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A Prayer for Presidents Day



“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” *Psalm 33:12*

Our nation has been blessed through the years with some incredible leaders. One can't help but think of presidents like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and so many others.

We each have our personal favorites. So, for instance, I'm personally fond of Ronald Reagan. For all his flaws, there is so much I admire about him. I am sure you can think of those you admire and remember fondly as well.

But, the Bible reminds us that, whether we personally like them or not, we should pray for each of our leaders. For, God has placed a weight on their shoulders. They bear an incredible responsibility. And as goes the leader, so goes the nation.

So, we should pray for our president and all our other leaders every day. We pray that God will give them wisdom and discernment to make the best decisions possible each day. We pray that God will give them character and integrity to do what is right, not just what is easy or popular.

But, even more, we pray that they would follow the Lord, and that they would lead us as a nation to follow the Lord. For, blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

February

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Church office closed for Presidents Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 16. Allison Coulton
Brenda Oakes
- 20. Hubert Hatfield
Amanda Canard
- 21. Frank Webb
- 22. Brent Chaney
J. Ketchum
Maizey Ketchum
Wendy Perry
Hunter Ledbetter



A gift has been given in Honor of Rodney Henderson by his daughter and husband, Lynn and John Oldshue.



Delta Men's Retreat

Indianola First Methodist and St. John's Methodist in Greenwood have joined together to host an area-wide Men's Retreat.

Jorge Acevedo will be the featured speaker. Jorge is the lead pastor at Grace Church, a large church in Cape Corals, Florida, and he has a real heart for evangelism.

If you're interested in going, contact Brother Lauren.



For the month of February we will be in the series, **Jesus: His Miracles**. Each week we will have a lesson about Jesus as He prepared for his ministry.

When I Have Problems - A Centurion takes a risk.

When I Hurt- The Miracle in Nain.

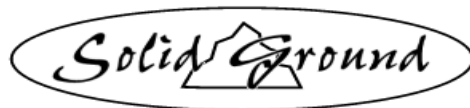
When I Am Afraid - Caught in a Storm! - Jesus sleeps in a storm.

When I Have Needs- An Amazing Lunch - Feeding 5,000

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children's Bible Study meets every Wednesday. Our schedule will be as always. Bible Study at 5:30 pm, followed by snack supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15.

We will continue to craft through the Bible. We are studying lessons about David as he prepares to take over as King of Israel.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Youth Bible Study is back, and we will be meeting every Sunday and Wednesday evening for a time of fellowship and group time together. Our Youth Bible Study on Sunday Nights will be studying Revelation. Each Wednesday we will cover Life Application Lessons.

M28 Camp –Date June 29 - July 2, 2025

We have registered for camp and more information will be sent by text in the weeks to come. Payment installment dates will be sent out soon.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Greeters	Diane Vaughan/Linda & Edwin McDonald
Scripture	Romans 7:14-25
Sermon	“The Battle Between Good and Evil”
Flowers	Mary Lou & Owen Richards

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

16. A forsaken fountain	Jeremiah 2:10-13
17. Behavior born of wisdom	James 3:11-13
18. The water of life	Revelation 21:1-7
19. Testing the Lord	Exodus 17:1-7
20. Come singing with thanksgiving	Psalm 95
21. Peace with God	Romans 5:1-11
22. Only the sinner	Ezekiel 18:1-4