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Gideons International

This Sunday, February 23rd we will welcome Sam LeNarz from Gideons International. Sam will share a brief update on the work of the Gideons as part of our Sunday worship.

Sunday is Rally Day for our local Gideons group, and they will have speakers in numerous churches across Yazoo and Humphreys counties providing updates on Gideons International's work distributing God's Word throughout the world.

Gideons International was established in 1899 by a group of Christian men, and the ministry continues to grow.

Many people think of the Bibles found in hotel rooms when they think of Gideons. That has been an important part of the ministry for over a century, but that is only part of the ministry's work.

Members of Gideons International personally witness and distribute God's Word to police, fire, and medical personnel; prisoners; military personnel; students in the fifth grade and above; and to those with whom they interact daily. Scriptures are also placed by Gideons and Auxiliary in key locations, including hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons and jails.

The Gideons International began distributing the Word of God in 1908. Today, there are more than 269,500 Gideons and Auxiliary – and an untold number of supporters – in some 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe. These dedicated individuals have given their time and money to make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word. They have placed and distributed more than 2 billion Bibles and New Testaments around the world.

Jason Patterson

February

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 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
5:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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, MARCH 1

9-12 noon Methodist Market

*****REMINDER*****

Ash Wednesday service will be
March 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



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.

***** KITCHEN NEWS *****

If anyone uses the church's tablecloths, please wash and dry them and hang them back in the closet!

Thanks!

FEBRUARY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

23. Angie Kyle
24. Debra Batton
26. Kathryn "BeBe" Lafferty
Wanda Simmons



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.

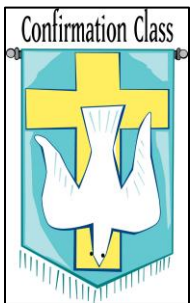
When I Hurt- The Miracle in Nain.

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

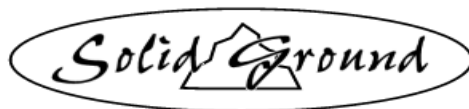
When I Have Needs- An Amazing Lunch - Feeding 5,000

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.



Confirmation Classes will be held on Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, at Mary Lou and Owen Richards' place. You will be contacted if this pertains to your child.



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.

Valentine's at the Martha Coker Luse House

For Valentine's Day, His Kidz children made homemade Valentine's cards for the elders of the Luse House at Martha Coker.





The Methodist Market ladies hosted a game of Bingo with the Luse House elders.



Loaves & Fishes preparing meals for Valentine's Day.





Newborns

***Congratulations** to Julia & Michael Massey on the birth of their son, Charles Thompson Massey, born February 13, 2025. Proud grandparents are Cathy & Louie Thompson and Mary Kay & Chat Phillips.*

***Congratulations** to Stevie & Chat Phillips on the birth of their son, Walter Joseph Phillips born February 16 2025. Proud grandparents are Mary Kay & Chat Phillips.*

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Sharon & Phil Nichols
Scripture	Romans 8:1-11
Sermon	“Life in the Spirit”
Flowers	Deb Ragland family

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FEBRUARY

23. To bring good news	Isaiah 61:1-3
24. A way to understand	Matthew 7:15-20
25. Not as mortals see	1 Samuel 16:1-13
26. I fear no evil	Psalms 23
27. Living in the light	Ephesians 5:8-14
28. Great beyond all understanding	Isaiah 41:21-28

MARCH

1. Signs and wonders	John 2:1-11
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