

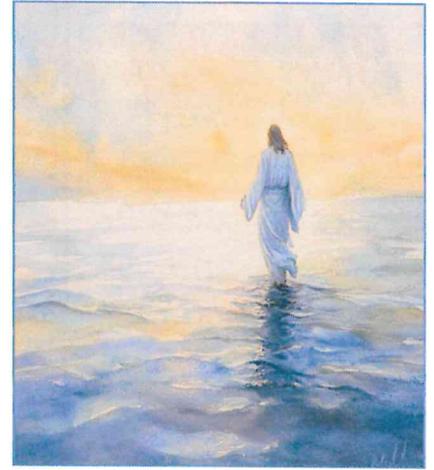


“The Messenger”

March 2026

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Following Jesus

Lately I've been reading and preaching on Jesus' life and ministry. I spent some time with Jesus' baptism; his forty days in the wilderness; then the beginning of his ministry.

As I read and think about Jesus' time around the Sea of Galilee, there's several great events. Matthew 14 highlights a few. Here's just two of them.

A crowd of 5,000 eats more than enough, with just a few pieces of bread and fish.

After they ate; Jesus sent the disciples into their boats to go across the lake. Jesus stayed behind so he could go off to pray, by himself. To get to the other side, the disciples struggled against the wind and waves. And about 4am Jesus went to the water and walked out by the disciples. Peter got out to walk to Jesus. Then Peter and Jesus got into the boat. When they did, the wind died down.

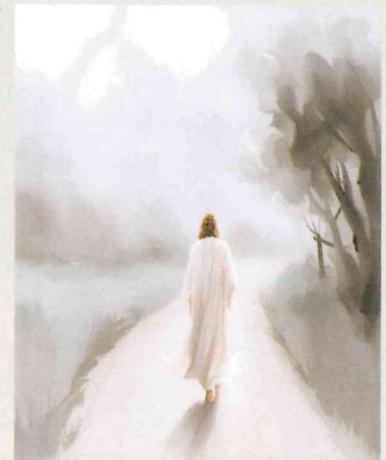
Following Jesus must have been exciting: hearing him preach; seeing the lame get up and walk; watching a blind man see for the first time; seeing demons come out of people; and seeing 1000s have plenty to eat. And there were times with Jesus when it was a STRUGGLE. Jesus put the disciples in an awkward place, telling them to feed the crowd. And when they were on the sea, going against the wind and waves, Jesus could see what they were going through. And he stayed on the hillside till the next morning.

Remember, Jesus was lead by the Holy Spirit to the wilderness where he fasted; and he was tempted by the devil. By the sea, Jesus puts his disciples in some predicaments. I think Jesus was sending them out to struggle, to get a better understanding of who He was, and for their own training.

As we go through this Lent season; some of you are fasting; some of you are reading and praying more; some of you are rearranging your schedule; all for the purpose of humility and walking closer with Jesus. Keep it up. The road, the lake, the night may be tough, but remember Easter will come.

I'll see you on the other side of Calvary.

Bart



Prayer requests

What can we pray for together?

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

Frances Bryson, Margie Taliaferro, Charlene Wages, Eve Espinoza

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

Dee Munger, Suzanne Galloway, Pam Hemphill, Libby Kundert, John & Cindy Adams, Beth Estes Denton, Howard Jagers, Carla Hamm, Kruz Davenport and his family, Randy & Mendy Gray, Thomas Sledge, Liz Wyers, Denise Adcock, Tommy Jones, Ronnie Wicks, Tom & Shirley Watson, Katie Bendall, Janice Nix, Amy Maxwell, Elizabeth Wright, Sylvia Ingram, Mario Myers, Kenlynn Prosbt, Deborah Bell Pasuer, Wesley Williams (Leland Barnett, Jim Murphy, Vic Watford, Jacque Nix, McCoy Eastman (son of Savannah Eastman)

Memorials

General Fund: In memory of Robert & Bettye Redding given by Howard Jagers Sunday School Class.

Small Groups for ALL ages!

Wednesday Nights @ 6pm come join a group that suits your age group! Children's, Youth, Ladies and Men's Groups! Great time for fellowship and worship right after sharing a meal!



General Fund
February 2026
Offerings—\$26,584.37
Expenses—\$20,129.60

Weds Night Meals And Fellowship!

\$8 per person /\$22 per family

Join us for fellowship and hang around for small groups afterwards!

March 4-Sandwich Tray/Chips, Dessert (Lisa Yarbrough & Evanna Zaiss)

March 11-Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert

March 18-Ham, Twice Baked Potatoes, Dessert (Jennifer Dean)

March 25- Spring Break- No Meal!



“Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation.”

—Catherine Doherty



Mission of the Month

March 2026



Northwest District GMC: Rise Against Hunger

Sheffield Methodist is joining other Global Methodist churches in our area for a regional mission project this month. The Northwest District GMC is partnering with **Rise Against Hunger** and packing 20,000 meals to help serve those in our communities experiencing food insecurity. Here's how you can participate:

- Bring your family and volunteer your time to pack meals on Sunday afternoon, **March 22nd, 2:30-4:30pm** at St. James Methodist Church in Florence.
- Contribute funds to the love offering that will be collected during worship service on Sunday, March 1st or donate any amount to the church this month with a designation for the Rise Against Hunger mission project.
- Pray over this project and all those organizing, packing, distributing, and receiving these meals.

Stay tuned to church announcements for any additional details.

- 3/5 Kris Flanagan
- 3/6 Linda Sledge
- 3/8 Thomson Gasque
- 3/9 Jimmy Askew
- 3/12 Charles Wages
- 3/17 Harper Sledge
Tara Jones
- 3/18 Elaine Beard
Will Lindsey
- 3/20 Fred Mason
- 3/23 Gene Hamby
- 3/27 Bill Beard
- 3/29 Tyler Jones

Some of our kiddos were actors in Frozen Jr. at Muscle Shoals Middle School. SMC kids having fun!



Cohen & Addi



Allie & Addi



Izzy & Allie



The Fans!!



“May the grace of the Holy Spirit rejuvenate your faith this Lenten season.”



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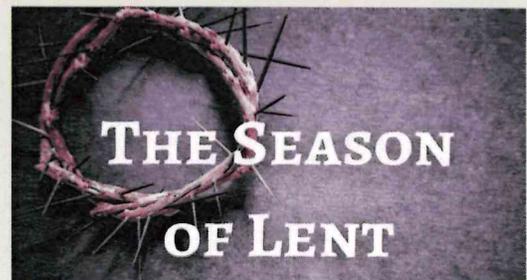
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Manning Bowlin

Our Weekly Schedule



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY**

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for Online Worship. Please join us on
Facebook Live Sunday mornings at 10am.

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

Sunday School — 9AM all ages!

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Night Meal-5:30pm

Youth, Kids, Adult Small Groups-6pm

Chancel Choir Practice -7pm



2026 SMC Event Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time!! 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service	9	10 8:30am Creekside 9:30am Prayer Group	11 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups-all ages 7pm Chancel Choir	12 2:30pm Shoals Order of St. Luke	13 Church Office Closed	14 Move your clocks ahead one hour before bed!
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Tell Your Children the Truth

Fred Rogers said to “find the simplest truthful answers.” Children are not stupid. They know when they are being lied to. Telling your children the truth will build trust that will be needed in their future. Truthful conversations you have with your children as young as 3, 8, and 11 will benefit you both when your children are 16, 18, and older. Sam Luce says, “every time you tell them the truth, you place a board on a bridge of trust that will allow you access to your children in future years.”

What are you telling your children?

**This information comes from the book, *Forming Faith: Discipling the Next Generation in a Post-Christian Culture* by Matt Markins, Mike Handler, and Sam Luce.

More from Frozen Jr. SMC kids performing at Muscle Shoals Middle School. Pictures with their fans!

