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All is Well

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), a prominent, wealthy Chicago lawyer, is remembered for writing the beloved hymn “It Is Well With My Soul.”

It seems such lyrics would come naturally to someone so successful. But Spafford didn’t pen the hymn during life’s high points. Instead, the words poured forth amid tragedy.

In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire wiped out Spafford’s life savings. Two years later, his wife, Anna, and their four daughters headed to Europe on the *SS Ville Du Havre*, with Spafford to follow a few days later. The boat was struck by another vessel and sank, killing 226 of the 313 people onboard. Although Anna survived, the Spafford girls didn’t.

After receiving the news, Spafford went to England to get Anna. While sailing over the spot where his daughters had died, he wrote the lyrics to “It Is Well With My Soul.” They’re a reminder that no matter what life brings, our souls can be at rest in God.

“When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.”

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study/Millie's

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Planet 456 & Children's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 23. Barbara Parks
- 26. Linda Coker
Jordan Goodman
- 29. Kathy Phillips
Anna Ryan Ragland

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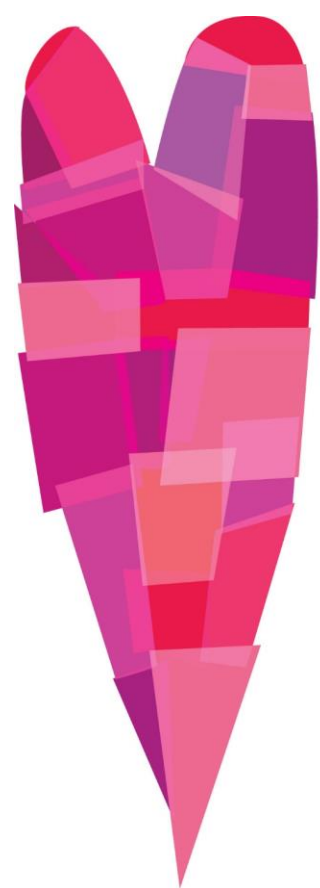
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dew

I pray that ... Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,



as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17, NRSV



I PRAY THAT YOU MAY... KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE.

EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV



## **Sunday School**

This week we will continue our series that focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. We will be talking about the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Our lesson, *Triumph with Truth*, is a stark reminder that even Jesus, as a perfect person, faced temptation. Satan has no boundaries. Jesus turned to the Word of God to fight Satan. How do we fight temptation? Do we try to do it on our own, or do we turn to God?

## **Sunday & Wednesday Night Group**

Youth Bible Study resumed last Sunday night, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. We discussed how God has a plan and a purpose for everyone, but it is up to us to seek and follow his plan. As we move throughout the rest of the month, we will be discussing the importance of having a relationship with God.

Wednesday Bible Study kicked-off last Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. We begin with Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m.

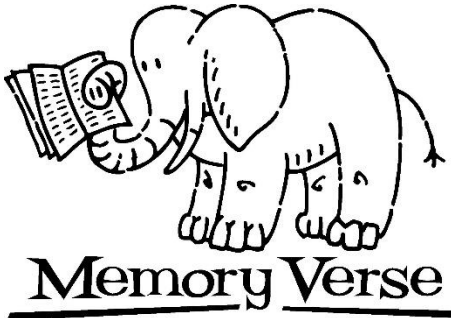
## **Spring Break Trip and M28 Camp at Lake Junaluska**

Please don't forget that the first payment for Spring Break is due, and remember to sign up for Lake J. The dates for Lake Junaluska are July 11-15.

Group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Group will meet each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

# Children's Page



Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,  
and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2: 52



## Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday, we continue studying our series, “**Jesus: His Mission.**” This week in our lesson *Knowing the Bible*, we will learn about the time when Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. One of the most amazing things about this story is that Jesus used scripture to fight Satan. It is awesome to know that there is a scripture for us to turn to no matter what we may be dealing with.

## W.O.W WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

W.O.W Wednesdays started back-up this past Wednesday, January 12. For the next few weeks, we will be talking about the life and ministry of Jesus. If your child did not participate in the Fall, we encourage you to send them for the Winter/Spring session. We are looking forward to beginning a new Bible Study series in February and planning a few fun activities.



## **Volunteers serving Sunday, January 23, 2022**

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Greeters  | LaShone Robins/Marilyn Burnett    |
| Acolytes  | Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace      |
| Scripture | Ephesians 3:14-21                 |
| Sermon    | <b>“Our Heart, Christ’s Home”</b> |
| Flowers   | Sam Smith                         |

## **Daily Bible Readings**

### **JANUARY**

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|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>23. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> | <b>Matthew 4:12-23</b> |
| 24. Live as children of the light                   | Ephesians 5:6-14       |
| 25. The call to shine like stars                    | Philippians 2:12-18    |
| 26. Christ, the light dawning                       | Luke 1:67-79           |
| 27. Justice, kindness, and humility                 | Micah 6:1-8            |
| 28. Abiding on God’s holy hill                      | Psalm 15               |
| 29. Christ crucified                                | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  |