

Good morning and welcome to services! Lads to Leaders registration closed on Monday and we ended up with 17 young people registered for various events. We are working hard on scrapbooking, art projects, Bible Bowl, puppet shows, songs and other events. It's hard to believe our annual chili cook-off is in just one week! It's always a wonderful time of fellowship! We hope all our youth will plan to stay and help serve chili. Hope everyone has a great week! DOUG

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:2

#### **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."

#### **OUR AWSOME GOD**

I'm awed by the might of a Creator who can fashion this innumerable array of heavenly wonders — a universe that only grows richer and deeper the more closely we examine it. If you've seen some of the photographs taken by the Hubble orbiting telescope, which has enabled scientists to look further into space than any earthbound telescope ever has, you know that God's physical realm teems with incredible sights beyond our mind and the greater our ability to examine God's handiwork grows, the greater still the scope of His imagination and majesty is shown to be. Every aspect of the Christian's life shares this characteristic. Like the night sky, the spiritual blessings in Christ reveal more and greater wonders the more closely we experience them, and the more we come to know about our God and Savior, the more amazed we are. Think about how great His grace seemed the day you were baptized into Christ, and you stepped forth from the water knowing all of your sins had been washed away by the blood of Jesus. Now think how much more reason you have to rejoice in Him today — how much more mature an appreciation you now have of the kindness and mercy He's shown you! Paul wrote to the Christians at Philippi, "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent" (Philippians 1:9-10" DAN

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#### YOUR INFLUENCE

If You're a Christian, you should not be startled to realize that you make a mark on the lives of numerous people every day, often without even realizing that you've done so. You may not even recall interacting with some of those folks, but they may well remember you — whether favorably or unfavorably will depend upon the nature of that interaction. Most importantly, what do those interactions tell the world about Jesus Christ? What portrait do we paint of our Lord and Savior with our words, our behavior, and our attitudes - even in those situations where we don't know the people around us and may not ever expect to see them again?

Jesus often used casual contacts as stepping stones to more meaningful conversations: the woman at Jacob's well (John 4), the man born blind (John 9), and Zacchaeus (Luke 19) are but three examples we could cite. Paul did likewise — think of the Philippian jailer in Acts 16. How many seemingly insignificant connections do we make in the world around us that might turn into opportunities for the gospel - if we conduct ourselves in a Christ-like manner? Dan

"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time" (Colossians 4:5). Wherever you go, whomever you meet, in whatever circumstance.." (Matthew 5:14). **DAN** 

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# Valentine Retirees Luncheon was great.

# Chili Cook-off next Sunday night after services



## From Dan's desk:

The Valentine Retirees Luncheon was a wonderful event. Thanks to all of you who brought food and Jill and Jeanette for helping with the meal. Thanks to Alison for the beautiful decorations. The activities along with the meal provided a great day of fellowship for many at this place. We had some 43 present. In spite of the rain and cooler weather, we all had a wonderful time together. It is encouraging to see the attendance back up after all the flu and Covid that had been running rampant in our city. All those who have been ill are improving. We had a great attendance last Sunday night in spite of the "Super Bowl" and we appreciate all of you who came to worship. The Super Bowl and entertainment was less than what we expected. Surely the NFL could do better than what they considered "entertainment". Maybe it was the Lord punishing those who stayed home from worship to mind things of lesser worth. Thanks for coming this morning. See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES** 





## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

ANN SPARKS is improving and back from the hospital and has been admitted to Legacy for rehab.

JOYCE MATLOCK is also improving and back at Dogwood Trails assisted Living.

CAROLYN JENKINS has been in the hospital this last week with diverticulitis.

**DONNIE WELLS** is having heart issues.

Several are still ill with the flu and covid. All others we have mentioned recently are improving.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Will take place a week from tomorrow night on Feb. 24th at 6:15 P.M. for supper and work session will follow. Plan to be with us. It is great when Christians work together. If you can provide a dessert, please see Shelly Franklin. Plan to join us for a wonderful evening.

#### **CHECK YOUR EYES**

When someone looks at me, I often wonder: what do they see? Do they see me as I see myself? More than likely the answer to that question is no; so, if I don't look like my version of "me" to them, how do I look? I wonder if I am viewed the same way that I view OTHER people (people who are not, of course, as wonderfully unique and special and deserving as I clearly am)?

I think that it is in our nature to automatically give ourselves the benefit of the doubt whether we deserve it or not--a courtesy we extend to ourselves far more often than we do to others. I believe that most of us think that we are, for the most part, good people, moral people; people who should be shown kindness and respect. But when we look at others, do we see them with the same set of eyes that we view ourselves with? When we look at others, do we see ourselves? Probably not, but we should.

A man named Oswald Chambers once wrote, "The reason we see hypocrisy and fraud and unreality in others is because they are all in our own hearts." Thousands of vears ago, Jesus proclaimed to us the same truth when Не "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors..." (Matthew 5:12) "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." (Matthew **AUTHOR UNKNOWN** 7:1-2)

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Sunday Feb. 16th 2025

Donnie Wells has been having heart issues.

Carolyn Jenkins has been in the hospital with diverticulitis

Sandy Powell has been in Christus Mother Francis Heart Hosp. but back home improving and undergoing rehab.

Nancy Miller has been in Christus in Tyler recently for tests and treatment.

Ann Charles is improving and undergoing which of I again

Ann Sparks is improving and undergoing rehab at Legacy.

Mary Stech is improving following her recent fall.

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.