

SPOTLIGHT Sardis Methodist Church

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God's Grace Keeps Us Strong and Courageous

Joshua 1:8-9 *8This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*”

This scripture is a delight to my soul. It encourages and strengthens my heart and mind to consider how much God wants to prosper me in my spiritual life. There are three commandments in this scripture that help me achieve that, if I set my mind to follow those commandments. The first commandment is to meditate on the scriptures daily. What does it mean to meditate here? The answer to that is held within verse 8 Meditate on it day and night. We should ponder God's word from the time we rise to the time you lay your head to rest at the end of our day. In other words, don't just read the scripture and move on with the rest of your day, rather consider what God is saying to you through that scripture throughout the day being careful not to confuse what God is saying to you with what you want God to say to you. Be careful not to twist the word of God to fit your life, lest the blessings of God's word will not serve to successfully transform your life and prosper you spiritually.

The next commandment is to be strong and courageous. God understands the challenges of leaving what we have become accustomed to for the transformations that the scriptures inspire us to make in our lives. The healthy transformations in our lives are what reveal God's healing presence in our lives.

The next commandment in this scripture addresses the negative thoughts that serve to deter us from allowing the Holy Spirit to move us toward sanctification or becoming more Christ like and less ruled by the sin in our lives. Do not be terrified or dismayed. Like I said, it can be scary and at

the very least uncomfortable to leave behind what we have become accustomed to in our lives even if it is unhealthy for us and our relationship with God. But God ensures us that if we do meditate on His word the transition to a healthier life both spiritually and physically, He will be with us to confirm, strengthen, and establish us to a position of honor in His kingdom. God promises us that He will be with us to give us the strength and the courage to face the challenges of living a transformed life and help us overcome the fear that serves to both terrify and dismay us to help ensure that we will prosper and achieve success.

Praise the God who promises us that He will be with us wherever we may go. Rev. Stan Lobin

*******Stewardship*******

2024 BUDGET \$197,888.00 MONTHLY FUNDING GOAL \$16,490.67
 JUNE OFFERING \$3,575.10 YEAR TO DATE \$67,186.19

ATTENDANCE	May 19	May 26	June 2
9:00 A. M. Service.....	21.....	21.....	28
Sunday School.....	15.....	15.....	19
11:00 A. M. Service.....	33.....	35.....	35
Vesper Service.....	5.....	8.....	12

FINANCIAL			
Memorials & Honor Gifts. . . .	25.00.....	140.00	
Tithes / Pledges.	2,700.00.....	2,290.00.....	3,238.00
Loose Plate.....	187.00.....	140.00.....	272.00
Sunday School.....	40.00.....		65.10
Hymnal Fund.	120.00		
A/C Heat Fund.....	2,127.00.....	300.00.....	175.00
Contingency Fund.			165.00
Bible Fund.		100.00.....	80.00
Sanctuary Carpet Fund.....		100.00	
Sager-Brown Mission.			50.00
TOTAL.....	\$5,199.00.....	\$3,070.00.....	\$4,045.10

NO SPOTLIGHT NEXT WEEK

Next issue on June 18th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| <p>SUNDAY, JUNE 9
 Bradi Beard Kimzey
 Karl Cox, Jr.
 MONDAY, JUNE 10
 Emma Fletcher
 Jillian Thornton
 Curtis Webb
 John Martin Westmoreland
 TUESDAY, JUNE 11
 Chuck Smith
 Amber White
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
 Audrey Grace Cook
 Rhonda Dixon</p> | <p>SATURDAY, JUNE 15
 Jeff Rich
 SUNDAY, JUNE 16
 Sharon Massey
 Bill Fletcher
 MONDAY, JUNE 17
 Carla Gant
 Sophie Thompson
 Sarah Toliver
 TUESDAY, JUNE 18
 Natalie Rowsey
 THURSDAY, JUNE 20
 Ashley Burnett
 FRIDAY, JUNE 21
 Haylee Westmoreland</p> |
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CHURCH CALENDAR

- SUNDAY, JUNE 9
 9:00 A. M. - Early Service
 9:45 A. M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A. M. - Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon - Fundraiser Lunch - details inside
 6:00 P. M. - Vesper Service
- MONDAY, JUNE 10
 2:00 P. M. - Sardis Methodist Women - details inside
- TUESDAY, JUNE 11
 3:00 P. M. - Pastor's Bible Study - Daniel 11
- THURSDAY, JUNE 13
 12:00 Noon - Sardis Rotary Club
- SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - FATHER'S DAY
 9:00 A. M. - Early Service
 9:45 A. M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A. M. - Morning Worship
 6:00 P. M. - Vesper Service
- TUESDAY, JUNE 18
 3:00 P. M. - Pastor's Bible Study - Daniel 12
- THURSDAY, JUNE 20
 12:00 Noon - Sardis Rotary Club

PRAYER CONCERNS

June 4, 2024

MEMBERS & CONSTITUENTS

Libby Dorr, Sally Kyle Foshee, Brianne Harris, LaVerne Hawks, Elaine Holloway, Wade Hudson, Tammy Lobin, Darlene Patrick, Ron Rainey, Chuck Wallace

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Bailey Ayers, Lenny Baronowski, Cynthia Baine, Ridge Barlow, Kristin Bright Benton, Gary Blair, Dan Brock, Peggy Carlisle, Daniel Cole, Jerry Crocker, Rocky Dafron, Linda Davis, Lee Fletcher, Brenda Green, Jim Harrell, Sharon Henry, Sara Jane Holloway, Steve Jameson, Amy Krahmer, Louise Land, Carol Ann Lightsey, Freida Masaitis, Helen Graeber Overstreet, Caleb Peterson, Jamie Roberson, Catherine Hays Rowsey, Cammie Simmerman, Tony Slaughter

Our Nation- Covid Patients - Healthcare Workers - Storm, Fire & Violence Victims
UPDATES

Lenny Baronowski, who is having memory issues, has been added to our list of prayer concerns.

Daniel Cole flew to Birmingham last Friday for a possible liver transplant. However, the liver that was available was not viable for transplant.

Wade Hudson is having a PET scan on June 12th to determine his treatment plan.

Carol Ann Lightsey's house in Batesville burned to the ground on Saturday. She is OK.

Cammie Simmerman, mother of **Ethan Simmerman**, had open heart surgery on June 3rd. She had 2 by-passes and is doing well.

Chuck Wallace goes for another scan on June 6th.

If you have recovered and want to be removed from this list, please contact **Debbie Fletcher** at 1-662-609-0123

Sunday, June 9th, 2024

Morning Services at 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

SCRIPTURE - *Acts 3:1-16*

SERMON - **When is the Best Time to Be in the Right Place**

FLOWERS -**Darlene Patrick**

OFFERING COUNTERS - **Willa Floyd, Carla Gant**

USHER - **Robert Wilkerson**

If you can't attend the 11:00 A. M. service in the sanctuary, watch on Facebook Live or listen on FM Radio 98.3

VESPER SERVICE

6:00 P. M.

Sunday, June 16th, 2024

Morning Services at 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

FATHER'S DAY

FLOWERS -**Delores Thomas-Boland** in Honor of Her Son **General Nickolaus Boland**

OFFERING COUNTERS - **Delores Boland, Makesha Rainey**

USHER - **Ethan Simmerman**

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6:00 P. M.

PEW BIBLE FUND

Since we have reached our Hymnal Fund goal, we are now starting a fund to replace our Pew Bibles. This will be handled like the Hymnal Fund with Bibles given in Honor or Memory of someone listed in the Spotlight each week. The cost will be \$20 per copy.

MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

GENERAL FUND

Given in honor of **Grace West** on her birthday by
Rosalee Dixon and **Lee Dixon**

HEATING & AC FUND

Given in honor of **Grace West** on her birthday by
Paula Lundgren **Carlton & Rhonda Dixon**

SANCTUARY CARPET FUND

Given in honor of **Grace West** on her birthday by
Will & Martha Hays

PEW BIBLE FUND

Given in memory of **Lela & Floyd Hudson** (5 Bibles)
Given in memory of **Grady & Betty Short** and in honor of
Grace West, Blue & Carol Baker and **Hunter Baker** (4 Bibles)

COMMUNITY NEWS

PANOLA PLAYHOUSE

The Little Mermaid will be on-stage at Panola Playhouse on week-ends from Friday, June 14th, through Sunday, June 30th. For times and reservations go to www.panolaplayhouse.com

WELCOME TO SARDIS

We welcome **Dr. Jana Nix** from the Bruce, MS area who is joining the staff at Woodlawn Animal Hospital.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sardis First Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School for ages 3 yrs. through 12 years on June 24-28 from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M. each day. The title of this year's VBS is **BREAKER ROCK BEACH**, God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands.

FUND RAISER LUNCH

Donations go to Sanctuary Heat & Air Fund
Sponsored by Sardis Methodist Women

Sunday, June 9th

Fellowship Hall

12:00 Noon

Menu: Ham, Potato Salad, Slaw,
Baked Beans, Rolls, Drink & Dessert

Take-Out Plates Available

DISCUSSION OF WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At the Administrative Council meeting on May 19th, it was decided that we would try having one morning worship service during the months of July and August. The worship service will be held at 10:00 A. M. with Sunday school beginning at 9:00 A. M.

In order for the congregation to have a voice in this decision, there will be a discussion concerning the change during the lunch on Sunday.

SARDIS METHODIST WOMEN

Sardis Methodist Women will meet on Monday, June 10th, at 2:00 P. M. in the Fellowship Hall for their last meeting before their summer break. **Cindy Beard & Iris Holloway** will be hostesses. The group has collected items for sacks for the homeless that will be distributed by Matthew 25 Ministries. They will be filling the sacks after the meeting.

Thanks to the SMW for purchasing new vanities for the bathrooms in the sanctuary area. They have been installed and make these areas look much nicer!!!!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study group will be finishing their study of Daniel on June 18th. On Tuesday, June 25th, they are changing their meeting time to 5:30 P. M. and will be showing the 1st episode of the 4th Season of *The Chosen*. This would be a good time for new members to join the group!!!!