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TRI-LAKES
United Methodist Church

Building Followers of Jesus Christ who love and serve God and neighbor

THE Beacon

February 2018

Lenten Soup Supper and Study Scripture and the Life of God Begins Wednesday, February 21, 2018

During our recent sermon series, we looked at the discovery of the Scripture scroll in the temple in Jerusalem as a catalyst that King Josiah on a mission to reform the nation. Real reform and revival has always involved God's people reengaging God's Word. When we read Scripture well, it brings us in line with God's story, God's will, and God's intention for us and for creation. (Paragraph) In this six-week Lenten study, Pastor Bob Kaylor will teach us how to read the Bible in a way that brings us more deeply into the life God intends for us. Using Paul's Letter to the Galatians as an example, we'll explore various ways of looking at the biblical text, learn about its context as well as its content, and discover how to read it for understanding and application. When we read Scripture well and in the context of a community of others, we encounter it as the life-changing Word of God.

Our text for the course is Scripture and the Life of God by Dr. David Watson, which will be available for purchase for \$15.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2018

This calendar is just an “at a glance” of our monthly schedule. For a complete list of events and activities, please visit tlumc.org/calendar

Fri - Sun	Feb 2nd - 4th	Youth Winter Retreat	
Sat	Feb 10th	CPR Training	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sun	Feb 11th	Confirmation Kickoff Dinner	3:00 - 5:00 PM
Tue	Feb 13th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	5:00 - 7:30 PM
Wed	Feb 14th	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
Fri	Feb 16th	Emmet Cahill Conert (Ticketed)	7:30 PM
Sat	Feb 17th	UMM Breakfast Meeting	8:30 AM
Mon	Feb 19th	Church Closed - President's Day	
Wed	Feb 21st & 28th	Lent Study & Supper	5:30 PM
Sat	Feb 24th	Family Dinner & Pizza	5:00 PM
Sun	Feb 25th	Pray For Me Campaign Lunch	12:15 PM
Sun	Feb 25th	Blueprint For Discipleship	5:00 PM

WELCOME TO TRI-LAKES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRI-LAKES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument, CO 80132
719.488.1365 - tlumc.org

Sunday Worship Service Times
8:00 AM - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
11:00 AM - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Sermons are available to watch/listen at tlumc.org,
or on the TLUMC App, available for Android and iPhone

Sunday school classes are at 9:30 AM for all ages.

Considering Membership @ TLUMC?
Visit tlumc.org/membership or
call 719.488.1365 for more information.

Want your article in our next Newsletter?
All content for inclusion in the March Beacon is due by
February 15th. Please visit tlumc.org/forms and com-
plete the Communications/Publications Request form
to submit your articles.

All content is subject to approval.

Thank you!

Lenten Sermon Series

The cross. It's the symbol that is most associated with Christianity and, in our world, it's a symbol that seems to be everywhere. We see it on buildings, we wear it as jewelry, and even stick it on our cars. From the simple wooden cross like the ones we have in front of our church to the beautifully crafted ones we display in our homes, the cross is something sacred to Christians.

But if we were living in the first century Roman world, people would be shocked and scandalized at our fascination with the cross. For them, the cross was the most horrible form of capital punishment imaginable—a hideous instrument of death reserved for slaves and treasonous revolutionaries. It was such a horrific symbol that people wouldn't even mention it in polite company, let alone have one in their home or wear it around their neck.



And yet, in the midst of that world, the early Christians began to proclaim that the cross was actually a symbol of victory, redemption, and hope for the world. They claimed that the world's true Messiah and King was a Jewish peasant who had been crucified but had also risen from the dead, ushering in the Kingdom of God. In fact, they said, because of his cross humanity was set free from sin and death.

Their Roman and Jewish neighbors both heard this news as scandalous. The apostle Paul, a Jew living and working the Roman world, recognized their confusion. "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing," he wrote to the Corinthian church, "but it is the power of God for those who are being saved... Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles."

The cross is still a scandal today in world that is perishing. For Paul and the early Christians, however, the cross was the symbol of salvation and not destruction. Within 300 years, most of the people of the Roman empire would come to believe it, too.

Today, most Christians will eagerly speak the truth that "Jesus died on the cross for my sins." But how exactly does that work? How did the horrific death of a wandering teacher in the backwater of the Roman empire become the most important moment in history? How does the death of Jesus save the world?

In this Lenten series, I want to explore the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion and how that death, and Jesus' resurrection from the dead, become the means of salvation for humanity. We'll draw from the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, from the history of crucifixion in the Roman world, and from great thinkers and theologians over the centuries to answer the question of how the cross of Christ saves us. When we understand the message of the cross, we find real hope for the real world.

The message of the cross is the most important message ever spoken. Join us during the six Sundays of Lent as we explore that message together.

Children's Ministry

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 AM

Nursery is available for infants - pre-school age children for all three Sunday worship services from 7:45 AM - 12:15 PM.

Children's Worship is offered at both the 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. Children enter the Sanctuary and sit with their parents. They leave after the Children's Message and are returned in time for Communion with their families.



Attention 5th & 6th Graders!

ROOTS - the TLUMC Group for 5th & 6th Graders.
Games, Fun, Fellowship. Bring a Friend!

Winter Schedule:

Sundays 5:00-7:00PM
Room #104

February: 11th & 25th
March 11th & 25th

For more info contact Nancy: ce@tlumc.org

ROOTS First Sundays @ Bethesda Gardens

On the first Sunday of each month, ROOTS will meet at Bethesda Gardens from **3:30 - 4:30 PM**. This will be a special opportunity to continue building the relationships we began during our visits in the fall. For these events, we will be doing arts and crafts with our new friends at the Assisted Living Center.

Winter Dates:

February 4th, and March 4th



For children entering K - 6th grade
 Youth and Adult Volunteers needed in all areas!
 Contact Nancy at ce@tlumc.org for more information



For more information contact Nancy at ce@tlumc.org

Youth Ministry

Keep an eye on the schedule below and join us. Friends are always welcome!

Sunday Mornings:

9:00 AM – Breakfast Club: Eat breakfast and hang out with your friends.

9:30 AM – Middle School/High School Sunday school in the Lower Level

**** Sunday school will meet on February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.**

Sunday Evenings:

5:00 – 7:00 PM – Youth Group for students in 7th – 12th grade

February 4th - No Youth Group

February 11th - Youth Group 5-7 PM

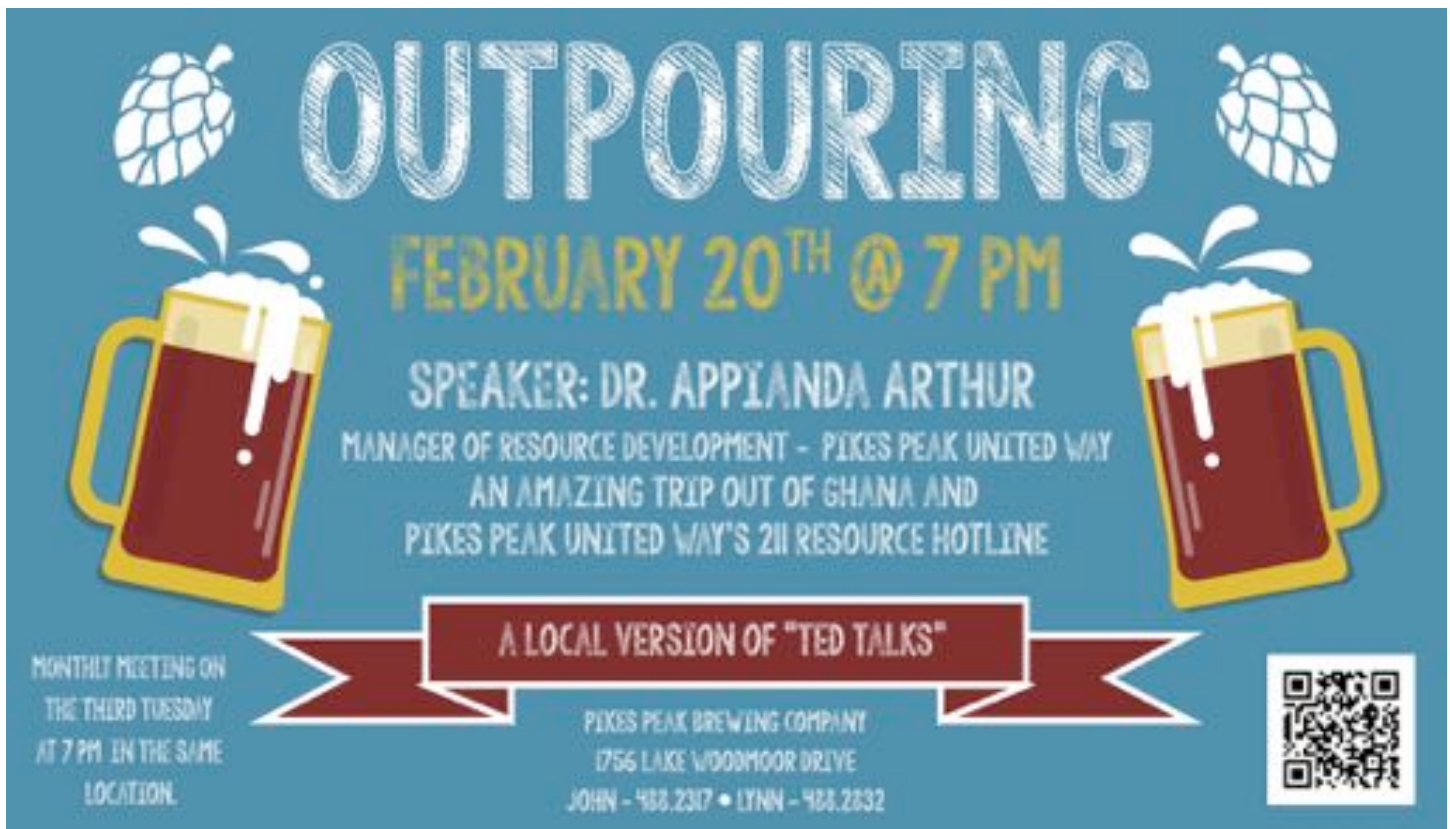
February 18th - Youth Group 5-7 PM

February 25th - Youth Group 5-7 PM

Visit tlumc.org/youth for the latest updates.



February 11th - Kickoff Dinner @ 3:00 -5:00 PM
For more information contact Sam at sam@tlumc.org



Come out and have a good time, enjoy the company of old friends, meet some new ones and satisfy your curiosity quotient. Everyone is welcome! Water/soft drinks always available. Come early and have dinner! Outpouring is designed to improve TLUMC's outreach and presence in the Tri-Lakes community. Our goal is to make a connection with our community outside the church. Meetings are normally on the third Tuesday at 7 pm – same location.

Prime Timers (55+)

Thanks to all who came up with such great ideas for the Prime Timer activities. Here's what's planned for the first part of the year and we hope to see a big turn out for everything! Be watching for the weekly announcements or sign up sheets in the Great Room for more information.

- Feb 4/Sunday/3:30: Superbowl Party and Movie at Linda and Felipe's; "Souper Bowl" Competition
- Mar: St Paddy's Day Bunco and Gallery of Living Art at Lutheran Church
- Apr: Hawaiian Luau
- May: Wildlife Safari visit
- May-Sept—Full Moon Walks and Ice Cream; Rockies Game with UMM

EPG (Emergency Preparedness Group)

CPR/First Aid

Open to everyone! Includes CPR/AED for infant, child, and adult; conscious choking; and first aid - all with thought-provoking practice scenarios.

Saturday, February 10th, 8:00 AM -4:00 PM

Limited to 24 students. American Heart Association - Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid certification course.

Class Location:

Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church

Reservations required:

to register send \$30 and your e-mail or phone number to:

Carley Lehman
17630 Woodhaven Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80908
by February 5th

There will be a 30-minute lunch break; please bring your own food, as this location is not close to any restaurants.

Practicing of skills is required, so please wear comfortable clothes.

Questions - call Carley at 719-502-3242



United Methodist Men



The UMM will have their **monthly meeting on February 17th.**

Come at 8:30 AM for breakfast and fellowship and stay for the meeting.

Finance Update

2017 Financial Results

We were truly blessed by your financial support in 2017. General fund giving was \$793,482. Your generosity covered general fund expenditures of \$759,269 and additional expenditures including a new roof on the church. In addition, TLUMC received a \$50,000 grant from the Lilly Foundation which means that Pastor Bob's study leave in 2018 will have no impact upon the 2018 budget. The adopted general fund expense budget for 2018 is \$837,347.

Discipleship

Life Groups

What is a Life Group?

- A place where you meet regularly with 6-12 adults to grow closer to God and to one another in smaller community.
- Break bread together at each gathering.
- Read and discuss a spiritually enriching book together.
- Pray and Worship together.
- Meet 90 minutes in homes weekly or twice a month for 3-4 months.



Interested in joining a group?

Sign up in the Great Room

Questions?

Contact Rob Pennison @ disciples@tlumc.org

Blueprint for Discipleship

Blueprint for Discipleship is our basic membership class for all who would like to be members of Tri-Lakes UMC. You will learn about our core beliefs, our vision and our strategy as we continue to move towards the Kingdom. The book that we use is: Key United Methodist Beliefs and we have some available for \$15. Blueprints begins on February 25th @ 5:00 PM.





MID-YEAR LUNCH

FEBRUARY 25TH

12:15 PM

TLUMC LOWER LEVEL

TO RSVP:

Sign Up In The Great Room **OR**
Email Sam@tlumc.org **OR** ce@tlumc.org

For all those who are involved in the Pray for Me Campaign. Adults - this is a chance to re-connect with the youth you have been praying for since September. Youth this is a chance to get to know the adult that has been praying for you this school year!

Prayer Shawl Gathering

February 20th @ 1-3 PM

TLUMC Great Room

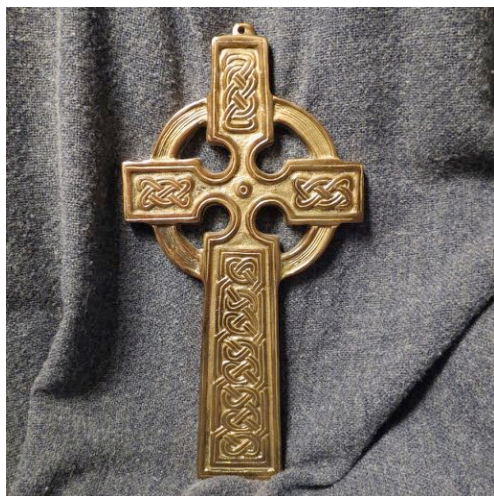
Optional:
Bring your own lunch
11:30 - 1:00

More information
at tlumc.org/news

Questions?

Call Beverly Carlson: (719) 481-5702 or email: BaCARLSN@comcast.net

Lenten Crosses



The Art Committee would like to ask the congregation to help and loan their personal crosses for this year's Lenten Cross Display. Currently we have several design options, depending on responses. For a wall cross, we intend to use pegboard and hooks to hold the cross under its "arms." We do not plan to write narratives for each cross but we always enjoy knowing its significance, "story," or background.

Please bring your cross to the church conference room between Sunday, January 28 and Wednesday, February 7 (one week prior to Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday). Be sure your name is on the back, perhaps with a well-secured address label. Please, no fragile or valuable heirlooms, even though we plan to handle with care.



We are excited about this project. It promises to be a wonderful blessing for our Lenten experience. Pastor Bob's sermon series will focus on The Messages of the Cross. If you have questions, contact jeri-Gene Bauman at 495-4456 or littlej831@aol.com, or other Art Committee members: Shonnie Carleton, Patti Dahlem, Jo Gaston, Sheli Gray, Sook Kelley, or Ruth Swenson-Brown.

Prayer Requests

To submit prayer requests you can:

- Email them to tlumc@tlumc.org
- Fill out a prayer request card from you bulletin and put in offering basket or prayer box in the Great Room. Go to our website: tlumc.org; look under "Ministries" and submit your prayer and, You can call the office Monday through Friday.

Please note that emails to the office on the weekends will not be read until Monday when the office is open. Using the website is the best thing to do if it is a weekend or after 4:30 during the week.

IRISH TENOR

EMMET CAHILL

LIVE IN CONCERT

TRI-LAKES UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
MONUMENT, CO

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 16, 2018
7:30 PM**

**\$30 GENERAL
ADMISSION**

**\$45 CONCERT
AND MEET & GREET
(STARTS 6:00 PM)**

PURCHASE TICKETS AT
EMMETCAHILL.COM

Q&A WITH EMMET CAHILL

Who were/are your musical influences? My parents. My Mom and Dad used to travel the country singing and playing at church ceremonies. So as we (Emmet, his older sister Laura and his younger brother Aaron) got older, they used to bring us along and allow us to join in. We had a family band at one stage called Musicahill Quartet. We were known as the "Irish von Trapps."

You sing everything from opera to Broadway show tunes to Irish classics to contemporary covers. Which is your first love, musically? Probably the toughest question for a singer to answer. My first love was definitely classical music. My parents used to play music all the time at home and in the car when we were going anywhere. The music could vary from Disney songs, musical theater, classical music to Irish folks songs. My Dad played old John McCormack [world-famous Irish-American tenor in the early 20th century] records in the house too, which really got me interested in the old classic Irish songs.

Dream opera role? Right now, it would be the role of Papageno in Mozart's Die Zauberflute. Someday I'd like to play Figaro in The Barber of Seville.

Is performing in a Broadway musical anywhere on your radar? Absolutely. There is nothing like experiencing a live theater show and to be part of one on Broadway would be wonderful. I've been very busy touring over the past few years so it would be lovely to be settled somewhere like New York for awhile and get the chance to perform in the same theater every night. I am eager to try new things at this point and develop as a performer so I will hopefully get a break from the road at some point and make that happen.

Do you plan to make the USA your home in the near future? It already feels like my second home given the amount of time I've spent there over the past 7 years, so a move there is probably in the cards soon.

You've done several solo tours in the US in the last 4 years. How does doing a solo show/tour compare with being a principal singer with Celtic Thunder? It's very different in a lot of ways. It's a lot more work for me personally to organize, but hugely rewarding. When I go out on stage every night and receive such a wonderful wave of support, it makes all those late night calls, interviews and emails worth it. It's similar in that I see so many wonderful friends I have made during my time with Celtic Thunder. They have followed me from my days in the show and now travel all around the country to see me - some people have even flown from Australia to see my Los Angeles show. I am blessed with an incredibly loyal following. I do my best every night to repay their support.

"Always There" – one of your favorites, if not the favorite, song you performed while in Celtic Thunder. What is it about the song that you like so much? I remember where I was the very first time I heard it. I remember feeling very emotional hearing the song and wanted to record it straight away. I think it's a song that everyone can take inspiration from, no matter what they are going through in their lives. I wanted to be the person on stage every night delivering the message of hope that it brings.

While on tour with Celtic Thunder in 2016, you visited local churches on Sunday mornings and sang to the congregations. Why get up and sing in church on Sundays when you can sleep in after performing in a show on Saturday night? Singing in church is something I miss so much when I'm away from home. I've been doing it for as long as I can remember. I've been the cantor out at the cathedral in Mullingar (Cahill's hometown in Ireland) for over 15 years now, so the opportunity to share and worship with people all over America has been a very humbling experience.

Tell us about your official debut album which came out last February. What do you want people to know about you and Irish music after listening to your album? I think it's an album that is very identifiable with me as a person. I am very proud to be Irish. I brought some well-loved Irish songs to people in, what I hope, is a new way. I want people to feel a real connection to the songs, as well as the people and the stories that they represent. There has always been a special relationship between the Irish and American people and I want to further enrich that friendship. I want people to take their own personal meaning from each song.

Why are Americans so fascinated with Irish singers and musicians? I think Irish music is so steeped in identity and history and that is something that translates all over the world. I feel very honored to be able to bring the Irish songs and stories to people all over the United States. That sense of identity is a huge part of who I am as a person.

What are your plans for 2018 beyond the release of your touring with Celtic Thunder in the fall? I plan to tour the States solo from February through May and make lots of new friends along the way.

How did (Celtic Thunder Assistant Music Director) Seamus Brett land the job as accompanist for your solo tours? He seems to be gaining a fan base, too! Seamus and I got to know each other very well on the Celtic Thunder tours, and as you will see at the concert, he is an amazing musician and very entertaining, too!

Have you tried your hand at writing your own songs? Can we expect an Emmet Cahill composition one of these days? Yes, I have started writing in recent years. I hope to share those with people on future projects.

The Celtic Thunder 10th Anniversary tour this fall will be 4 months long, 70+ cities across the USA and Canada. Does it get old singing the same songs every night as opposed to doing shorter solo tours and changing up the set list every night? How do you keep it fresh night after night? No, it doesn't get old because every audience, theater, city is different. We do change things up a little on occasion, but this show has been going down so well that we are happy to stick with what we are doing now.

While on tour with Celtic Thunder, you are interacting with your fellow singers and band members, road crew and fans on a daily basis. How do you recharge your batteries and get some "alone" time? I love my coffee, first off, so I tend to frequent a local coffee stop and get some work done, as is the case at this very moment! I also call home every single day.

What's the most important thing you've learned about yourself while doing solo tours in terms of your strengths and weaknesses? That I have many strengths, and definitely many weaknesses. You learn so much about yourself, and how much you value people's support whilst out on the road. I am always met with a welcoming smile from the audiences, which is so appreciated. I have learned a lot about people's goodwill and generosity, and I hope that I repay that in some small way by performing for people, making them feel like they know me and by giving them my time.

Where do you see yourself musically 5-10 years from now? Still singing Irish classics and popular music or concentrating more on classical music?

I am very ambitious. I have dreams and goals to achieve, but I don't like to obsess too much about the future. If you do, you don't get to appreciate all the wonderful things happening in the present, and there is so much good happening in my life and career right now that I so cherish. I'm always looking to develop as a performer, for the audience's sake and my own, but Irish music will always be a huge part of my life; that will never change. It's ingrained in me as a person and I am proud to fly the flag for the Irish people of today, and the Irish people who travelled the world before me. They are the people I pay homage to every night when I stand on stage and tell their stories through song.

Thank You

THANK YOU GREENS TEAM!

Thank you to all of you who faithfully and generously volunteered to hang the Advent and Christmas greens and also take down and pack away! Many of you have done this numerous years, and it is a big undertaking to see to the many details, big and small, in all areas of the sanctuary and great room. Your love for TLUMC and for doing God's work through your willingness to volunteer is greatly appreciated.



As a result of your time and effort (and the fun together), the church was indeed beautiful this year. Many of our congregation shared how much they visually enjoyed their Advent and Christmas worship experience along with the sermons and music. To God be the glory!

Again, thank you, Greens Crew, for helping with the 2017 Advent and Christmas worship experience at TLUMC! Also, if anyone wants to help us in 2018, see anyone on the Art Committee or the office to sign up.

jeri-Gene and Ted Bauman, for the Art Committee

CHRISTMAS EVE BLESSINGS



The Christmas Eve services blessed all of us in numerous ways this year. The TLUMC staff and volunteers did their usual excellent job in giving us a meaningful worship experience at this Holy time of year. However, in addition to the sermon, music, candlelight, communion, readings, and Christmas decorations, did you notice the beautiful Holy Family in front of the altar? This year's set was graciously provided to us by Tom and Jamie Quinn, which was not only beautiful in design and color, but also a nice size for our

large sanctuary. It was perfect having this Holy Family, and Mary in particular, for Pastor Bob's Christmas Eve message of Mary as the final Wonder Woman of his Advent series.

Thank you to the Quinns!

The TLUMC Art Committee

February Birthdays

1st - Ruth Swenson-Brown

17th - Mason Cox

2nd - Julie Gibson

18th - Sean Bratkowsky, Julie Conrique, Annelise Lackey, Connor Lushnat, Marymel Smith

3rd - Candace Gordon, Jase Heston

19th - Tyler Hamill, Sara Harper, Leah Hastings, Clayton Hayes, Megan Meier, Arianne Thomas, Carole T aylor

6th - Andre' Mouton, Linda Oliger, Staci Stallings

20th - Alex Mothersole, Zachariah Nelson, John Stallings, Lynn Weber

7th - Rob Kaylor, Lane Kingery, Ann Stehno

21st - Ralph Matsen, Wendy White

8th - Rick DiFiore, Ben Mueller, Katharine Rowland

24th - Shirley Campbell, Becky Moulden

9th - David Cooper, Josh Davis, Evan Ochsner, Justin Ochsner

25th - Megan Duke, Thomas Quinn, Colby Schultz

10th - Karlie Asman

26th - Gina Hagglof, Landon Spells, Kendra Tomlinson

11th - Phillip Nelson, Yvonne Shaw

27th - Kaleb Duke, Bridger Kays, Kevin Moser, Tammy Nelson

13th - Riley Hastings, Ann Jones, Joan Martin, Kayla Parriott

28th - Ian Craig, Donall Kenny

14th - Roxann Crouse, Sheri George

15th - Christina Weber, Darren Zwolinski,

16th - Sophie Logsdon, Teri Maw, Larry Sylvester

17th - Mason Cox

February Anniversaries

3rd - Alan and Patricia Simmons

15th - James and Jo Gaston

6th - Michael and Sara Harper

16th - Ralph and Robyn Brands, Gary and Tammy Nelson

8th - Clint and Stephanie Perry

18th - Kathy and Mike Beard

10th - Phil and Lynne Lane

26th - Kenneth and Judith Keller

13th - Don and Karen Bell

Our Mission, Values, and Strategy



Our Mission

Building followers of
Jesus Christ who love
and serve God
and neighbor



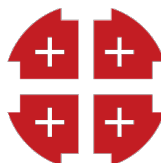
Our Values

Scriptural Teaching
Intentional Disciple-making
Gracious Hospitality
Neighborhood Service



Our Strategy

Loving God and neighbor through acts of
Worship, Devotion, Service and Compassion



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