

The Daily Church Epistle

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Dear Methodist Church Friends,

For the past two years I have been using one of the devotional books written by Sarah Young, *Jesus Calling*, and *Jesus Always*. If you are ever looking for something to help you develop a closer relationship with Our Father, I highly recommend her work. It is very reflective and inspirational. For 2022 I am going back to my roots and reading through *The Upper Room*.

The Upper Room makes me think of my Grandma Jarvis, one of the strongest Christian women I have known, something I haven't come to appreciate fully until the last couple of years. Here she is back in the late 1970's/early 1980's. I am grateful for her strong Christian leadership and for my memories of her reading *The Upper Room*!



The other picture here is the day of my baptism with my dad. I dug this out after reading so much about baptism recently, and hearing Rev. Dawn's recent sermon on this topic. These two family members brought me into the church as a baby and nurtured me there through confirmation and into adulthood. I am so grateful.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:14-16

Like Rev. Dawn, I called my dad daddy. He signed his name with a smile and a squiggle. My daughter and I both feel his signature in us and have decided to tattoo this on our wrists. I also plan to tattoo my Heavenly Daddy on my right wrist-Abba with a cross.

So thankful that I belong to Him and so do you! Debbie