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The Comfort of our Middle-C God

During college, while living in a boarding house, author Lloyd Douglas befriended a retiree. The man, a homebound former music teacher, shared a morning ritual with Douglas, who would walk down to the man's floor, open his door and ask, "What's the good news?"

Every day the man responded by tapping a tuning fork against his wheelchair and saying, "That's middle C. It was middle C yesterday. It will be middle C tomorrow. It will be middle C a thousand years from now. The tenor upstairs sings flat, the piano across the hall is out of tune, but, my friend, that is middle C!"

If middle C's pitch value isn't exactly 261.63 Hz, then your piano needs to be tuned. How comforting that dependability is for musicians — and their listeners.

Like middle C, God is steadfast and reliable. In this fast-paced world, praise God for the good news he declares to us: "I the LORD do not change" (Malachi 3:6).

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
5:00 p.m. Planet 456
6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9-12 noon Methodist Market
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

3:00-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Gr. 1-6
3-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9-12 noon Methodist Market

17. Clayton Nagle, Emma Woods
19. Bootsie Dew, Tyler George
20. Hubert Hatfield, Vicky Webb,
Amanda Canard
21. Frank Webb, Parker Adcock
22. Brent Chaney, J. Ketchum,
Maizey Ketchum, Wendy
Perry, Macel Simmons, Hunter
Ledbetter
23. Angie Kyle



REMEMBER to be in prayer for
the Special Called General
Conference February 23-26.

*With
Sympathy*

Sympathy and love is extended to Mrs. Dianne Crews and family in the death of her husband, Dale Edward Crews, who died February 10, 2019.



Solid Ground Youth

As we continue with our lesson in the book of Mark, this week we will be talking about betrayal. No one likes to feel betrayed. It really puts doubts in your mind and makes you careful concerning trust. The lesson this week deals with Peter. Peter is not the disciple that we think of when we think of betrayal. This Sunday we will look into this story a little deeper.

Sunday Night Youth

Solid Ground will pick back up with our regular Bible Study this Sunday night with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by group time. This week in our series, *#struggles*, our lesson is about Compassion, or a lack thereof. Technology and social media interferes with our personal contact and communication with others. Studies show that we show 40% less empathy than people did in the 1980s. Sunday night we will look more into this lesson and how we can work to better ourselves.

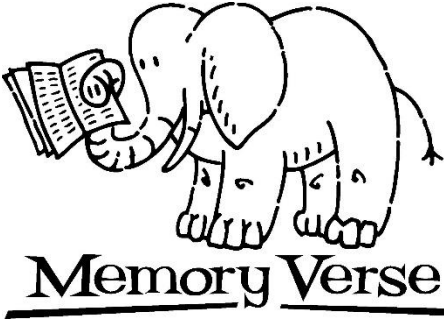
Wednesday Night Small Group

Last week, Wednesday night small group began discussing a new series called *Counter Culture*. In the first lesson of this series we talked about how our culture seems to promote division and in lesson 2 Jesus explains that we must desire a relationship with Him, not just the gifts He offers. Wednesday night, we will finish up these 2 lessons.

Youth Spring Break

The final payment for our Youth Spring Break Trip to the Ark Encounter/Cincinnati is due by March 3. Please contact Tera Smith if you need to know your balance.

Children's Page



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:5



The lesson that we will hear this week is one that we all should take note of. This week's lesson is about a young man named Timothy. He became friends with the apostle Paul, and Paul invited him to travel as a missionary partner with him. Paul told Timothy to not let others look down on him because he was young. God can use anyone to do His work.



Bible study will meet at 5:00p.m. in the Planet 456 room and will conclude at 6:15 p.m. following supper in the Fellowship Hall. Our lesson this week is about God's love. We will begin with a game called "Abounding Love." Following the game, we will begin our lesson. God has a never-ending love for us. He loves us in spite of our wrong doings. God wants us to love each other like He loves. We need to make love our goal.



Marvin Terrell

Barbara Pittman
Robert Brent Smith

Robert Harvey
Stacie Crim

Dale Edward Crews

Charline McGraw

Volunteers serving Sunday, February 17, 2019

Greeters	Helen Hendrix/Owen & Mary Lou Richards
Acolytes	Brody Roberts/Jake Louis Paul
Worship Leader	Rich Knox
Scripture	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Sermon	“The Trouble with Wheat and Weeds”
Security	Nathan Burton/Tim Richards
Flowers	Denny & Brenda Paul
Sunday Night Supper Moms	Sarah Ragland & Julie Paul

Attendance, February 10, 2019

Worship Services	186
Sunday School	115

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

17. Now you are God's	1 Peter 2:2-10
18. A forsaken fountain	Jeremiah 2:10-13
19. Behavior born of wisdom	James 3:11-13
20. The water of life	Revelation 21:1-7
21. Testing the LORD	Exodus 17:1-7
22. Come singing, with thanksgiving	Psalm 95
23. Peace with God	Romans 5:1-11