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Faith's role in love

In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. “I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more.” That “more,” she explains, involves these paradoxes: “We love with all our heart, even when it's broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don't understand.”

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: “When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart.”

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February

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 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, FEBRUARY 7

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11-12

- 6 p.m. Confirmation Class

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 8. Mary Russell Perry
Jim Roberts
- 12. Brody Roberts

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- 9. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Simmons

With Sympathy

Sympathy and love is extended to Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Thompson and family in the death of their son and brother, Robert Lee (Bobby T.) Thompson, Jr., who died January 31, 2022.



Memorial Gifts

Gaye Peeples

Mr. & Mrs. Camp King

Big Thank You!

Special thanks go out to Owen Richards for building and installing the railing at the Madison Street entrance to our sanctuary. All you do is so appreciated.



Sunday School

This week we begin a new series, **Jesus: His Miracles**. For the month of February, we will be studying several of the miracles of Jesus. This week's lesson, *Better Vision*, is about Jesus healing a man who was born blind. Jesus always faced scrutiny by the Pharisees. This lesson shows us how Jesus healed the man and responded to his critics.

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 help us.

Wednesday Bible Study kicked-off a couple of weeks ago. We begin with Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m.

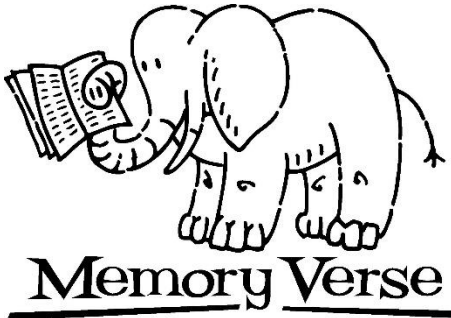
D-NOW

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 month we will begin a new series, "**Jesus: His Miracles.**" This series will carry us through the month of February. This week's lesson, *When I have Problems*, is a reminder that no problem is too big for Jesus. This story is about a Roman Centurion who sought out Jesus to help him.

W.O.W WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

W.O.W Wednesdays children's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. For the next few weeks, we will be talking about the life and ministry of Jesus. Last week our lesson was a very familiar one. We talked about a man named Zachaeus. Zachaeus had done things that he was not proud of, and he heard of a man named Jesus who could help him. Through this lesson we are reminded that God cared for everyone.



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.

Volunteers serving Sunday, February 6, 2022

Greeters	Parker & Whitney Adock/ Chip & Donna Heidel
Acolytes	Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace
Scripture	Ephesians 5:1-10
Sermon	“The Imitation of Christ”
Flowers	Charles & Pat Davis

Daily Bible Readings

JANUARY

6. 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	Matthew 5:13-20
7. A remnant remains faithful	Romans 11:2-10
8. Christ, the light	2 Corinthians 4:1-12
9. The law is a lamp	Proverbs 6:6-23
10. Choose life	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
11. Happy are those who walk in the law	Psalms 119:8
12. God gives the growth	1 Corinthians 3:1-9