

Our mission is:
Growing the family of God



How will you help us grow God's family?

Adult Sunday School Classes study

Aldersgate Class-Randy Davison-Sew & Share Room 106 EducationUnit

This week—"African American History and Methodism" Methodism has a rich and vibrant African American history that has shaped all United Methodist Christians. What is this history, and how has it enriched Christian faith?

Next Week-"Clean Water for All" Millions of people around the world lack access to clean water. What issues are related to the need for clean water? How does Christian faith guide the decisions we make regarding water?

Discovery Class-Darcy Rubenking-basement lounge

"If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat"

Together Class-Jerry Joens-Room 101 EducationUnit

This week—Study on 2 Thessalonians

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—March 8-14, 2010—

—Growing the Family of God through daily devotions and prayer—

Monday: —Joshua 5:9-12

Tuesday: —Psalm 32

Wednesday: —Ecclesiastes 4

Thursday: —Jeremiah 31

Friday: —Luke 15:1-32

Saturday: —1 Corinthians 7

"A time of Peace"

Sunday: —2 Corinthians 5:16-21 —Sunday's Sermon Scripture—Acts 9:20-31

Questions to ask about the daily scriptures:

What encouragement is given? How does this relate to my life? What place does encouragement have in the Church? How does scripture speak to the needs I see? What does the scripture say about my worship, my prayer and my praise? What commands are given? What promises are given? What warnings are issued? What is the Holy Spirit teaching me? How can I apply this to my daily living? How do I respond to sin when I see it? How will this affect my life and work in the church?

Prayers for your daily devotions: *Picture yourself sitting at the feet of Jesus.*

Praise God for all the blessings you have in your life.

Ask God to show you what you should do according to God's will for you.

Take time to listen. Lift up those who have physical and spiritual needs.

Ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit. Repent and confess your sin. Ask the Lord to forgive you. Forgive those who have harmed you. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you and direct your path today. Pray for your pastor and all leaders in the church and for all pastors and congregations in Page County.

Pray for laborers for the harvest. Ask God to help you be more loving.

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