



The Beacon

First United Methodist Church

A light for Christ in Cleburne County and the World!

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WHITER THAN SNOW

Things always look a little cleaner, a little brighter, a little less cluttered when the snow covers the earth. All the imperfections are covered and nothing but a beautiful snow covered landscape surrounds us. That's the way it is with us when we accept the grace of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our imperfections, our flaws, our past sins are washed away and we are whiter than snow. That's the good news!

I know there are many right here in our area that need so badly to hear that they can be forgiven. The church is the place where people can encounter the grace of God, and to experience salvation. The church is the place where the love of the Lord is displayed in common ordinary people. I am so thankful that even a sinner such as I can experience the grace, peace, love and mercy that flows from the throne of God. It's always amazing to see how God works through God's people who make a difference in the world. People can see how our lives are a little brighter, a little cleaner, a little less cluttered when Jesus Christ is the One we live for.

See you Sunday as we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord!

Tommy

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Morning Worship, February 19

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon:

"A Glimpse of Things to Come"

Evening Worship, February 19

Sermon:

"Corporate Spiritual Disciplines: Confession, Worship, Guidance, Celebration"

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WEDNESDAY MEAL RAISES FUNDS FOR SCHOOL ART/SCIENCE CLUB

Our menu for Wednesday, February 22, will be Gumbo, Cornbread, Salad, and Homemade Cookies. You may sign up on the registration pad each Sunday morning, or by calling the church office by noon, February 21.

EMMAUS GROUP ANNOUNCES NEW TIME & POTLUCK

Our Living Waters Emmaus Reunion Group will meet immediately following third service on Sunday, February 19, in the Family Life Center for a potluck luncheon. If you have participated in the Walk to Emmaus, or if you are interested in learning more about this 3-day spiritual retreat, please join us!

"GET UP AND GIVE" NEEDED ITEMS

Everyone is encouraged to collect the following items during the season of Lent for the children helped by Methodist Family Health:
Socks (infant – 18 years)
Underwear (3 – 18 years)
Diapers
Baby Wipes
Paper Towels
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Backpacks/Duffel Bags

Drop off your items at 407 S. 7th Street from April 9 – 13.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE

If you are needing a confidential friend to listen one-on-one, we have Stephen Ministers available for you. Please call Glenda Langston, our referral coordinator, at 362-1829.

ATTENTION YOUTH

All youth will attend our Ash Wednesday service in place of SPAM on February 22. Meet in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM and don't be late!
-- Mrs. Alesha

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**New Lenten study coming soon – watch for more details!**  
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FLY FISHING CLASSES BEGIN

*I wish you the peace of the river
On a sunny day
Like a leaf on the current
As it makes its way
May you go free and easy
Over rocks and shoals
I wish you the peace of the river
Wherever you go*
**“Peace of the River”
Valerie Smith**

Come and learn to enjoy the peace of the river thru fly fishing. I am lucky to have discovered fishing as a child and now that I'm retired, I continue to enjoy it as a fly fishing guide on the Little Red River. Introducing people to the sport of fly fishing is a rewarding experience for me. Whether you are a beginner or you're interested in improving your ability, I would like for you to join us in our fly fishing class in the Family Life Center on Monday nights at 7:00 PM. The first class will be on February 27th. It's free and fun so come on down! You also might like viewing the slideshows on my website at www.littleredflyfishingtrips.com. Click on videos on the menu at the left of the home page.

We have one of the premier trout tail-waters in the nation right in our backyard and I can't think of any better way to enjoy it than fly fishing. You will find it a challenge as well as a rewarding hobby. To fish in a cold water stream, present a tiny fly to a trout and then battle the fish on light tackle is a great way to spend a morning or afternoon escaping the daily routine.

Come and join us and let me share my passion for this sport with you. It is a sport for both men and women and older youth. I look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions or to sign up for the class, please call me at 365-3330. If I am on the river, please leave a message and I will return your call.

Greg Seaton
greg.seaton@littleredflyfishingtrips.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19

8:25 Morning Worship*
9:35 “Come As You Are” Service*
9:45 Sunday School*
9:50 Wiggle Worship*
10:50 Promiseland, FH*
10:55 Morning Worship*
10:55 Sunday School*
12:00 Emmaus Group Potluck, FLC
2:00 GriefShare, FH
3:00 Disciple I, 104
3:45 SPAM Band, FLC
5:00 Worship, 109
5:30 Youth Small Groups
7:00 Godpleasers

Monday, February 20

8:00 Mother's Day Out, Nursery
8:30 Staff Meeting, 104
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC
11:00 Stephen Ministry Peer Group, 104
5:30 Holy Tollers, 203
6:00 Cub Scouts, FH
7:00 Boy Scouts
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH
9:00 Disciple I, 104
9:30 Explorer's Bible Study
12:00 Newsletter Deadline
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
6:00 Disciple I, 104
6:30 Invitation to New Testament, 207

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 Mother's Day Out, Nursery
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC
9:00 Invitation to New Testament, 207
9:00 Disciple I, 104
3:30 Lighthouse, FH
5:00 Fellowship Meal, FLC
5:30 Joyous Carillons, 203
6:00 Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanc.
6:00 Intercessory Prayer Group, 210
6:00 SPAM, FLC
7:00 Praise Team, FLC
7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

6:00 Jesus in the Gospels, FH
6:30 Daniel Study, 104
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Friday, February 24

8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC

Saturday, February 25

6:00 Pairs & Spares, FH

*** Nursery Provided**



OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Lynn Allbright united with our congregation Sunday. She and her husband, Bill, live at 808 W. Sugarloaf, Heber Springs, 362-6720. Welcome to the family!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Peer Meeting was rescheduled due to last week's snow. Join us on Monday, February 20, at 11:00 AM in room 104.

LYNNE'S LINES

We continue to get spruced up - work continues on the remodeling of the men's bathroom in the 2nd floor Sunday School wing, and members of our Building Maintenance Team (IHS #111) spent several days freshening up the paint in the FLC.

Fly Fishing classes (IHS # 126) will be starting classes soon. See Greg Seaton's article for date and time information.

Need to start your day out with good food and fellowship? Join the Men's Prayer Breakfast group (IHS #96) which meets in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 AM Tuesdays for devotions, prayers for those in need, and of course, breakfast. Feed your body and your soul.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY MINISTRY

Calling all trash picker-uppers!
Our next scheduled pickup will be Saturday, February 18. Weather permitting, let's meet at 9:00 AM at Mack's Fish House parking lot.

PRAYER CONCERNS

UAMS-LR: Lee Lustfeldt

Baptist-Heber: Eva Warner

St. Vincent-LR: Joe Rork

NLR Rehab: Tim Kemp

Southridge Rehab: Jerome Johnson, Annie Cupit

Concerns: Betty Amberson (Jim Bolhuis' sister), Audrey Arnoult, Richard Baumgarten, Ruth Beggs, Joy Braden, Tony Burnam (Cheryl Sivertson's brother), Polly Chandler (Debbie Robus' grandmother), Dallas Clark (Michelle Taylor's dad), Len Clark (Jimmy Clark's father), Wilma Crouch (Audrey Arnoult's sister), Elizabeth Dick (Kasey Goddard's mother), Kevin Diffie (Joe & Carolyn Diffie's son), Bob Douglas, Jack Dunlap (Jenise Dunlap's son), Art Dunn, Ann Dye (Sandra Cherry's sister), Cole Elrod, Bill Faircloth (Brinley's grandson), Glenn Ferren (Selena Evans' father), Kolsen Fleming (Renae Hudspeth's nephew), Lon Foreman (Lois Rickman's son), Dotty Bea Gish, Annie Harris, Floyd & Jeanie Hayes, Forrest & Ann Hergert, Reba Hicks (Karen VanDyke's mother), Robert Holt, Joan Kelley, Dan Konkle, Chelsea Koop (Mary Kendrick's granddaughter), Patti Ledbetter (friend of Sondra Seaton), Mike Linn (Debbie Robus' brother-in-law), Marguerite Madding (JoAnn James' mother), Shannon Martin, Paul McFarland (friend of the Brinleys), Kelly McKenzie, Laurie Morgan (Melba Herring's granddaughter), J. L. & Jody Mullens, Lou Seale Nichols (Freddie Lou Quist's mother), Bill & Barbara Pierce, Mary Pruet, Josie Rast (Selena Evans' niece), Jack Rhodes, Dustin Roberson (Melba Herring's great-grandson), Lois Robertson (Rebecca Cockrell's mother), Holly Schneiderman (Friend of Alice Crawford), Jeff Stanford, Jim Stanford, Donald Traylor (Linda Tredway's cousin), Judy Taylor (Jerry Bise's sister), Peri Thomas (friend of Lehfeldt Family), U.S. Armed Forces, Jean Bice-Vejovoda (Lynne Brown's mother), Layne Wallace, Sabrina Wells (Dana Wells' daughter), Rosemary West, Merriam Wiggins, Opal Williams (John Haugen's mother), Kenny Wilson, The Yeisley family (Bill & Karen Brinley's daughter), Pat Zimmerman (E.J. Devlin's sister)

Sympathy: To Sissy Jones and Paula Mays on the death of their mother, *Hermine Cheairs*.

MEMORIALS

The following gifts have been given to the glory of God and in memory of ...

Children's Fund

Ruth Garner by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Haile, Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Bise

Choir Fund

Delton Pockrandt by Mr. & Mrs. Al Bridges

Hermine Cheairs, Kenneth Short, Doris Thornton, Ruth Garner by Lynnette Files

General Fund

Ruth Garner by Arkansas Center for Health Improvement

Hermine Cheairs by Genesis Class

Kenneth Short by Mr. & Mrs. Bud Bridges

Landscaping Fund

Doris Thornton by Mr. & Mrs. Al Bridges

Pastor's Emergency Fund

Hermine Cheairs by Dr. & Mrs. Lloyd Langston

Stephen Ministry Fund

Kenneth Short by Holy Tollers Handbell Choir

Storm Shelter Youth Fund

Jim Stephens by Holy Tollers Handbell Choir, Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Bise

Godpleasers Youth Choir Fund

Ruth Wilson by Audrey Arnoult, Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Bise, Mr. & Mrs. Charle Cayton

Doris Thornton and Jim Stephens by Mr. & Mrs. Charle Cayton

Youth Fund

Mary Morgan by Betty Daschler



February 22
6:00 PM
Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS REMINDER

Don't forget a new Sunday School has started meeting in the Chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM. *If you are currently not attending Sunday School, we encourage you to join us.*

EVENING WORSHIP SERIES EXAMINES SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

This Sunday night we will finish our series on spiritual disciplines. This series leads up to the season of Lent, which begins February 22. We meet at 5:00 PM and end at 5:45 PM. The service is casual and meets in the Chapel. We hope you can join us. David Jones



ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

Are you currently providing some level of care for an elderly parent or a family member with a long-term illness? Do you see yourself in this role in the near future? If so, you are invited to join a new group which will address these issues. We plan to start with a basic care class and decide where to go from there. We can form support groups, provide additional classes, guest speakers, etc. If interested, please contact Michele Maxwell at 501-887-9287 or email michelemxwll@yahoo.com. I, along with other nursing professionals will be leading the classes. Our first meeting will take place in early spring.

SERVING IN HIS STEPS

A light for Christ through

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness

By Our Presence

Attendance – February 12 **592**
8:25 AM - 97 9:35 AM - 273 10:55 AM - 190 5:00 PM - 32
Sunday School **288**
Children: 130 Adults: 158

By Our Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs \$ 20,615.88
Our Giving Last Week \$ 21,151.76
Year-to-Date Needs \$ 144,311.19
Year-to-Date Budget Income \$ 136,900.65

By Our Service

Bus Driver: Ernest Flippo (362-7751)

Pray for Worship during Worship

Feb. 19 Jan Awalt Feb. 26 Melba Herring
Mar. 4 Mar. 11

Liturgist

	<u>8:25</u>	<u>9:35</u>	<u>10:55</u>
Feb. 19	Sarah Bond	R. Nordskog	Kathy DeBusk
Feb. 26	Jerry Cockrell	Johanna Lehfeldt	David Jones
Mar. 4		Faye Owens	Bill Pierce
Mar. 11		Pat Dudeck	Arden Schlicker

A/V Ministry

February 19

8:25 – Cliff Childers, James Carr
9:35 – Mark Spanel, Arden Schlicker, April Woods
10:55 - Rick Davis, Kelley McCormick, Kim Bell

February 26

8:25 – Charles Stuart, James Carr
9:35 – John Goddard, Logan Rolleigh, Warren Darden
10:55 – Scott Tomlinson, Devin Redding, Kim Bell
March 4
8:25 – James Carr, Jared Gifford
9:35 – John Goddard, Logan Rolleigh, April Woods
10:55 – Scott Tomlinson, Devin Redding, Kim Bell

Ushers

February 19

8:25 – Paul & Jared Gifford, Jerry & Rebecca Cockrell
9:35 – Kent & Jill Hulsey, John & Pat Latimer, Conrad & Johanna Lehfeldt

10:55 – Walter & Aprille Tharp, Keith & Gloria Cathey

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

6:00 – Howard & Alyce Chapin, Jerry & Rebecca Cockrell

February 26

8:25 – Charle & Twila Cayton, Paul & Jared Gifford
9:35 – Doug & Glenda Magee, Jeff & Dana Lynch, Jerry & Libby Jackson

10:55 – Charlie & Pam Evans, Barbara Pitts, Carolyn Hathcock

March 4

8:25 – Wendell & Pat Day, Paul Rawlings, Kathryn Huenefeld

9:35 – Marc Moody, Richard, Debbie & Michael Nordskog, Bill & Teresa Phillips

10:55 – Bobby & Brenda Hargis, Jimmy & Peggy Clark

Attendance Slip

Feb. 19 B. Langley, Dot Duncan
Feb. 26 C.K. & Jean Rhodes
Mar. 4 Mike & Melissa Graham
Mar 11 Larry & Patsy Sledge

Sanctuary Stewards

Dick & Nealia Neal
B. Buchman, Tempa Davis
Tom & Sue Barnett
Keith & Gloria Cathey

Nursery Volunteer – February 19

9:35- Kerri Dudeck 10:55 – Lisa Bly

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Church Staff

David Jones - Pastoral Assistant
Lynne Brown - Administrator
Beth Rork - Administrative Asst.
Tommy Toombs, Jr. - Custodian
James Carr - Audio/Visual Coordinator
Selena Evans - Promiseland Coordinator
Jo Wells - Organist
Kasey Goddard - Praise Team Coordinator

Rev. Tommy Toombs - Pastor
Charle Cayton - Minister of Visitation
Carolyn Strickland - Office Manager/Music Dir.
Greg Luetschwager - Custodian
Mike Wagner - Office Assistant
Donna Redding - Dir. Children's Ministries
Barbara Little - Pianist
Alesha Presley- Youth Director

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

To be a light for Christ in Cleburne County and the world by exalting Christ in worship, encouraging fellowship in the family, enlightening disciples with biblical truths, equipping the saints for service, and evangelizing all in the name of Christ.

LAKWOOD UNITED METHODIST HOSTING CONFERENCE

Vessels for the Lord will hold a Christian Conference at Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock this Friday, February 17, from 6:30 – 9:00 PM, and Saturday, February 18, from 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM. A light lunch will be served. The conference is FREE. Everyone is invited to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh new way through speakers Rev. Treccie Cook, Rev. Dorothy Jones and Rev. Mary Welch. Visit www.vesselsforthelord.org for more information.