$60, but half must be paid upfront.



## Foster Children's Ministry

Christmas is quickly approaching! We had quite a few "back to school" needs and have very little left in the account. Please consider making a donation to the "Foster Children's Fund." Help the foster children in Yazoo county know this Christmas, that they are loved and have not been forgotten.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

Greeters	Sandra Martin/Sharon & Phil Nichols
Scripture	I Peter 1:13-21
Sermon	<b>“Sanctifying Grace”</b>
Flowers	Clark Duncan

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### OCTOBER

27. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	I Peter 1:13-21
28. Daniel had a dream	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
29. Sing a new song	Psalms 149
30. United in Christ	Ephesians 1:11-23
31. Written upon the heart	Luke 18:9-14

### NOVEMBER

1. <i>All Saints Day</i>	<i>Luke 6:20-31</i>
2. God's truth will prevail	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
3. Jesus, glorified in you	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12