

# The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

February 8, 2023

## Come and Worship

Exodus 8:1 says Then the Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'thus says the Lord: Let my people go, so that they may serve me'. Some translations say "so they may worship me". Throughout my life I have read and heard these words and thought, well they are just trying to trick Pharaoh, God really wants the people to be set free to go live in their own land. As I was listening to Exodus last week as part of our conference reading the Bible through in a year, all of a sudden I finally got it! What God wanted from His people then and now was and is to freely worship Him. True worship, like true love and true forgiveness and true service, must be from a place of freedom. I must freely choose in my heart to worship, to love, to serve. I would encourage you all to prepare your hearts for worship, to read scripture and find time to be alone with God throughout the week. To seek for the eyes and ears of your hearts to be open so that the Spirit can speak to you through the sights and sounds of worship. Study and pray with a group – Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings groups are meeting and want you to join them. Be accountable to each other. Choose to worship, then come pray, sing, listen, and participate! I see more individuals leading worship through being greeters, ushers, acolytes, readers, prayers, servers, singers and musicians now than I've seen in a long time in our church. There is not only room for each of us in worship, there is a place for each of us to serve. To acolyte, speak to Cathy Ellis; to greet, Cindy Lang; to usher, Kevin Peterson; to read, Benny Egger; to serve Communion, talk to me or Lori Berrey. Choir practice is every Wednesday at 5:00, and you are most welcome! You are free to choose to worship God, to truly make a sacrifice of praise to Him with your whole heart and mind. We worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 and the first Wednesday evening of each month at 6:00. Come and worship!

Debbie Young, Worship Coordinator

### New Prayer Requests

**Linda Long - Surgery Feb. 14**

**Rickie Oubre - Liver Cancer** (Nancy Crews' 1st Cousin)

**Jesse Mendiola - Infection**

**Bessie Kent - Loss of her sister, Jean Quave**

**Margaret Yates - Covid**

**The Family of Judy Lauderdale**

**Elva Britt - at Wisteria Gardens, Pearl MS**

**Mavis Thrash - at Bedford #411**

### Please continue to pray for:

Shirley Dooley, Francois du Plessis, Barbara Walker,  
James & Glenda Smith, Ken LaBruyere,

Otha Barham, Jesse Mendiola, Brenda Huffman, Sharon Stephens,  
Delaney Heckert, Betsy Storms, Charlotte Chaney, Will Alexander,  
Marilyn Brewster, Shane Helton, Kevin Stiefel, Kati Stembridge,  
Celie LeBlanc Ulm, Adrian Hill, Robert Sanford

If you have a prayer request please let the office know.

### **February Birthdays**

1st	Grace Brown
	Marilyn Browne
2nd	Pate Powell
6th	Judy Hartzler
10th	Jeffrey Rhett
11th	Sadie Hill
	Larry Pupa
12th	Matt Hall
15th	Caroline Wilson
20th	Margaret Yates
	Maria Yates
22nd	Kalin Joyner

### Sunday, February 12

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups  
3:00 P.M. Reading Helps

### Monday, February 13

1:00 P.M. Women of the Church/Parlor

### Tuesday, February 14

10:00 A.M. *The Story of God, The Story of Us Study*  
6:30 P.M. **Executive Team/Conf. Rm**

### Wednesday, February 15

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 P.M. *The Story of God, The Story of Us Study*  
*Unexpected Study* (last one)  
Youth & Children

### Thursday, February 16

**The Church Office will be closed.**

### Sunday, February 19

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups  
3:00 P.M. Reading Helps  
4:00 P.M. Handbells

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22nd - 6 PM



## Memorials

### In Memory of:

**Judy Lauderdale** - Jerry & Linda Long  
Irby & Cindy Lang  
Ron & Jennifer St. John  
Ed & Nancy Crews

**Ashley Browne** - Jerry & Linda Long  
Ron & Jennifer St. John  
Irby & Cindy Lang  
Ken & Dixie LaBruyere

**Kim Ridinger Jones** - Jerry & Linda Long  
Grady & Vicki Coleman  
Ed & Nancy Crews  
Ron & Jennifer St. John  
Irby & Cindy Lang  
Ken & Dixie LaBruyere

**June Estes** - Ken & Dixie LaBruyere



This Sunday, February 12th will be your last opportunity to contribute to the Valentine Bags for our Homebound. Bags are at the front of the sanctuary along with a list of names for you to personalize your cards.

## Wesley House

### February Request - Canned Fruit

Your donations can be placed in the sanctuary (Donation Bins) or brought by the office.



Our Children's Ministry is growing and we need volunteers to help with the following areas: **Nursery, Sunday School and Reading Helps.** See Ashley Rue to volunteer for one or all of these areas.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### February 12 - Sunday

Acolytes: Cathy Ellis, Neldia White  
Greeters: Linda Long, Sandy Thomas  
Scripture Reader: Steven Brown  
Sunday Snacks: Cindy Lang, Dixie LaBruyere

### February 13 - Monday (Double Deliveries)

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Dixie LaBruyere, Cindy Lang

### February 19 - Sunday

Acolytes: Wanda McBrayer, Angie Sherrill  
Greeters: Cindy Lang, Luci Wolvers  
Scripture Reader: Alana Richardson  
Sunday Snacks: Dianne Shannon

### February 20 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Gary & Robin Thompson (NO DELIVERIES)

### February 26 - Sunday

Acolytes: Melissa Brown, Irby Lang  
Greeters: Angie Sherrill, Cathy Ellis  
Scripture Reader: Amy Floyd  
Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis

### February 27 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Marjorie Walker

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#### The 2023 Bible Challenge

February 8	Leviticus 22 - 23
February 9	Leviticus 24 - 25
February 10	Leviticus 26 - 27
February 11	Numbers 1 - 2
February 12	Numbers 3 - 4
February 13	Numbers 5 - 6
February 14	Numbers 7
February 15	Numbers 8 - 10
February 16	Numbers 11 - 13
February 17	Numbers 14 - 15
February 18	Numbers 16 - 17
February 19	Numbers 18 - 20
February 20	Numbers 21 - 22
February 21	Numbers 23 - 25
February 22	Numbers 26 - 27

Commit spending time every day in God's word. For those who meditate and journal, here are some reflection questions:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
3. What does this passage teach us about our world?
4. Are there any thoughts, words or phrases that caught your attention ? Why ?