# Sunday 10:45 am Hebrews Group 10:45 am Adult Sunday School -Journeys in Faith

Monday

6:00 pm Bible Study (Men/Women)

**Tuesday** 

6:30 am Men's Bible Study 4:00 pm Education Meeting 4:30 pm Prayer Gathering 5:30 pm Trustees meeting 5:30 pm Outreach Team

Wednesday

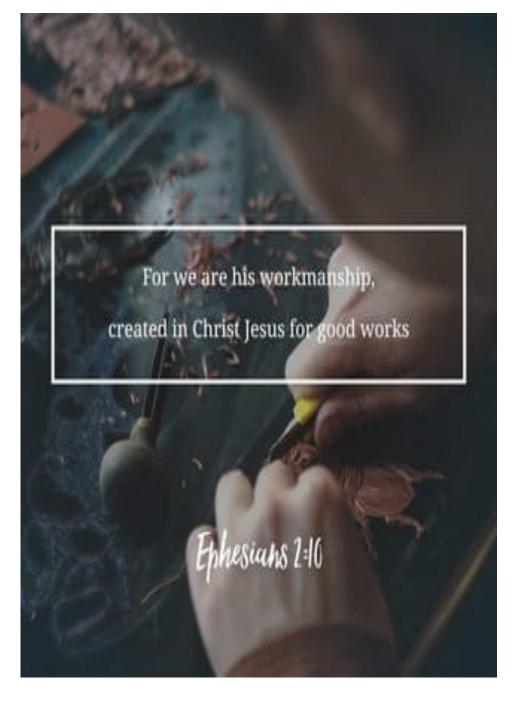
10:00 am Sisters In Christ 5:30 pm -Men's bible study 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir

The Prayer Room is open before, during and after today's service. Members of the Prayer Team are available to pray with you after the Service.

Sisters in Christ have started again on Wednesday, September 6.

They meet at 10:00AM in Room 16, and will be studying "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn. All are Welcome to attend!

# Sermon Notes



September 10, 2023

### \*Call to Worship

# \*Opening Hymn

UMH # 364 - Because He Lives

### **Announcements**

# **Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Way Maker
(Offering)
Great Are You Lord

UMH #95 Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Special Music

### \*Scripture

Genesis 37:5-11 & Ephesians 2:10

\*Scripture Response & UMH#393-Spirit of the Living God

# Message

Knowing God's Dream for your Life

\*Closing Hymn

UMH #128 -He Leadeth Me

### \*Benediction

\*Congregation please stand as able Liturgist: Carol Reed

Rev. Dr. Arun Paul - arun@decaturgrace.org
(Worship is recorded for T.V. viewing and other social media platforms)

### **Congregational Prayer**

Heavenly Father, You are a God of stability, strength, and consistency. Time after time, we have experienced your care and provision. Time after time You've answered our prayers and met our needs—often in ways we could never have dreamed possible. We praise You for Your faithful love toward us. Because we have known Your love, we come to You with confidence, offering our prayers for the world that You love.

Nothing is impossible for You, O Lord, our Rock in the storms of life. You bring hope and strength to all who believe.

We pray for those suffering from the effects of recent natural disasters: floods and storms, earthquakes and fires. We pray for those whose days are endless storms of hunger and poverty, violence and threats of violence, abuse and despair. We pray for all those in Ukraine who suffer because of war. O Lord, be the Rock which they cling to in these times of trouble.

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God, hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer with mercy and grace.

We pray for all who live in fear and pain because of serious illness, chronic pain, and lack of access to proper medical care. We pray for those who feel the despair of loneliness or heartache. Lord, teach us to balance our needs with the needs of others and to follow Your ways with faith and integrity.

Inspire us to action that bears witness to the words we speak, so that our lives can bring glory and honor to You, our Redeemer and Lord. Guide us, Lord, in Your pathways, and help us to know and follow the Dreams you have for our lives.

All of this we ask in the name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray as He taught us:

Our Father...

(The Lord's Prayer follows)