

# God is love and love lives here!

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## Sunday, February 25, 2024, Second Sunday in Lent

Romans 12:9-13

**9** Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; **10** love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.[e] 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

## **Hey Church!**

We are headed into the second Sunday of Lent this week and Easter is fast approaching. We want to take the opportunity to say thank you for your prayers over the past few weeks as our family has dealt with so much sickness floating around our household. Sickness seems to work that way. It will attach to one person and spread to another. Once you get over it there's a chance it will circle back within the house as the rest of the family tries to heal. The infection spreads from one to another until the day the whole house has been eradicated of the sickness. It's a vicious cycle.

Then everyone begins to feel better and gets back to normal routines. We are finally headed in that direction as a family; thank goodness. Little coughs here and there but for the most part everyone is on the mend. The infection dies and life has a chance to resume. The Lenten season is a time when we begin to allow the things in us that are infecting our lives to be exposed so that we can begin the process of healing. Through our time of fasting and prayer, we allow the Lord to speak to our hearts and minster to who we are as God's people. The goal is healing, not to "deal" with the sickness but to be whole and healed.

The writer of Romans tells us to love one another with mutual affection, to serve, rejoice, be patient, persevere, and contribute to the body. People who are whole and healed as a group will work towards the goal of Romans 12 for the benefit of the body. This type of fellowship and willingness to give of ourselves creates a love that can be just as infectious as a virus. It spreads from one to another and when one lacks, it has a tendency to circle back within the "house" or more appropriately, family of God. What we learn from the scriptures is that when one suffers, we all suffer but also when one rejoices we all rejoice as well.

The season of Lent can be an infectious time of year if we allow it. The love of Christ has the opportunity to spread from one to another until everyone is filled with the Hope and Love of God. My prayer for you this week is that if there is any sickness in you, physically or emotionally, you'll be brought to a place of healing as a disciple of Jesus. Whole and healed, may the love of God spread among you until we all experience a viral Joy that cannot be denied.

Keep The Faith, **Pastor Tommy** 

## Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- In memory of Sonny Watson by Bob & Pat Parker
- In memory of Warren McDow by Brenda Craw & Paul Smith, Bob & Pat Parker, Lamar & Marilyn Outz
- In memory of Roger Cothren by Brenda Craw & Paul Smith

## It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Caleb & Brooke! Emersyn Grace was born February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:06a weighing in at 6 lbs 3 oz and is 20 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Stevie Bowen, Ginger Bowen and Cliff & Marci McKeever. Betty Bowen is a proud great grandmother! Congratulations, everyone!

### Scripture and Sermon:

Mark 2:1-12

"Miracles: From the Roof"



### **New Concerns**

Janet Hester Liz Ambrus Thomas Fleming J.O. Miller

### **Continue Prayers for:**

Mary Lee Carter Marie Davis Tommy Odum & Family Vicky Moore Sue Braun Susan Howdeshell Kitty Barfield Patricia Dietsch Elaine Shierling Family of Roger Cothren

Christa Avret Michael & Jennie Walston Betty Byrd Leon Hudson Mary Prater Jim & Mary Leary Virginia Eadie Bill Reedy Sarah Mayer Cary Martin

### **Finance Report for** February 18

Operating Budget..... \$13,814.75 Food Pantry...... <u>105.00</u> Total.....\$13,919.75

**Worship Attendance** 

128

**Sunday School** 38





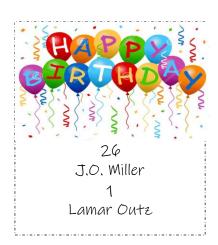
- ✓ 03-01-24- Church-wide Clean-up Day 8a-until
- ✓ 03-02-24- Church-wide clean-up Day 8a until
- ✓ 03-03-24 CMC Annual Conference
- ✓ 03-10-24- Daylight savings Time Begins
- ✓ 03-11-24- Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 03-11-24- Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 03-24-24 Palm Sunday
- ✓ 03-28-24 Maundy Thursday Service 6p
- ✓ 03-28-24 Prayer Vigil 6:30p til noon Friday
- ✓ 03-29-24 Good Friday Service 12 noon
- ✓ 03-31-24- Easter Sunday

## Young at Heart

Food, fun and fellowship! Friday, February 23 beginning at noon with lunch, then Bingo 1p-3p... Everyone is invited, come join us! We'll be in the fellowship hall!

## **CMC Annual Conference**

The Georgia Annual Conference for the Congregational Methodist Church is scheduled for March 3rd at 2:00 at Rock Springs Church in Milner Georgia. This will be a great opportunity to meet other churches within the CMC and begin building connectional relationships within the conference. If you have time to attend this event with us, we would love for you to be a part of this historic opportunity for The Well at Centerville. We will be traveling immediately following Sunday Service and will stop for lunch in Forsyth. We will be taking the church van for anyone who would like to travel together. Our delegates to the Annual Conference this year are Joy Flemming, Nancy Hudson, and Cheri Cox; Pastor Tommy is also a delgate by virtue of his position. Please pray for these individuals as they represent the church in their official capacities. If anyone else would like to attend, you can attend as a visitor of the conference. Please RSVP to LaWanna by Thursday, February 29, if you will be attending. We apologize for the late notice but greatly appreciate your participation.



## **Bible Reading Plan**

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## **Community Missions**

- Food Pantry January totals: families served- 641; people served- 2166; portions distributed- 873; weight of food distributed- 28,179 lbs. Yall rock!
- The next Food Pantry is February 28, 2024... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday 9a-12 noon... Closet volunteers for 02-27-24 are Barbara Bruschke, Vicky Moore, Lynn Mayfield
- ➤ We are moving out to the Outreach Center- hopefully, we'd like to begin transferring things on March 18<sup>th</sup> and get as much done as possible so we won't have that much to do during Holy Week. We need volunteers! Marilyn will post a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin for volunteers to help during the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Closet will be closed March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ➤ Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

### Volunteers Needed, Please!

Come on yall! If you love to hold babies, teach toddlers and children, please let Katie know so she can hug your neck and sign you up. You will be blessed!







## Safe Sanctuary and Children's Church Training

Safe Sanctuary training and training on our new Orange curriculum for children's church and toddler nursery will be March 3, right after the Worship Service in the Children's Church room. Safe Sanctuary training will be first, so those not taking Orange training can leave. Please RSVP to Katie at 478-397-5243.

### Church-Wide Clean-Up

Mark your calendars for the church wide clean up days **March 1 and 2** at 8a- until each day. Come if you can, stay however long you can, any help is appreciated.

### **Puzzle Fans!**

Your church library has a lot of new puzzles that you may borrow and return OR borrow and not return AND we are very happy to accept your unwanted puzzles, too! We ALWAYS welcome more puzzles to our puzzle table. Also, the Centerville Public Library now has puzzles available to take, trade or drop some off for others on the shelving to the right past the check-out area just beyond the Friends of the Library sale books. (GREAT selection of various genres of sale books is just 50 cents each!



# Wesley Glen Abundant Life Celebration

It's time again for the Abundant Life Celebration benefitting Wesley Glen. Last year the cost was \$50 per person... this year there is no charge, however, a love offering will be appreciated. Everyone had a good time last year! Anyone interested in going, please contact Stevie Bowen at 478-954-5938 or steve.bowen1958@gmail.com.

# **Easter Hams!**

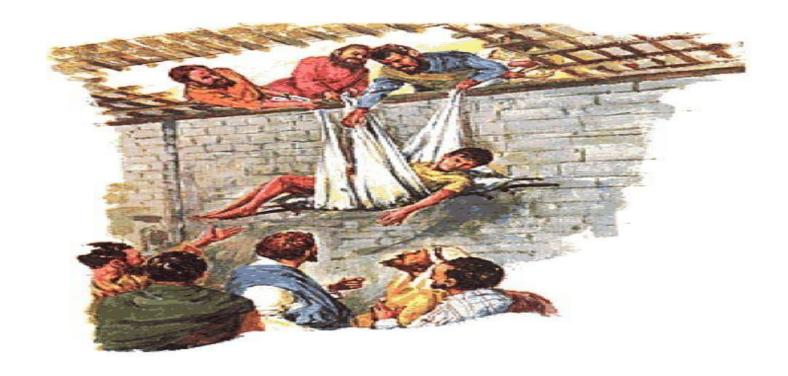
Men at the Well are selling hams for Easter! Cost is \$40. Pick up is Saturday, March 30, 10a-2p. See J.O., Mel, Stevie, Jim or come by the office for your ticket(s). Remember, they freeze well!



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Church Shirt Sunday Wear yours!







# Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

## This week's Schedule:

# Sunday- February 25

**Ushers** 

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship













### Greeters

10:30a Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Boutwell

#### **Communion Servers**

Cynthia Boutwell, Lynn Mayfield Jim & Linda Blanton

### Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming





## Women at the Well





### Assisting with Children

Sunday- February 25

Nursery- Joy Fleming, Laura McKenzie

Children- Sherry Armour Sunday- March 3

Nursery- Dawn Wilkins, Laura McKenzie

Children- Katie Odum



7:30p Narcotics Anonymous





Men at the Well



## **Tuesday- February 27**

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet

9:15a Movin' n Groovin' 10:00a Partners in Prayer

10:00a Yoga









## Wednesday- February 28

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**Food Pantry** 11a 6:30p Choir Practice

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous







### Thursday- February 29

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Yoga 6:30p Handbells

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous







## Friday- March 1

World Day of Prayer

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday- March 2

7:30p. . Narcotics Anonymous







## Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class Seekers **Issues & Answers New Beginnings** Christian Fellowship Youth

**Pilgrims** 

**Studies** Easter Bible Story Matthew Revelation 2 Corinthians Dinosaurs in the Bible

Katie Odum Nancy Hudson Don Schall Eric & Gloria Nelson Kathy Blanchard

LaWanna Porter

**Teacher** 



**On Hiatus**