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Sufficient for the day

John Newton (1725-1807), author of “Amazing Grace,” wrote: “We may easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed for it. But the load will ... be too heavy for us, if we carry yesterday's burden over again today, and then add tomorrow's.” This maxim might be easy to dismiss unless we knew about Newton's troubled life.

Having been pressed into naval service and then slavery, Newton was finally rescued but became a slave-ship captain. He faced abuse, contemplated murder-suicide, suffered a stroke and was caught in a storm. When he cried out to God, the waves subsided, prompting a spiritual conversion for Newton, who became a priest and abolitionist.

We never know how God will transform our sinful past into future good, but we can trust he will. That adds power to Newton's advice, which echoes Jesus' words: “Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34, ESV).

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

5:00 p.m. P22 Ministries

5:00 p.m. Planet 456

5:45 p.m. Snack Supper

6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 Chancel Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9-12 noon Methodist Market



17. Lauren Porter

18. Joy Boyd

19. Sherrill Ann Chaney

22. Janet Adams, Sam Smith

23. Peyton Hines, Barbara Parks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

18. Irma Newell & Nancy Hart



Larry Clark

Tommy & Angela Kelley

Frances Pierce

Terrell Tenhet

Helen, Terrye Layne, & Tommy Tenhet

Harold Fisher

Frank Johnson

M/M David Arnold

M/M Howard Webb

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP

M/M Bob Coker

M/M Bill Kyle

Frances Pierce

M/M Edwin McDonald

M/M Jim Oakes

M/M Curtis Kyle, Jr.

Varner Stewart

M/M Jack Varner

Charline Killebrew

Puddin Watson

M/M Edwin McDonald

M/M Bob Coker

M/M Jim Oakes

Frances Pierce

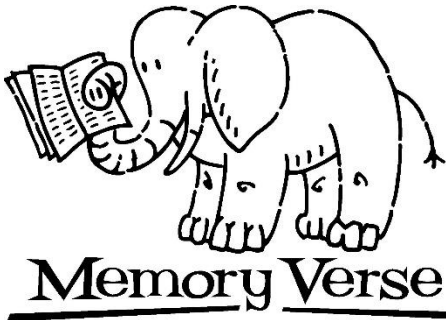
Jim Watson

Frances Pierce

Susie McElroy

M/M Tom Huff

Children's Page



"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life."

John 3:16



In Sunday school this week, our lesson will be on the calling of the disciples. Jesus began his ministry to the people, and he called a select few to help him with his work. Today, we are called to be disciples too.

P22
Ministries



This Sunday night, P22 and Planet 456 will meet at 5:00 p.m. We will begin our new Bible Studies that will be a new lesson each week. Snack supper will be at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall and choir with Mrs. Lettie will follow supper. We will dismiss at 7:15p.m.





Youth Sunday School

In our lesson this week we will be discussing "Our Perfect Role Model." As Christians, we are called to be like Christ. The teenage years are tough, and it can be difficult to focus on living like Christ. So many things are thrown at you during this time in your life, and peer pressure seems to be at an all-time high. During this time is when we need to grow in our relationship and put our faith and trust in Him.

Sunday Night Youth

Last Sunday the youth group resumed with our Bible Study. We talked about "IF". The word "if" is used in the Bible 1,784 times. Most of these *ifs* are conditions on the front of God's promises. This Sunday we will continue discussing *ifs* by beginning Mark Batterson's Bible Study entitled **IF**. We will begin with the first lesson "If Only Regrets".

Wednesday Night Small Group

Wednesday Night Small Group resumed this week. We are trying something new with the Youth Wheel of Challenge and incorporating Bible trivia, activities, and games. The Wheel of Challenge will be in correlation with our topic each week.

Foster Children Update

Through sponsorships and financial contributions, 22 children were able to have a very nice Christmas this year! Thank you and stay tuned! We want to continue to support foster families year round!

In addition, through our Good Samaritan Fund, 2 families received rent assistance and four families received assistance with utilities.

Thank you,
Allison Hughes

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Patsy Clark
Scripture	Isaiah 6:1-8
Sermon	“The Heart of Worship”
Flowers	M/M Jim Oakes

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY

17. 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	John 2:1-11
18. A year of jubilee	Leviticus 25:8-10
19. Proclaim liberty	Isaiah 61:1-3
20. Doers of the word	James 1:22-25
21. Reading from the law	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
22. Law that revives	Psalm 19
23. In the one Spirit	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a