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Building Faith and Family Through Love

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**God is still
in control!**

What Can We Do?

That's a question concerned believers in Christ are asking in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The devastation is unimaginable. The toll on the innocent people of Ukraine is inhumane. Let me suggest these four vital steps each of us must be taking.

1. Intercede for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. 78 percent of Ukrainian adults, some thirty-five million people, are Orthodox Christians. On their behalf, you and I are to **"keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).** Let's ask God to protect and provide for them and their families. And let's pray for God to use their faith and witness in this crisis to lead many to Himself.
2. Pray for all leaders. Paul wrote, **"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions."** 1 Timothy 2:1-2a We are to pray for this outcome: **"that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (v.2b)** We should pray for repentance for Vladimir Putin and others who are instigating this horrific conflict. And we should pray for Ukraine, European, and American leaders to have divine wisdom, courage, and perseverance as they respond on behalf of those they serve.
3. Seek ways to help the victims. Jesus taught us that how we treat those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, or imprisoned is how we treat Him (Matthew 25:35-40). War always creates such victims. **Dignity** is a Czech-based NGO dedicated to providing aid, support and care to displaced people seeking asylum from war, terror and persecution <http://www.dignityrh.org/> There is also the **International Mission Board** <https://www.imb.org/> and **Samaritan's Purse** <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org>
4. Oppose our greatest enemy. Jesus described Satan as **"the thief [who] comes only to steal and kill and destroy (John 10:10).** As a result, wherever we find theft, murder, and destruction, we can know Satan is at work. He uses people and nations as his instruments of malice, but ultimately, **"we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).**

Christians are called to the front lines of this spiritual battle, a conflict we can win only on our knees.
Prayerfully,
Gary

Thank You Note

Dear Tabernacle Church Family,
Thank you for walking with us through last year as we continued to reach those from the nations that have come to us here in middle Tennessee to study.

We look forward in this year as we look to grow and reach more international students.
Ric & Amy Kosonavic

Congratulations



We are so excited to announce that Tinzley Eaves has been selected to serve as WMES Newscaster for 2022-2023 (Monarch Elementary School)! We are proud of you for being willing to serve MES in this role and look forward to working with you!

Christian Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Frances Edwards, formerly of Union, South Carolina, who passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Springfield Place in Newberry, South Carolina.

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Burgess & their family and other family members in the loss of Wayne's sister, *Mrs. Betty J. Wilson, of Jonesville, South Carolina, who passed away Sunday, February 27, 2022, at the Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home.

Our Hospital List

Spartanburg Restorative Care
389 Serpentine Drive
Spartanburg SC 29303

*Ronnie Garner - ICU Bed 1
(Hazel & Dudley Adams son-in-law)

**Read Through
the Bible**
Deuteronomy 3-4
Mark 8:1-10



When it is needed most, you have been the beneficiary of others praying for your strength, endurance, and joy. *Father, guide me to be more specific and passionate as I pray for others.*

Upcoming EVENTS

Sunday School (Bible Study)

Sunday School (Bible Study) meets from 9:30 am to 10:15 am for all ages.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary Sunday - 10:30 am

Rev. Gary Ward will be speaking. The Praise Team will be leading the music.

Children's Choir

Children's Choir meets from 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm in the choir room. Children dismiss at 6:00 pm to go to "252" Clubhouse.

"252" Clubhouse

"252" Clubhouse meets on Sunday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm upstairs in the FLC (old youth room). For ages 3 (as of September 1, 2021) through sixth grade. Parents/guardians come in and register your child at 5:45 pm and pick up your child at 7:00 pm.

Youth

The Youth meet on Sunday at 6:00 pm and Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room.

GA's

The GA's meet on Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Canteen.

RA's & Mission Friends

The RA's & Mission Friends meet on Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Sunday Evening Study "The Truth Project"

Join us for our Sunday evening study "The Truth Project" from 6 pm to 7 pm in the sanctuary. The Truth Project will take you through the Bible from a Christian world view. These lessons teach how important it is to have a Christian worldview in your daily life. This series is taught by Dr. Del Tackett, the former President of the Focus on the Family Institute.

Special Called Business Meeting

There will be a special called business meeting Sunday, March 13, 2022, following the worship service to present, discuss, and vote on the proposed 2022 church budget. Copies are available at the Welcome Center and in the church foyer.

Turn Your Clocks UP One Hour!



Don't forget to turn your clocks UP one hour on Saturday, March 12, 2022!

Agape Women's Group

The Agape Women's Group will meet Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Don't forget to bring items for the salad, etc.



Featuring our
College Students,
Youth & Children

Attending the recent Union Junior Charity League annual Valentine's Father/Daughter dance were Miss Aubree Gregory and her father John Gregory along with Miss Libby Kate Seaburg and her father Wesley Seaburg. Daddies and daughters danced in front of the deejay stage. Aubree & Libby Kate enjoyed the dance!

Extended Session

Sunday Morning - March 13, 2022

Babies & Toddlers - Melanie Barnett

Julie Fowler

Sunday Evening - March 13, 2022

Babies & Toddlers - Judy & Gerald Graham

Sunday Morning - March 20, 2022

Babies & Toddlers - Jeff & Maxine Craft

Sunday Evening - March 20, 2022

Babies & Toddlers - Debbie Eaves
Cynthia Coffey

Deacon of the Month (March) Jeff Craft

March Security Team Schedule
March 13 - Frank Alexander, Donna Anthony, Tommy Anthony, Jeff Craft

March 20 - Frank Alexander, David Austin, Scott Barnett, Mark Foster

March 27 - Frank Alexander, Wayne Burgess, Garrison Smith, Marilyn Bright

2021 Contribution Statements

The remaining 2021 Contribution Statements have been mailed.



Sunday School Attendance

February 27 - 97
March 6 - 92



Worship Service Attendance

February 27 - 107 March 6 - 114

Financial Giving Report February 27, 2022

Total.....\$11,591.00
Regular Offering10,692.00
Building Fund.....531.00
Envelopes3.00
General Fund Memorials.....45.00
Mrs. Frances Edwards
Mrs. Linda Goings
Building Fund Memorials20.00
Mrs. Frances Edwards
Lottie Moon Memorials100.00
Mr. Tommy Smith
Mr. Tom Coffey
A Armstrong Memorials100.00
Mrs. Frances Edwards
A Armstrong Honorariums100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Spencer
Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Spencer

Financial Giving Report March 6, 2022

Total.....\$10,319.00
Regular Offering.....8,372.00
Building Fund.....1,241.00
General Fund Memorials.....565.00
Mrs. Frances Edwards
Mr. Larry O'Shields
Mr. Stan Moody, Mr. Tom Coffey
Lottie Moon Memorial50.00
Mrs. Frances Edwards
A Armstrong Memorials.....91.00
Mrs. Frances Edwards
Mr. Larry O'Shields
Mr. Stanley Moody
Mrs. Linda Goings

Our Sunday Evening Study...

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BLESSING BOX

Please bring your items for the **Blessing Box** and leave them in the blue bin across from the Welcome Center:

The items we currently need for our Blessing Box are listed below:

- canned vegetables (with pull-tops)
- canned meat (with pull-tops)
- bottled water
- You may also make a monetary donation toward the Blessing Box.
- **Volunteers are needed to fill the Blessing Box ONE DAY a week. The food for the Blessing Box is already at the church. If you wish to volunteer, please call the church office (427-9847).**

If you have any questions, please see Debbie Eaves.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions & the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 6-13, 2022
Our Goal: \$5,000

Serving the Abandoned



More than a decade ago, Michael and Traci Byrd moved out of a rough inner-city neighborhood of St. Louis, swearing they'd never go back. But God called them to return and plant Faith Community Bible Church. Their mission is to care for people who feel abandoned, Michael said. The neighborhood, which is 95% African-American, has a high poverty rate, a high crime rate and mostly single-parent homes. By canvassing the community, the Byrds quickly found their assumptions of needs were different from reality. Building relationships over shared meals, offering group cooking lessons and even trips to the grocery store have become pathways to meeting needs and discipling new believers. And now Faith Community Bible Church has expanded to a second campus. *“All people have the same heart condition in small towns and in the big urban centers,”* Michael said. *“We all need the same Jesus.”*

Pray for the People of Ukraine






“Ukrainian families are hurting and in desperate need of physical aid and prayer during this difficult time,” said Franklin Graham. *“We are deploying life-saving medical care to aid people who are suffering. We want to meet the needs of these families in their darkest moments while pointing them to the light and hope of Jesus Christ.”*

As the conflict erupted, Samaritan's Purse was in the process of distributing 600,000 shoeboxes this year. Samaritan's Purse has a robust outreach through Operation Christmas Child. They remain in contact with churches in the country to see how they can assist in this volatile situation.

Please pray for God to grant them strength and protection. Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for the relief teams as they seek ways to help in Jesus' name.

(UPDATED) MARCH 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week of Prayer for North American Missions & the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 6-13, 2022 Our Goal: \$5,000 		1	2 10 am Women's Bible Study - FSH 6 pm--7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's & Mission Friends-FLC 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	3 6 pm Property Committee Meeting-Library	4	5
6 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service 5:15-6 pm Children's Choir -choir room 6 pm-7 pm "252 Clubhouse"-FLC (upstairs) 6 pm-7 pm Sunday Evening study-Sanctuary 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	7	8	9 10 am Women's Bible Study-FSH 6 pm--7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's & Mission Friends-FLC 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	10	11	12 Turn your clocks UP one hour! 
13 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service 5:15-6 pm Children's Choir -choir room 6 pm-7 pm "252 Clubhouse"-FLC (upstairs) 6 pm Sunday Evening study -Sanctuary 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	14 5:30-8 pm - FLC Canteen (reserved by Josie K. White) (Junior Charity League of Union County Board Meeting)	15 6 pm Agape Women's Group-FSH (don't forget to bring items for salad, etc.)	16 10 am Women's Bible Study -FSH 6 pm--7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's & Mission Friends-FLC 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	17 <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> 	18	19
20 <u>First Day of Spring</u>  10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service 5:15-6 pm Children's Choir -choir room 6 pm-7 pm "252 Clubhouse"-FLC (upstairs) 6 pm-7 pm Sunday Evening study-Sanctuary 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	21	22 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting-Senior Adult Assembly Room	23 10 am Women's Bible Study-FSH 6 pm-7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's & Mission Friends-FLC 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	24	25	26 9 am-5 pm FSH (reserved by Maxine Craft/Karen Greer) (to set up for Baby Shower for Hannah & Joseph Craft)
27 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service 5:15-6 pm Children's Choir -choir room FSH - Baby Shower for Hannah & Joseph Craft (It's a boy) (reserved by Maxine Craft/Karen Greer) (time announced later) 6 pm-7 pm "252 Clubhouse"-FLC (upstairs) 6 pm-7 pm Sunday Evening Bible study-Sanctuary 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	28 5:30-8 pm - FSH (reserved by Josie K. White) (Junior Charity League of Union County General Meeting)	29 6 pm Church Council Meeting-FSH	30 6 pm-7 pm GA's-FLC Canteen 6 pm-7 pm RA's & Mission Friends-FLC 6 pm-7 pm Youth (youth room)	31		



Each month we will be celebrating birthdays (month and day only). The list is not limited to members. If you are attending our services and would like your birthday listed, please call the church office (427-9847) or email the church office (tabernacle@tbcunion.com). Also if your name is not listed under your birthday month, we do not have your birthday information. Please call the church office or email the church office to have it added. Due to the coronavirus, sending a birthday card is a good way for you to minister to those having birthdays.

Updated March Birthdays:

- March 2** - Mr. William Smith, 110 Gregory Street, Union SC 29379 (cell no. 426-0488)
- March 7** - Mrs. Dot Nichols, 201 Hillcrest Drive, Union SC 29379 (tel. no. 427-6656)
- March 7** - Mr. Lynn Eaves, 501 Springdale Drive, Union SC 29379 (tel. no. 427-1732)
- March 9** - Hannah Cali Coker, 101 Briarwood Drive, Union SC 29379 (Alison's cell no. 426-0359)
- March 12** - Mrs. Pam Haney, 273 Happy Valley Road, Union SC 29379
- March 12** - Nathan Weaver, 305 River Hills Road, Union SC 29379
- March 12** - Mr. Jason Linder - 231 Tempy Hill Road, Buffalo, SC 29321-2015
- March 13** - Mrs. Tomi Vaughn, 504 Wilson Street, Union SC 29379 (tel. no. 427-5003)
- March 15** - Mr. Sam White, 201 Wimbleton Road, Union SC 29379 (tel. no. 427-1588)
- March 15** - Mrs. Alison Coker, 101 Briarwood Drive, Union SC 29379 (cell no. 426-0359)
- March 15** - Jeremy Robinson, 100 Chelsea Court, Union SC 29379
- March 16** - Hunter Parks, 109 Scout Drive, Buffalo SC 29321
- March 16** - Garrison Smith, 1456 Sardis Road, Union SC 29379 (tel. no. 427-9582)
- March 16** - Mrs. Betty Gough, Ellen Sagar Nursing Center, 1817 Jonesville Hwy, Union SC 29379
- March 16** - Mr. Mark Haney, 2471 Buffalo West Springs Hwy, Buffalo SC 29321 (cell no. 441-1960)
- March 17** - Mr. Scott Coffey, 225 Belvue Drive, Union SC 29379
- March 19** - Kyle Yarbrough, c/o Mrs. Dodie Yarbrough, 124 Douglas Heights, Union SC 29379
- March 20** - Mr. Phillip Lawson, 590 Gist Bridge Road, Buffalo SC 29321
- March 20** - Daniel Bright, 1241 S. Jonesville Hwy, Jonesville SC 29353-2235
- March 21** - Mr. Roger Wade, 216 Glendale Road, Union SC 29379 (cell no. 426-8085)
- March 21** - Mr. Wilbur Smith III, 2954 Santuc Carlisle Hwy, Union SC 29379 (tel. no. 427-8320)
- March 22** - Mrs. Sara Wade, 216 Glendale Road, Union SC 29379 (cell no. 426-8086)
- March 22** - Dray Davis, 229 Belvue Drive, Union SC 29379
- March 23** - Mrs. Glenda Lawson, 317 Glendale Road, Union SC 29379 (cell no. 429-6127)
- March 23** - Mr. Michael Floyd, 427 New Hope Church Road, Jonesville SC 29353
- March 23** - Cassidy Pridemore, 3014 Whitmire Hwy, Union SC 29379
- March 24** - Paul Greer III, 201 Rice Avenue, Union SC 29379
- March 25** - Mr. David Gault, c/o 227 Haas Street, Union SC 29379
- March 25** - Quadrik Smith, 109 New Street, Union SC 29379
- March 28** - Mrs. Brenda Smith, 441 Beltline Road, Union SC 29379 (cell no. 429-6846)
- March 30** - Mrs. Donna Cody, 112 Hillcrest Drive, Union SC 29379 (cell no. 429-1536)

If a name has been overlooked, please call or email the church office.)

BLESSING BOX



Please bring your items for the Blessing Box and leave them in the blue bin at the Welcome Center:

- **Canned vegetables with pull-tops**
- Crackers
- Non-perishable foods
- Cereals
- Small snacks
- Hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Baby wipes
- Bottled water
- Toilet paper
- Flip-flops
- Socks
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

If you have any questions, please see Debbie Eaves.



**Sunday School
meets from
9:30 am to 10:15 am
for all ages!**

Worship Service 10:30 am

**As a reminder, please return your
completed Sunday School roll to the
Sunday School office on Sunday.**