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Secretary: Cheryl Rice

Our Mission Statement

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

February 01 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

<u>Local Concerns</u>: Linda Ensminger, Nancy Burns, Ron Smith, Sarah Jane Robinson Marvin Gregory, Margaret Shinkle, Rex Thomas, Louise Kelsey, Alvin Robinson, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue

Continuing Concerns: Arvin Blaker, Dorothy
Thornton, Paula Hutton, Bob & Jane Ellen Hutton,
Maxine Wescott, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill,
Evelyn DeCou, Linda Shue, Linda Blevins & family,
Doris Regan, Mary Smith, Evelyn Tarter, Lois
Ramsey, John & Vesta Scott, Mardina Gregory,
Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings,
Helen Smith

Our extended family: Terry Young, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Jolene Smith, Carson Self, Sandy McQueen & granddaughter, Don Robertson, Bill & Judy Ward, Donald Hendry (Lois McBride's brother), Emily Hudson, Alice Douglas, Paxton Bush, Dwayne (Beaumont) Johnson, Joyce Stone, Justin Voorhies, Donovan Walling, Rudy Robinson, Aden Hogan, Lyle & Mary Anderson, Betty Peterson, Melissa Windsor, Belva Young, Tye Libberman, Trisha Winkleman, Lillian Ghramm, Rita Renfrow, Bruce Hogue, Misty Waggoner, Roger Wooten, Michelle Miller, Bill Brown, Shirley Darbro, Betty Johnson, Kyleen Wolverton, Melva Anderson, David & Sharalyn Hogan, Brenda Lockhart, Nancy Luellen, and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

<u>Please call the church office(378-4118) with</u> <u>information or updates</u> related to illnesses,

hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

*Names in bold indicate recent hospitalizations.

<u>Serving in the Military</u> with ties to this congregation is: Dylon Voorhies- Marines Caleb Black - Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering	
Jan. 22	69	\$1482.00	
Jan. 29	76	\$?	



Happy Birthday!

Feb. 02 - Wayne Sircoulomb

Feb. 05 - Vesta Scott*

Feb. 06 – Terry Williams

Feb. 07 – Sarah Jane Robinson*

Tyler Vaughn

Feb. 12 - Nancy Rogers*

Feb. 13 – Logan Vaughn



Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 14 – Terry & Claudia Marr (46 years)

If your Name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list or is incorrect, please call the office, 378-4118. We want to include you.

It costs less to train 100 children in Christian living than it does to deal with one average criminal.



Called to Serve February

Sunday, February 05

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Louise Kelsey

Usher: Cleda Robinson AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Mike Jeffers

Sunday, February 12

Table Elders: Nancy Rogers & Todd Harrelson

Home Communion: Bob Compton*
Deacons: Don Vaughn & Rex Thomas
Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Delores Kempinger

Usher: Marilyn Compton AV. Merlyn Ramsey

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Carl Thornton

Sunday, February 19

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey

Home Communion: Carl Thornton Deacons: Ron Smith & Neal Bernauer Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Carol Bernauer

Usher: Claudia Marr AV. Ron Smith

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Sandy Besinger



Soup's on ...

for lunch following the church service on February 19th. This is a fund raiser for the kids to go to

specialty camp at Tawakoni this summer. God's praise warriors will perform during the soup luncheon. Chicken taco soup, chili & chicken noodle soup will be provided. If anyone wants to bring sandwiches or cake, cookies or a dessert to go with it they are welcome to do so.



Fredonia Regional Hospital Auxiliary

is trying something new and will be

serving a fund raising Chicken Noodle Dinner with salads and desserts- Friday, February 24, here at First Christian Church. Serving starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p. m.

Coming this Sunday morning, February 5th



the church will welcome back the very talented former Nashville singer/songwriter Jacey Nash, who will again present his song cycle, "The Gospel According to Peter and Me". If you haven't heard him before you won't want to miss him. He has recently moved back and again calls Fredonia his home.

Just checking In

A pastor passing through his church in the middle of the day,

decided to pause at the altar and see who came to pray.

Just then the back door opened and a man came down the aisle.

The pastor frowned when he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.

His shirt was kind of shabby and his coat was worn and frayed,

The man knelt, bowed his head, then rose and walked away. (Continued on page 4)



A Message from Pastor Shue

By the time you read this Ashly and I will already be on our adventure to Santa Emilia, Nicaragua. As I was

packing the bags with many school supplies and numerous sporting good items the thing that kept coming to mind was how truly blessed we are as a church. It makes no difference if its pencils or soccer balls that we can afford to give these to our brothers and sisters in a country so far from our own is just more than words can describe. I wish to thank all of your for your generosity for each item or dollar donated. Please know that each of the people who receive these gifts do so with a grateful heart.

February 12th will be my first Sunday back. We will be attending the Tawakoni Pool Party at First Christian Church in Pittsburg that afternoon. We will be taking the van. It would be nice if it was full. There will be a catered fried chicken dinner and a silent auction as well as all kinds of other things going on. The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person. Each church in the South East Region was asked to make up and donate a basket for the silent auction. Phyllis Leckey was kind enough to put together the basket for our church. She did an outstanding job in putting it together. If anyone else would like to come with us please call the office.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude

Things Money Can't Buy:

true friendship, a clear conscience, good health, happiness which is a mental attitude, sunsets, songs of wild birds, music of the wind in the trees, air that we breathe, inward peace which is a result of being right with God, or character. Money can't buy the most valuable treasures life has to offer.

Camp Tawakoni Pool Progress

Volunteers met at Camp Tawakoni January 16th and 17th to start tearing out structures around the pool. Progress was at a snails pace on the 16th due to weather, but picked up considerably the next day and the rest of the week. It was estimated that by volunterrs doing this work as much as \$30,000 could be trimmed from the pool budget.



They removed the deck and fencing as well as a couple additional structures.





New Camp schedules are out. If you know of someone who would like to attend call the office for more information (378-4118).

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In the days that followed, each noon time came this chap,

each time he knelt for just a moment with a lunch pail in his lap.

Well, the pastor's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear,

one day he stopped the man and asked, "What are you doing here?"

The old man said he worked down the road; lunch was half an hour,

lunch time was his prayer time for finding strength and power.

I stay only moments, because the factory is so far away;

as I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kind of what I say:

"I just came to tell you Lord how happy I have been since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin. I don't know much how to pray Lord, but I think about you every day.

Jesus, this is Jim, checking in today."

The pastor feeling foolish, told Jim his prayer was fine.

He told Jim he was welcome to come and pray just any time.

"Time to go," Jim smiled, said thanks, and hurried to the door.

The pastor knelt at the altar he'd never done that before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love, he met with Jesus there.

As tears flowed, he repeated old Jim's prayer. "I just came to tell you Lord, how happy I have been since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin. I don't know how much to pray, but I think about you every day. Jesus, this is me, checking in today."

Past noon one day the pastor noticed that old Jim hadn't come.

As more days passed without Jim, he began to worry some.

At the factory he inquired, and learned that Jim was ill.

The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Jim was with them brought changes to the ward.

His smiles and contagious joy; changed people, his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim should be so glad,

No flowers, calls, or cards came, not a visitor he had.

The pastor stayed by Jim's bed, he voiced the nurse's concern;

No friends came by to show they cared, he had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up and with a winsome smile,

"The nurse is wrong," she couldn't know that in here all the while

every day at noon, He's here, a dear friend of mine, you see.

He sits right down, takes my hand, leans over and says to me;

"I just came to tell you Jim, how happy I have been since we found this friendship and I took away your sin. I always love to hear you pray, and I think about you every day.

Jim, this is Jesus, checking in today."



On Our Calendar

Feb. 01 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir New Caller

Feb. 02 - 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. God's Praise Warriors 7:00 p.m. CWF/church

Feb. 05 – 10:30 Service /with Jacey Nash

Feb. 07 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Feb. 08 – 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Church Board meeting

Feb. 09– 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. God's Praise Warriors

Feb. 12 – 4:00 p.m. Tawakoni Pool Party/Pittsburg

Feb. 14 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Feb 15 – 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Feb. 16–4:00 – 6:30 p.m. God's Praise Warriors

Feb. 18 – 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Feb. 19 – Noon – Soup Luncheon/fund raiser

*Articles for the Caller may be edited due to length, content, or for clarification.