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Thinking of Christian Unity

January is the month when many Christians think about and pray for Christian unity. One of our Lord's last prayers included his petition "that all of them may be one ... that the world may believe ..." (John 17:21). Our Lord knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, those outside the Christian faith would not likely want to be followers of Christ.

Sincere loving Christians will work and pray for Christian unity. A good example of two Christians who took Christ's prayer — "that all of them may be one" — seriously, may be seen in the account of the Methodist bishop, Everett Palmer, visiting the ailing Pope John the XXIII at the Vatican.

The kindly pope received the Protestant leader with genuine friendliness and affection. Later, while shaking Bishop Palmer's hand, the pope smiled warmly and said, "Let us forget the sad centuries when we met only to quarrel, and let us meet to love one another."

Not long afterwards, the gentle pope — sometimes called the "Protestant Pope" because he insisted that Protestants no longer be called "heretics" but separated brethren — died. Bishop Palmer also died within a few years, but not before writing *The Glorious Imperative*, the moving story of his visit with the dying bishop of Rome.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 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 31

9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 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, FEBRUARY 5

9-12 noon Methodist Market



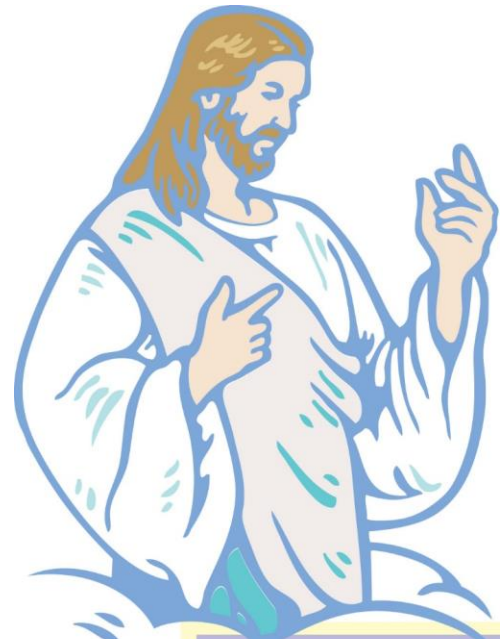
1. Amy Ray
Drake Smith
3. Bonnie Holmes
Katherine Phillips
4. Shirley Simmons
Lisa Haynes
5. Bill Summers

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4. Mr. & Mrs. Gray Goodman



Sympathy and love is extended to Bill and Shirley Dew in the death of their daughter, Gaye Peeples, who died January 24, 2022.



one LORD,
one Faith,
one Baptism....
 EPHESIANS 4:5



Sunday School

This is our final week in our series that focuses on the mission of Jesus. Our lesson, *Power to Serve*, is about the calling of the disciples. These disciples were called to serve. When we accept Christ, we are now His disciples. We, too, are called to serve.

Sunday & Wednesday Night Group

Youth Bible Study will continue to meet each Sunday & Wednesday night. We will begin a new study in February called "Half-Truths." This study will tackle familiar sayings and phrases that may sometimes be confusing, even though they are used to help us.

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

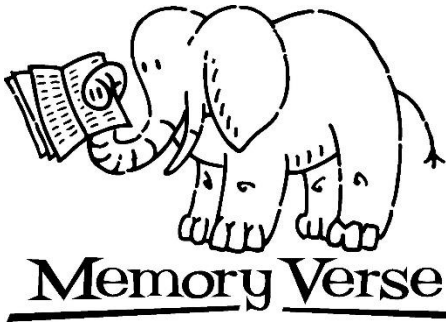
D-NOW

D-NOW has been set for March 4-5th at First Baptist Church. More information will be announced in the coming weeks.

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 conclude our series, "**Jesus: His Mission.**" Our lesson, *Following Jesus*, is about the calling of the disciples. Jesus called these men to follow Him and entrusted them to spread the Word. Today, we are His called disciples. He relies on us to tell others about Him.

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.



Confirmation Class



Our sixth grade Confirmation Class will meet for a weekend retreat on February 11-12. We will spend the entire weekend in Confirmation sessions. Parents will be contacted with further information.

BRANSON TRIP

Our Planet 456 group will be going to Branson the weekend of March 25-27. We will attend the Sight and Sound Production show "Jesus." More information will be sent out within the next few weeks.

