

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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FEBRUARY 2025

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Be kind for no reason.

It seems that many people have decided that they have the right to be rude for no reason. But as Christians, we should be kind for no reason.

Jesus instructs us to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, set the oppressed free, and welcome the immigrant. These are all Jesus words, not mine or those of some other preacher. We are called to be kind and to be merciful.

Jesus showed mercy to the woman caught in adultery. He could've participated in stoning her. It was his right as a male member of the Jewish community. But instead, he looks at the crowd and says that the person who has not sinned should throw the first stone. The men dropped their stones and walked away.

None of us are perfect. But as Christians, we strive to live our lives as Christ lived. It is a daily struggle. Because we are human, we don't always want to be kind. But Christ calls us to express kindness to others.

My challenge to all of us This February is to show random kindness to others. Be kind to people when you have a reason to be. Be kind to people when you have no reason to be. This sounds like an easy challenge, but in a world filled with hatred, it will be difficult. But when you choose to follow Jesus, it is who you are.

Janet

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. If you would like to volunteer for a specific task just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in January go to:

1. The liturgist –Pat Nash
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, Steve and Alice Anne Perry
4. Lori Gast for being the Gatekeeper
5. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
6. The after worship refreshment time is hosted by Church Life with help from Steve Perry and Pat Nash
7. Pat Nash for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the dirty dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elders serving communion: Pat Nash and Lori Gast
10. The Ushers –Ivan Yuhanna, Okoro Kalu and Thomas Boyanton
11. Heidi Yuhanna for our music, and for leading the choir for our Anthems
12. William Boyanton for being the acolyte

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the new treasurer's report.

December 2024

Bank balance	\$24,047
Expenses	\$6,301
Dedicated Funds	\$9,801
Available Funds	\$14,246

Plus there are investments totaling \$78,254 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Gast, Treasurer.

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2025 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Lori Gast is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 12	Bill Gast
February 13	Sarah Brack
February 18	Betty Epie
February 21	Elizabeth Price
February 27	Heidi Yuhanna

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Today we are going to have a Soup Luncheon to celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring helps those who don't have enough to eat. There will be pots in the Fellowship Hall to donate to, and that money will be sent to the DeSoto Food Pantry. We are going to celebrate the Super Bowl a week early, on February 2nd following the Worship Service. Please join us for this special lunch.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Thomas Alexander, continued prayers for Bryson, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, DeSoto Food Pantry, Max Jewell is at home, but needs continued prayers, the natural disasters that just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Christians in Pakistan, the Hamas-Israel War, prayers for those who are hungry and cold, Janet Boyanton, Joan Christy is still recovering in a nursing/rehabilitation facility, fires on the west coast and all the people affected by them, travel mercies for all our friends traveling this holiday season, Johanna Fleenor, Lorrinda Alexander, Bryan Booth-Krueger, Manfred Enoch, family members and friends who are sick, Eliana Grace, Lorrinda fell and broke her femur, Bryan Booth Krueger fell and broke his leg in 3 places, Manfred had to go to the ER, Bill's friend Ray Fernandez lost his mother, Cecil Nash had partial knee replacement surgery, Lorrinda was diagnosed with Atrial Flutter.

CELEBRATIONS

Janet and William are back from Pennsylvania, Heidi and Ivan are back from Turkey, Steve's leg is all healed, Michelle celebrated her 21st birthday, Spencer and Brayden got all A's, Janet thanks the new Ruling Elders and all those currently serving, Cecil made it through his surgery and is walking with a walker, Lori's birthday, Lorrinda is home from the hospital.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion 12:00 Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon	3	4 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	5	6 10:00 AM Art Group	7	8
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16 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	17	18 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	19	20 10:00 AM Art Group	21	22
23 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	24	25 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	26	27 10:00 AM Art Group	28	

