

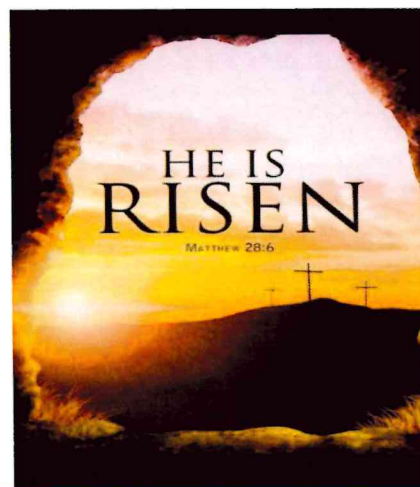


**“The Messenger”**

**March 2024**

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### **The Road of Opposition and Life**

In the middle of March is St. Patrick's Day. Patrick was born in Britain. When he was 16, he was captured, taken to Ireland and sold as a slave. Six years later he escaped and made it home. Not long after that, he dreamed of Irish voices calling him back "“Holy broth of a boy, we beg you, come back and walk once more among us.” Patrick's family and church leaders opposed the idea of him returning to Ireland and the barbaric Druids. They did not think the Druids were worth saving. But Patrick went to preach the gospel. He endured insults, persecution, even attempts on his life. There was always someone questioning why he put himself in danger among enemies who do not know God. Patrick cared more about the mission; more about the calling; more about the pagans of Ireland than he cared about his own comfort and life.

In Luke 9 we read these words of Jesus: “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Jesus knew he was going to Jerusalem to be crucified. But he chose to keep going anyway. He also told his followers: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”<sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.” As a follower of Jesus there will be times when Jesus leads us in places that may be uncomfortable to us; places that may be painful. But look what he did for us: he carried a cross and hung on it, for us. And on the third day he rose. He told his followers: “Whoever loses their life for me will save it.”

If you wear green on the 17<sup>th</sup>; give thanks for a man who boldly loved, and boldly shared the gospel with barbaric, idolatrous people.

At the end of March; give thanks for Jesus denying himself and accepting God's Will above everything else – God's will for our salvation. Then join us in singing the praises of the Risen King.

May God bless you on your journey.

Bart





## Prayer requests

What can we pray for together?

**Pray for those who are shut-in and those in nursing homes:**

Frances Bryson, Marjorie Canup, Janice Newman, Margie Taliaferro

**Pray for those who are sick or in need of prayer for other things:**

Thelma Crawford, Carla Hamm, Larry Smith, Kruz Davenport and his family, Andrea Hipsher, Randy & Mendy Gray, Thomas Sledge, Liz Wyers, Denise Adcock, Ronnie Wicks, Peggy Bowling, Charlene Wages, Cara, Steve & Tia Davis, Tom Watson, Shirley Watson, Katie Bendall, Janice Nix, Vettie Parker (Sister of Bonnie Watford), Eve Espinoza, Anna Lee Hickman, Amy Maxwell, Elizabeth Wright, Sylvia Ingram, Mario Myers, Kenlynn Prosbt, Deborah Bell Pasuer, Wesley Williams, Sherry Woods (best friend of Bill Bedsole's daughter, Heather), Craig Wright (brother of Christy Casiday), Leland Barnett, Jim Murphy, Vic Watford, Jackie Nix, McCoy Eastman (son of Savannah Eastman)

## Membership Class Rescheduled!

**Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 2pm**

Call the church office to sign up. Those of you who attended already, don't forget to take the online Safe Ministry training. After taking the membership class, an email with the link will be sent to you.

Tuesday Morning  
Prayer Group  
Meets at 9:30am  
Howard Jagers  
Classroom

Everyone is welcome.

Bring a friend.



## SHEFFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

LUKE  
9:23

## THE MAN CHURCH

BE A MAN...FOLLOW JESUS

**WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM**

MENS • BIBLE • STUDY

A Collaborative Effort to Disciple  
Men and Change Everything



Ladies Bible Study

**Come as you are!**

Wednesdays

6pm

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## Wednesday Night Meal!

### March Menu

**March 6-Ham, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Carrots, Roll, Dessert**

**March 13-Salad Bar, Dessert**

**March 20-Chicken Spaghetti, Salad Roll, Dessert**

**March 27-Holy Week/Spring Break -No meal.**

\$8 per person or \$22 per family

Join us for a scrumptious meal then hang around for small groups!

Thank you ladies for preparing these yummy meals!



*Thank you SMC  
for your support!!*

**SSAL**  
SHOALS SAV-A-LIFE  
 *Loving Our Girls & Their Babies*

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday March 31st, 2024**

**During the Sunday School hour**



**General Fund for February 2024**

**Offerings— \$22,040.00**

**Expenses—\$26,982.56**







- 3/5 Kris Flanagan
- 3/6 Linda Sledge
- 3/8 Thomson Gasque
- 3/9 Jimmy Askew
- 3/12 Charles Wages
- 3/17 Harper Sledge,  
Ellen Black, Tara Jones
- 3/18 Elaine Beard,  
Will Lindsey
- 3/20 Fred Mason
- 3/21 Blaine Cantrell
- 3/23 Tony Brocato,  
Gene Hamby
- 3/29 Tyler Jones



**SHEFFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**

*Membership Class*

**MAKEUP**

**Sunday, March 10th**  
**TBA**

Snacks provided

**CONTACT SAMANTHA IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND**

**SMC Church Family  
Active in our community!**

**Shoals Sav-A-Life  
volunteer.**

Volunteer Spotlight:  
Cindy Green

**Cindy Green**



**How long have you been at SSAL and what do you do here?**  
with Beth Grisham, the previous director of SSAL on January 29, 2015. So I  
can say I've been volunteering there for 9 years in February of this year.  
I started out doing administrative and support work.

**Blaine & Kathleen Cantrell.**



**Jackson  
Jones- Mr.  
MSHS**



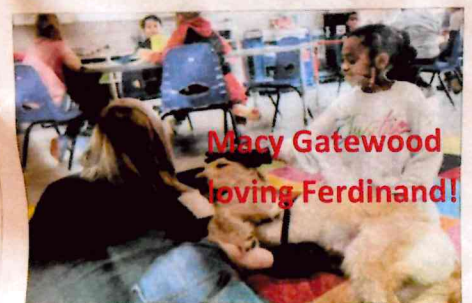
**Mr & Miss MSHS Court—congrats  
Jackson & Kathleen.**



**Mallory Cargile cheering  
for Covenant.**

Covenant  
Christian's  
student  
section  
reacts  
as their  
team is  
introduced  
against  
Calhoun  
on Monday  
during  
their game  
at the Bir-  
mingham  
Jefferson  
Convention  
Complex.  
(DANBUSEY/  
TIMES-  
DAILY)

**Ferdinand brings  
joy to students**



**Macy Gatewood  
loving Ferdinand!**

Students James Lanning, left, and Anashah Gatewood, spend time with Ferdinand, a therapy dog, as he visits their class Wednesday inside W.A. Rouseff Primary School in Shalaka.





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## **Our Weekly Schedule**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**IN THE SANCTUARY**

**10AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Join us for Online Worship.** Please join us at

**Facebook Live** Sunday mornings at 10am.

You may go to our Webpage & click on the link.

**Sunday School — 9AM all ages!**

**Wednesday Evenings**




**Wed Night Meal —5:30pm**

**Youth, Kids, Adult Small Groups-6pm**

**Chancel Choir Practice -7pm**



# 2024 SMC Event Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30am Creekside 9:30am Prayer Group	<b>6</b> 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups-all ages! 7pm Choir practice	 <b>7</b>	<b>1</b> Church office closed	<b>2</b>
<b>10</b> 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service Daylight Savings Time begins! 2pm Membership Class	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30am Creekside 9:30am Prayer Group	<b>13</b> 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups -- All ages! 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 2:30pm Shoals Order of St. Luke	<b>15</b> Church Office closed 6pm Epic Tusc. First Methodist Church	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service St. Patrick's Day 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30am Creekside 9:30am Prayer Group 6pm Shoals Emmaus Cluster- North Wood	<b>20</b> 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups -- All ages! 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 8:30am Creekside 9:30am Prayer Group	<b>27</b> 10:30am Games, Dominoes No meal, No Small Groups! 6pm Holy Week Worship Service 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <i>Easter</i> 9am Egg Hunt or Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service						



# MARCH 2024

# Family Spotlight

Zach Keenum is in K4 at King's Kids (Woodmont Baptist). His sister Addi is 2 years old and brings a quiet joy to our nursery! Zach has a rich family history here at Sheffield Methodist. His great grandmother, Zelda Jackson, has attended Sheffield for decades. His grandparents, Dennis and Diana Hudson, were married at Sheffield Methodist Church and continue to serve here today! Zach's mother, Stephanie Keenum, works at the Muscle Shoals Electric Board. His father, Josh, is an electrician with the IBEW. They have also attended Sheffield Methodist for many years.

Zach adores building and creating with legos. But on a sunny day, you will probably find Zach and Addi playing outside with Papa Dennis and their favorite neighbors, Emmett and June Jocham (also part of the Sheffield Methodist Family!).

We are blessed to have Zach, Addy, Stephanie, Josh, and all the Grands as part of our church family!

