

Dear Lillian UMC family,

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

These familiar words are usually thought of as a children's song. When written in the 1860's, it appeared as a poem in a novel. In the book, it was sung by a Sunday School teacher, comforting a child. The poem was later set to music, and it has blessed millions.

Although meant for kids, it has an amazing amount of theology in it. More than most songs heard on Christian radio today. The lyrics are succinct and poignant, without the endless repetition. They don't make them like that anymore.

Jesus loves me, yes me! How do I know? The Bible told me. I pray we all still see the Bible for what it is, the written Word of God. "All scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness." (II Timothy 3:16)

"Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong." Simple but profound words, these are. Words of comfort for children and adults. Words of reminder for the newest convert and the oldest saint. Words of instruction for us all.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb 4:15-16)

"They are weak, but He is strong." Indeed.

See you Sunday,

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