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1 Thessalonians 5:1-28
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
 1 Timothy 1:1-20
 1 Timothy 2:1-15
 1 Timothy 3:1-16



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
August 15
Todd and Leann Vick,
Lara Collum, Lisa Jenkins



PLEASE NOTE!
 If you would like some help setting up your tv for online worship, please call the church office.



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COMING UP!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 AM

ADULT EXERCISE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, 8:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM Call the office to make reservations!

MENU: Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Salad, Bread, Dessert
 CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs

\$5.00 Adults (6th Grade and up) \$3.00 Children \$20.00 Family Maximum

- Prayer Meeting (6:00-7:00 PM)
- Youth Worship (6:00 -7:00 PM)
- Kidz WOW (6:00-7:00 PM)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00-8:00 PM)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 Sew Day 9-3 in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 Deacon Ordination for Drew Calhoun

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 Senior Adults meet at Long's Fish Camp at 5:30 p.m.

SERVE SUNDAY
 John 13:34-35
AUGUST 29
 (immediately following the morning worship service)

FROM OUR MUSIC WORSHIP LEADER...

For the past few weeks, I've been focusing on the "messy middle" of my life. As you know, baby #2 came in early May and it's been a "messy middle" kind of summer. There's baby stuff in every little corner of our home, lots of bottles, diapers, craft stuff from my monogramming and t-shirt hobby that may or may not have found its home on our kitchen table for three weeks (yikes), Batman and Spiderman superheroes laying around, etc. Go ahead and add in a husband who has been working countless hours with this new wave of Covid-19 that just kind of came out of nowhere and a hospital stay in Jackson for a week for Hensley. It's been a good summer, but we've definitely had some curve balls thrown our way.

As I think back on our summer and the messy middle, I realize that we all live the bulk of our lives in the middle place. Beginnings are exciting. Even endings can be interesting because an ending usually signals completion or the end of a journey or even that you're about to have a new beginning. But it's the middle that usually defines who we are and who we'll become.

Like middle school and middle age, the middle can often be mundane, tedious, and even scary. The middle sometimes brings hard times and we find ourselves anxiously yearning to get to the other side.

The children of Israel are such a clear portrait of the Middle Place. They were slaves in Egypt when God raised up Moses as their leader. Even Moses himself was in a middle place- Hebrew by birth and Egyptian by adoption. God called him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and where did Moses lead them? To the MIDDLE of the desert.

The Bible tells us that God took the Israelites on the longer route on their journey to the Promised Land. God could have taken them straight from Pharaoh to Canaan, but what would the story be? What would the Israelites have learned? Would they have had the opportunity to witness His glory? God wants to give us a story. Something we can look back on and say, "GOD DID THAT!" That story is usually found in the middle places between where we've been and where we're going, in the middle places of where we don't want to be and where His promises are revealed, in the middle places of difficult days and who God is shaping us to be.

I'm learning you can't rush through the middle because some things God can teach us only in the journey. And ultimately our entire lives are a journey. Beginning, middle, end. God sets the pace. It's in the middle that we often experience heartbreak and hard times of life, but it's also those times when we see God for who He really is if we stop and look. When we realize we don't have the answers or the strength or the ability on our own, when our resources are all gone, we look to Him. Best of all, He promises to go before us and meet us right there in the messy middle.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES!!
AUGUST COLLECTIONS—
School Supplies: Pencils, Sharpeners, Erasers, Rulers,
Pencil Bags, Small Notebooks, Crayons, Markers
Collection Boxes are located throughout the church!

ON-TO-COLLEGE 2021
AUBURN UNIVERSITY Rhet Hailey
HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE Casey Neal
MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE Preston Deese,
Shelton Espey, Allyn McCarty, Lauren Walker
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Abigail Averick, Chloe Lang, Sophia Lang, Will McCarty
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
Cade Campbell, Jim Campbell, Josh Collum, Aubrey McCarty
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, MERIDIAN Abby Null
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Libby Davidson, Clint Jackson
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI Tony Padilla
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI Kaitlyn Clayton
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER Julia McCarty

A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:...Shelton Espey.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...the family of Miss Marilyn Sue Frasier.
 ...the family of Benjie McCay.

W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays)
3 & 4 Year Olds-Ashley Holloman, Joy Scott
TeamKID Kindergarten-5th Grade Girls Bible Study
Marsha Bennett, Dana Casey, Nancee Greer,
Rachelle Hopkins, Amy McCarty, Claire Nowell
TeamKID Kindergarten-5th Grade Boys Bible Study
Robert Bowles, Chad Casey, Brandon Davidson,
Chris Kitchens, Rodney Moon, Justin Nowell
MUSIC MINISTRY (Choirs August—December)
Cherub and Angel Choirs (4 year olds)
Marsha Bennett, Cheryl Bowles, Regena Clark, Greer Goldman
Kidz Praise (Kindergarten-1st Grade)
Emmie Franklin, Amy Harley, Ashley Holloman
Kidz Praise (2nd-3rd Grade)
Stacey Davis, Kelsi Harmon, Rodney Moon
Kidz Praise (4th-5th Grade)
Sally Johnson, Lori McMullen, Claire Nowell
BIBLE BUDDIES/BIBLE SKILLS, DRILLS, & THRILLS (Jan.-May)
Bible Buddies (4 Year Olds) Stacey Davis Amy Harley,
Marsha Bennett, Cheryl Bowles
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills (K-5th Grade)
Libby Davidson, Greta Campbell, Christy Turner

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 8, 2021

Budget	14,300.20	CDC Req. to date	746,946.56
Child Development Center	.00	(32@ 23,342.08)	
Designated	3,711.00	CDC Receipts to date	710,132.35
Total	18,011.20	SUNDAY SCHOOL	183
Budget Req. to date (32@ 23,309.06)	745,889.92	MORNING WORSHIP	187
Budget Receipts to date	745,202.78		