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CROSS OF ASHES — On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5th, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. As part of our observance, we will have an **Ash Wednesday Service at 6 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Come join us as we enter into the season of Lent and look forward to all that Jesus did for us through Good Friday and Easter.

An Ash Wednesday Prayer

Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We're sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words and our actions—and often through our inactions, too.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us your tender mercy. Restore and strengthen us to become your faithful and faith-filled servants. During our Lenten journey, remind us to show mercy to other people, just as you've shown mercy to us. In Jesus' name, amen.



SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 2. Will Skinner Allen
Lois Russell
- 4. Jimmy Whitaker
Andy Bardwell
- 5. JoAnne Collins
ClairBeth Martien

- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vandevere
- 6. Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Woodard

Congratulations to Reece Singleton and Molly McEntyre. They were married Saturday, February 22, 2025.



To my Church Family,

I wanted each of you to know how much I appreciated the prayer service. Although I was unable to attend, I did get to watch and listen by zoom. In my opinion, there is no greater gift than the sacrifice of prayer. I was truly touched and moved by all who gave of their time to pray.

Although difficult, this journey has shown me how God truly never leaves or forsakes us. And I am reminded of that daily as you continue to pray and support me and Mike and our children.

Please know how truly grateful I am to have such a wonderful church family.

*Love,
Allison*



For the month of March we will begin a new series, *Jesus is Our Friend and Savior*. Each week we will have a lesson about Jesus. However, this Sunday we will be catching up and finishing our last lesson for February.

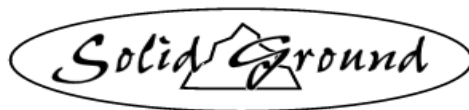
When I Have Needs- An Amazing Lunch - Feeding 5,000

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.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Greeters	Wanda & Tommy Woodard/Donna Heidel
Scripture	Romans 8:28-39
Sermon	“The Relentless Love of God”
Flowers	Marilyn & Walter Burnett

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FEBRUARY

2. Transfiguration Sunday	Mark 9:2-9
3. Return to the LORD	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
4. Fasting that pleases God	Isaiah 58:1-12
5. That all should turn	Ezekiel 33:10-11
6. Blessed, to bless others	Genesis 12:1-4a
7. Help from the LORD	Psalms 121
8. Through faithful righteousness	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17