

Good morning and welcome to services! We had such a fun time last night at our progressive dinner!! We want to extend a big thanks to those who hosted courses of the meal. It was all wonderful. We have started our scrapbook for L2L and it may be our best one yet. It's so much fun to see all the creativity amongst our young people. In other L2L news, today we will be filming out storyline. If you'd like to participate please be here at 2:00. Also, today is the DEADLINE to finalize L2L registration. Please see Alison to make sure you are registered for all the things you'd like to do. Have a great week! DOUG

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52

WELCOME VISITORS

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts."

DON'T LET THE OPPORTUNITY PASS YOU BY

Through the years we will have numerous opportunities to reach someone who is out of Christ. With each opportunity we pass by, how much responsibility have we ignored? If you try to reach some lost soul with the gospel, don't let it be merely a "duty." Make it a work of faith and a labor of love (1 Thes. 1:3). Try to see that lost person as someone you once were and remember where you were prior to salvation. If you had been treated the way we treat some of the lost souls all around us, where would you be now? Encourage your children to obey Christ. Don't give them the opportunity to say to you, "Well you aren't doing your duty." Encourage them to come to Bible Class and Worship. I will guarantee you that if you do, and if your unbaptized child obeys the gospel, it will be one date in time you will never forget. Bringing others to Christ requires teaching. Jesus said, "Every man therefore that hath heard and learned of the Father, cometh to me" (John 4:45). Jesus came teaching (Matt. 4:23; 9:35; 11:1, and more). He gave orders for his disciples to continue teaching his word (Matt. 28:20). His apostles gave orders to us to continue that teaching. "And the things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2: (Heb. 5:12). Don't let an opportunity pass that you should at least make some effort. DAN

> <u>Feb. 16th 2025</u> <u>Door Greeters</u> Security Team Communion Preparation Larry and Glenda Baskin

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LUNCHEON AT NOON



This Tuesday 12 Noon

Feb. 11th at noon we will have a VALEN-TINE LUNCHEON for all the Retirees in the congregation. We are asking everyone to bring a covered dish and join us for the planned activities following the luncheon. It will be a fun day. This will take place in the Activity building. We hope the widows and widowers and all other retirees will join us for the meal and fellowship following.

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Annual Retirees Valentine Luncheon will be held *this Tuesday.* Join us at 11:30 For the meal and activities



From Dan's desk:

The Annual Valentine Retirees luncheon will be held this Tuesday in the activity building at 11:30. Everyone is invited to attend. The ladies are asked to bring a covered dish and sign the list both men and women who are attending. We have activities scheduled following the meal. We will have a great day as usual and you will not want to miss this great time of fellowship. Last Sunday morning, TIFANY ROBERSON responded to the invitation asking to be baptized. She had been baptized at an early age and want to make sure that she had been baptized for the right reason. We commend her and applaud her courage to take this step. Several still remain ill with the flu. Continue to pray for them as well as those with Covid. Those who have been hospitalized recently are all improving. We praise God for their recovery. See you all tonight at 6 P.M. Even though the super bowl is taking place. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





MARY STECH fell this last week and went to the E.R. She is back home improving. SANDY POWELL is home from the hospital doing better JOYCE MATLOCK is improving from recent hospitalization. ANN SPARKS is back from the local hospital doing better.

RECEPTION & MONEY TREE There will be a reception and money tree planned for DEWAYNE HAGEMEIER and KATHY CHAMBLESS who were united in marriage recently. This will take place this next Saturday Feb. 15th from 2-4 here at the activity building. YOU are invited to attend.

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year – old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

"GOOD FOR EVIL?"

I think most of us credit ourselves with being longsuffering, forgiving and patient (even if we don't deserve such credit). There is no getting around the fact that in this life, we are going to get on each other's nerves; we are going to irritate one another; we are going to face contention, and sometimes outright offense. It is at these times that we all try to exercise patience, with varying degrees of success. If we somehow manage to not blow our tops and yell and scream, we credit ourselves with righteousness. If we can avoid plotting the downfall and ultimate demise of the offending party, we pat ourselves on the back and say we "turned the other cheek", don't we? But is that enough? Is it enough to merely refrain from violent outburst and mean-spirited thoughts and behavior? Jesus had a few words to say about this subject: "You have heard that it was said, `An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile" (Mt. 5:38-42). Do we return a harsh word with a kind one? Do we seek to help those who have hurt us? It seems counter-intuitive, doesn't it? It goes against our selfish nature to put ourselves in harm's way; especially after we have just experienced a hurt. But there is a reason we are commanded to do this, and we trust the divine wisdom behind this practice of returning evil with Good" (Romans 12:20-21) SELECTED

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sunday Feb. 9th 2025

Sandy Powell suffered a heart attack this last week and has been in Christus Mother Francis Heart Hosp. Gaylon Howell, father of Jennifer Sparks, suffered a stroke is also getting better. He is back at his home. Gail McInnis (mother of Shelly Franklin) is improving. Joyce Matlock has been in the hospital this last week, but is doing better Nancy Miller has been in Christus in Tyler recently for tests and treatment. Ann Sparks has been in the local hospital, but is back home doing better. David Carder has been ill at home, but is undergoing tests & treatment. Will Hawkins, son of Bill and Linda, is having health issues. Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard, has cancer & is undergoing treatment. Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer. Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is hospitalized in Memphis, Tenn. All others are improving at home. Several have been sick with covid or the flu.

Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Vernetta Walker, Lanova Mitchell, Ann Holland, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young, Johnny Jenkins, and Cecil Stanaland. **NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better, we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. Please notify us in the office.