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Aldersgate Day

May 24th is an important day for Methodists. At a society meeting on Aldersgate Street on May 24, 1738, something happened that changed the nature of Methodism. At Aldersgate, John Wesley had an experience which altered the shape of his entire ministry. The Holy Spirit performed His miracle that night. John Wesley described that event by saying “My heart was strangely warmed.”



Though Wesley was already a 35 year-old ordained priest in the Church of England, he marked this as the day of his true Christian conversion. And afterward, he began preaching that everyone should experience God’s grace in this way. This was the beginning of the Methodist revival that eventually gave birth to our own United Methodist Church today. In a sense, May 24th is the birthday of Methodism.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 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. Youth/Home of De & Julie Paul

MONDAY, MAY 20

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



& Birthdays Anniversaries

- 19. Tyler Bardwell
- 23. Tatum Reeves
- 24. Linda Ketchum, Stella Melton
- 25. Finley Kraft

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- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Alan Swoope
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kyle
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Rob Hines



Junior Harvey

Janice Middleton

Charlotte Helton

Janice Middleton

Roger Lyles

M/M Charles Davis

Sue Parker

M/M Charles Davis

Judy Miller

Janice Middleton

Macel Gary Simmons

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| M/M Chares Davis | M/M Jim Green |
| Helen Hendrix | D/M David Arnold |
| Catfish Farmers of Arkansas | Bill Meeks |
| Fishbelt Feeds, Inc. | M/M Chat Phillips |
| M/M Joseph Carr | M/M Sidney Prosser |
| M/M Bryan Jones, III | Jane S. Roper |

Marvin Terrell

M/M Jim Green

Solid Ground Youth

This Sunday we will continue our study from the Book of Psalms. This week's lesson is from Psalm 27. This Psalm reminds us that when God is with us, there is no reason for us to be afraid. Even when we may feel that we are alone, God never leaves us. We just need to look to Him.

Sunday Night Youth and Wednesday Night Small Group

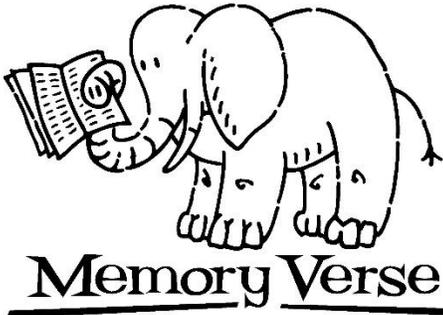
Our first Summer get together will be this Sunday, May 19 at the home of Julie and De Paul. There is also a calendar of events on the wall in the youth basement. Run downstairs and snap a quick picture so you will know what's going on ahead of time.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Maggie Peaster and Mary Russell Perry. These two young ladies have been selected to serve as 2019 Summer Counselors for the M28 Camp Beach and Mountain Camps. Our church family is very proud of you both.

Children's Page



"Friends love all the time, and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble."

Proverbs 17:17



This month has us looking at friendships in the Bible. Our lesson this Sunday is about four friends. The story is about a man who was paralyzed, and his friends took him to see Jesus. This man needed his friends in order to get to Jesus. We need to be the kind of friend that will tell our friends about Jesus.

HisKidz & Planet 456 Summer Activities:

On Friday, May 24, all grades 1-6 (this includes those who will be 1st graders in the Fall) will be going to the movie in Madison to see Disney's Aladdin. The cost of the movie is \$8.00, and you will also need money for snacks (\$12). The meeting time will be announced once the movie has been released. Parents are welcome to tag along to enjoy the show. Please contact Tera Smith if you will be joining us.



The theme and dates for this year's Vacation Bible School have been set. The dates will be Tuesday, May 28- Friday, May 31 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The theme this year is **ROAR: Life is Wild - God is Good**. Registration is in the Fellowship Hall. VBS is for those who will be entering 4-k through 6th grade in the fall.

Volunteers serving Sunday, May 19, 2019

Greeters	Byron & Robyn Kelly/Michael & Mabel George
Security	Sammy Burnham/Daniel Pender
Flowers	Charles & Pat Davis
Scripture	Colossians 2:9-15
Sermon	“The Circumcised Heart”

Attendance, May 12, 2019

Worship Services	205
Sunday School	73

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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19. 5th Sunday of Easter	John 15:1-8
20. Like a well-watered tree	Jeremiah 17:7-8
21. Surrounded by God’s spirit	Judges 7:1-21
22. The LORD is God	Deuteronomy 4:31-19
23. Recognizing God’s blessing	Acts 10:44-48
24. Make a joyful noise	Psalms 98
25. Loving obedience	1 John 5:1-6