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Where Am I Headed?

Have you ever been driving down the road automatically—listening to the radio or letting your mind wander—only to discover as you reached a corner, “Oh, no! I’m not supposed to go to work. I’m going to _____” (some other place). Most of us have. We get used to getting in the car and heading toward our usual destination. At some point, we realize we’re not heading where we want to go. Habit has taken over.

For me, Lent is like that corner where I realize I’m not heading in the right direction. My life has been buzzing along, taking its ordinary path. Suddenly it’s Lent. It’s time to stop, think about where I’m heading, and decide if that is where I really want to go. *In the six weeks between now and Easter I have time to take stock, to ask myself: *Where am I headed spiritually? Do I need to allow God to direct my life? Do I Need to listen more? Do I Need to learn more about God’s word? Do I need to be more responsive in my dealings with others? Do I need to serve more?*

Lent reminds us to pay attention. We won’t figure out the answers our questions, but at least we can change direction if we need to. All we have to do is wake up and follow where God is leading us.

Beverly Kinego (Virginia)

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The psalmist wrote, “You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.”

Psalm 16:11

* There are actually 4 more weeks until Easter.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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, MARCH 25

9-12 noon Methodist Market

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

3:00-4:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Gr. 1-6

4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir

5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9-12 noon Methodist Market



26. Debbie Backstrom

37. Lauren Richards



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FOLLOW-UP

Calvary Baptist Church invites you to come to their new sanctuary, located at 1408 Jackson Avenue on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 6 p.m. They will have a special guest who will share a personal experience about the impact of the Christmas

Shoobox ministry. Come and hear Lorena Surducun's story of how a Christmas Shoobox sent to Romania answered her prayers.



Solid Ground Youth

This Sunday we will continue our series on Old Testament Heroes – Women. This week we will talk about Esther-Woman of Courage. Esther’s story is a very intriguing one. She is an orphaned Jewish girl, who finds herself in a very unlikely situation. She is a very courageous young woman and her story teaches us that we should not be afraid to stand up for others and for what is right.

Sunday Night Youth

This Sunday night our lesson is called *INSTAFAME*. Everyone likes to have their moment in the spotlight, their 15 minutes of fame. We can sometimes get caught up in our own “glory.” In Matthew 5:14-16 we are reminded that our ultimate goal as Christians is to bring glory to God, and not ourselves. However, we live in a world that encourages the opposite. Our lesson will help guide us to work toward that goal.

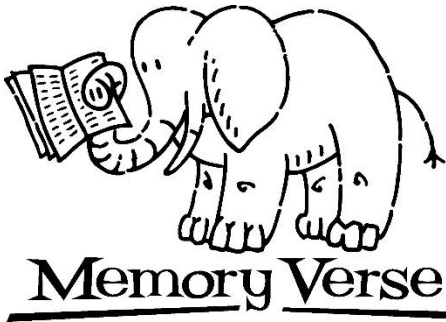
Wednesday Night Small Group

Wednesday night small group will begin a new series called *Dwell*. Christ’s word dwells in us... because Christ dwells in us. As Christians, Jesus is our landlord. However, there are some days, most days, that we try to fill that role. That is called being human. We quickly find out that we can make messes, and then we turn to God to fix them. We need to work on allowing God to have control and trust in Him.

M28 Camp at Lake J:

There has been a date change for our summer camp trip to Lake Junaluska. The dates have been changed to July 6-10. Please sign up **ASAP** as the spots are limited. These camps fill up quickly, and we cannot add people if the camp is full.

Children's Page



"Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom!
Change your hearts and lives and trust this
good news!"

Mark 1:15



Our lesson this week will begin to prepare us for the Easter season. This week we will talk about the Last Supper. Jesus was trying to prepare his disciples for his death, but they did not understand what he was talking about. This Sunday we will learn more about what took place at this meal.



Bible study will meet this week at our regular time of 5:00 p.m. We will continue our study on Samson to learn more about his story before attending the Sight and Sound Production of Samson in April. Hope to see you this Sunday as we talk more about Samson.

Planet 456 Branson Trip:

We will be leaving for the trip to Branson on Friday, April 5, and we will return on Sunday, April 7. This will be a fun trip of fellowshiping, and an awesome time as we see the story of Samson brought to life on stage. The final payment for the trip is due now. Please contact Mrs. Tera if you have any questions.

Volunteers serving Sunday, March 24, 2019

Greeters	I. N. & Nancy Hart/Marilyn Burnett
Acolytes	Anna Riley Kelly/Mallory Pender
Scripture	1 Corinthians 12:12-15
Sermon	“The Body of Christ”
Security	John Cobb/Andy Bardwell
Flowers	De & Julie Paul
Sunday Night Supper	Carrie Chaney/Jamie Swafford

Attendance, March 17, 2019

Worship Services	201
Sunday School	106

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH

24. 3rd Sunday in Lent	Luke 13:1-9
25. With enlightened heart	Ephesians 1:15-19
26. Trying God’s patience	Malachi 1:6-8
27. Let justice roll down	Amos 5:21-24
28. Seek the LORD	Isaiah 55:1-9
29. Better than life	Psalms 63:1-8
30. Watch out!	1 Corinthians 10:1-13