



We often visit with church folk who have questions and concerns regarding their salvation. They are doing the right things: attending church once a week, praying before meals, and just generally living a moral life. But they still aren't sure and feel a general uneasiness about their salvation. You may have had these feelings. If you have, you are not alone.

John Wesley grew up in a Christian home and his father was a pastor. John followed in his father's footsteps and entered the ministry, but John found himself unsure of his salvation. It was at a place on a street called Aldersgate that Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed. He describes this time as a time when he was finally assured of his salvation in Christ.

This year we have chosen the theme of "A Heart Strangely Warmed." Throughout the year we hope to bring you messages, speakers, studies, and worship where God might speak to you and help you experience the warming of your heart as you become further assured of the salvation that is already yours in Jesus Christ.

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Upcoming sermon series for 2010 include:

Portrait of the Master:

What words come to your mind to describe who you are as a person? What would others say about you? Happy? Moody? Thoughtful? Prayerful? Helping? Now think about the same question for Jesus. What was the unique combination of characteristics that made Jesus the special person that he was? What words come to your mind as you think about who He was? I've come up with my own list. Through this series, we will carefully examine who Jesus was as a person as a way of pointing us to who we are called to be as his followers.

Confidence in the Chaos:

We live in a world today that could at times be called nothing but chaotic. An up and down economy which we hope is getting better but can turn on a dime. We keep schedules that it seems are becoming more and more crushing as we juggle all the demands and opportunities life offers. We encounter family crises that can lead to big changes. How can we as people of faith navigate such times? This ten week series will give us strategies for approaching life in ways that help us to live our lives with a spirit of confidence.

Christianity and Other Religions:

This past year when I asked for input with regard to upcoming sermon ideas, one of the top suggestions had to do with teaching about other religions. We live in an area in which we are surrounded by people who practice many other religions. Islam. Hinduism. Buddhism. How does our faith compare with each of these? What do they have in common? What are the differences? How do we speak in an appropriate and respectful way to someone who practices one of these other religions?

Be looking for these and other sermon series in the year to come and join us for worship on Sundays at 8:15 am, 9:45 am, 11:05 am in the Sanctuary or at *the hub* at 11:00 am in the Family Life Center.