

# Evergreen News

## A Pastor's Perception

I really can't stay  
Baby, it's cold outside  
I've got to go away  
Baby, it's cold outside

Despite what these lyrics may convey, I don't mind the cold; I am not trying to avoid it or rush to spring.  
But I know I am in the minority; many of you prefer to be warm.

The pondering of the writer of Ecclesiastes shares that keeping warm alone can be problematic. (Ecclesiastes 4)

However, this pondering is not limited to experiencing colds alone. It also reflects the drawbacks of being alone or lonely.

God said in the beginning that it is not good to be alone, and he gives man a helper. (Genesis 2:18)

We've discussed this before - we are designed both **to give and receive help**. Both require at least one other person in addition to self.

This is not unlike the instruction Jesus gave to **love one another**.

We see that to love our neighbor will require something beyond a feeling of warmth toward them; instead, to love is to act in a way that others feel warmth.

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

— John Wesley, *The Journal of John Wesley*

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## February EVENTS

- Ladies Bible Study  
Mondays at 11 am
- Men's Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 7 pm  
& Saturdays at 7 am
- Youth Wednesdays at  
6:30 pm
- Sisters in Christ the  
second Saturday each  
month

### Our Vision Statement:

*"To Know, Love, &  
Follow Jesus by  
serving All"*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> 3M 7 am
<sup>2</sup> 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Large Group Gathering	<sup>3</sup> WWW 11 am	<sup>4</sup> TT Committee Mtg. 7 pm	<sup>5</sup> Youth 6:30pm	<sup>6</sup> Men's Bible Study 7 pm	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup> 3M 7 am Sisters in Christ 9 am
<sup>9</sup> 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Large Group Gathering	<sup>10</sup> WWW 11 am	<sup>11</sup> Commis-sions 7 pm	<sup>12</sup> Youth 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm	<sup>13</sup> Men's Bible Study 7 pm	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> 3M 7 am
<sup>16</sup> 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Large Group Gathering	<sup>17</sup> WWW 11 am Tiny Timbers Closed 	<sup>18</sup> Leadership Team Mtg. 7 pm	<sup>19</sup> Youth 6:30 pm	<sup>20</sup> Men's Bible Study 7 pm	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup> 3M 7 am
<sup>23</sup> 8:30 am Sunday School Align Life Baby Shower 9:15 am 9:45 am Large Group Gathering	<sup>24</sup> WWW 11 am	<sup>25</sup>	<sup>26</sup> Youth 6:30 pm	<sup>27</sup> Men's Bible Study 7 pm Tiny Timbers Open House	<sup>28</sup>	

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Wesley, a 19th-century preacher, was feeling the love of God - he was strangely warmed. **He was hearing the word of God being read in the company of others, and God was at work giving him faith.**

James, the half-brother of Jesus, wants followers of Jesus to understand.

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (James 2:15-17)

In a season marked by cold and an epidemic of loneliness for many,  
**How might we help others experience warmth?**

Despite being cold outside, how could others, our neighbors, experience their **heart strangely warmed?**

## It's a baby!

It's a boy! ..... It's a girl!

West Green Tree church will have the opportunity to join together and support Align Life Ministries. The work they do for women, babies, and families is crucial! They help moms choose life and sometimes adoption for their babies. They will have a representative here give us an update on their ministry on February 9th at the 9:45 am Large Group Gathering and

then Sunday, February 23rd, we will have a baby shower to collect supplies, gift cards, and cash donations for the ministry and their clients. We will remind you and give more details closer to the event.

Here is the list of the most needed items right now :

Baby Hygiene items (Baby shampoo/baby wash/baby lotion, diaper rash cream)

Size 5 diapers

Size 6 diapers

4T/5T pullups

Baby wipes

Remember, gift cards, and cash donations are always very much appreciated. You can also go to their website and see a complete list, <https://alignlifeministries.org/get-involved/provide>

From your friendly local neighborhood witness committee



Hello again from Tiny Timbers!

We hope you all had a blessed holiday and are staying cozy amid all of this snow and cold! We were checking the temperature during weather time recently and while the weather report said it was twenty-seven degrees out, the "feels like" temperature said it was only six! That put us close to the bottom of our class thermometer and we couldn't believe it!

We had a wonderful time putting on our Christmas Program and celebrating the birth of Jesus. In the MWF classes we sang "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," "Away in a Manger," "Joy to the World," and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." We had the best time practicing our songs and putting on our costumes! Aside from practicing for the program, we have been learning about Christmas traditions here and around the world. We learned that some people in other countries do things the same as we do and others do different special things. Some of our favorites were: Japan, where they eat fried chicken for Christmas, and Serbia, where they bring hay inside their houses and the children pretend to be hungry baby chicks as the grown ups toss treats down at them. We thought the hay was crazy, but the treats part sounded delicious!

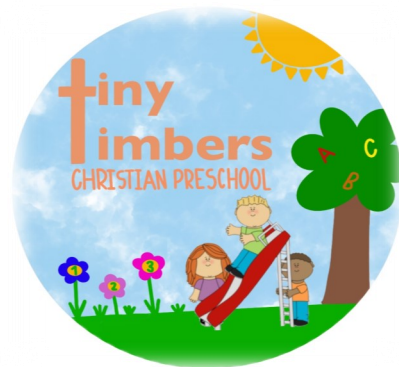
We have also learned all the way up to letter N and number 14! Recently some of our letter animal friends have made some appearances in our classroom (in the form of beanie babies) and we can't get enough of their cuteness! Not to mention we love to play a game where we match the animals to their letters. Nigel Night-owl visited us this week and he is just too cute not to share! We are excited to continue learning the rest of the alphabet and jump into some of the fun themes we have coming up such as Community Helpers, Favorite Stories, and Rhyming!

Last time I wrote to you our class had just earned enough points to adopt their Cubby Critters and I am happy to say that the critters are thriving. Since being adopted, each of them has gained a home and students have used their points to purchase things like toys, blankets, beds, and food for their critters!

We have officially entered the New Testament in our Bible time! In the past we have had visitors from the church come and read Bible stories to our classes. If this is something that you would be interested in or if you would like more information, I would be happy to chat with you! You can email me at [tinytimbersmwf@westgreentree.org](mailto:tinytimbersmwf@westgreentree.org). We look forward to having you visit our classes!

Thank you again for all of your support of Tiny Timbers. It is truly such a gift to get to work with these sweet children each year, and to be able to share with them the good news of Jesus makes it all the sweeter!

Miss Kessy, MWF Teacher





### **WGT Winter Delay/ Cancellations**

For activities that take place Monday - Friday, the leader of each meeting/activity will determine cancellations.

Please ensure you have the contact information to contact the appropriate person regarding cancellation concerns.

For weekend activities/gatherings, please check local tv stations, WJTL (fm90.3) or the church website (click the *Worship* tab & then click *Updates & Changes*) for information on delays/cancellations.



### **Prayer Requests**

If you need prayer, contact our Prayer Warriors!

Send prayer requests to:  
[prayer@westgreentree.org](mailto:prayer@westgreentree.org)

### **February Anniversaries**

2/14 - Cliff & Dawn Shirk  
2/16 - Donald & Billie Jo Snyder  
2/25 - Mel & Brenda Geib  
2/26 - Greg & Cindy Seitz

### **February Birthdays**

2/2 - Sarah Clugston  
Mike Reem  
2/4 - Jim Spickler  
2/5 - Darlene Breneman  
2/5 - Greg Wiker  
2/9 - Brad Drawbaugh  
2/12 - Ann Weaver  
2/13 - Lance Hitz  
2/14 - Donna Hollinger  
2/15 - Barrett Youtz  
2/17 - Nash Grove  
2/19 - Clint Arndt  
2/20 - Gale Forry  
2/22 - Alexis Miller  
2/23 - Krista Dickson  
2/24 - Jessica Tripp  
2/25 - Doug Breneman  
2/25 - Jo Brandt  
2/27 - Kenny Myer  
2/28 - Jonathan Coble



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**Sunday Service Times:**

- ♦ **8:30 am Sunday School/Small Groups**
- ♦ **9:45 am Large Group Gathering**
- ♦ **9:45 am Live Stream via YouTube**  
**“West Green Tree Worship”**

**Weekday Activities:**

- ♦ **Monday: Ladies Bible Study @ 11 am**
- ♦ **Wednesday: Youth @ 6:30 pm**
- ♦ **Thursday: Men's Bible Study @ 7 pm**
- ♦ **Saturday: Men's Bible Study @ 7 am**