

## Our Mission

*God calls us...And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages.*
- *Explore and express a growing faith.*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

## PASTOR'S PEN



*A word from my heart to yours...*

Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord had made.

Adam and Eve loved God. They looked to Him for guidance and saw Him as a father. Yet, one day a crafty serpent comes along and presents temptation. The serpent offered more than what they had, and promised what they believed would be something better; unfortunately, they were wrong. They quickly came to find out that they couldn't turn back and what they once knew was no more.

In our lives we will encounter many serpents and they will not be obvious. The world is going to tempt us with things that will look, smell, sound, and even taste better than what we already have. If we do not stay connected to the Lord, these things can sneak in and take the place of important people and commitments in our lives; especially our commitment to Christ.

Lent is a time return to the Lord and intentionally lean into Him for strength. This is a time to discover our weaknesses and recognize our temptations. This is a season for us to journey alongside of God and one another. With the daily practice of spiritual disciplines, we can put God first and identify the "serpents" in our lives. I pray that this season of lent will be a time of spiritual awareness and strengthening for us as individuals and community.

Blessed to be on this Journey with You,

Gina

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

### March Birthdays

1-Elle Schnakenberg  
4-Dana Baldwin  
6-Chris Burton  
6-Zane Spalding  
7-Jake Turner  
9-Carol Dunham  
14-Debbie Haller  
14-Kameron Key  
16-Noah Cromer  
17-James Dooley  
17-Donna Hays  
17-Caroline Smith  
19-Cindy Gabel  
20-Noel Dougherty  
20-Sam Jones  
20-Lee Younce  
21-Bill Goodwin  
21-Brooke Williams  
21-Ellen Woody  
22-Easton Burchard  
22-Ray Cook  
24-Garrett Osborne  
26-Christina Blevins  
26-Janet Ritchhart  
28-Kierston Newberry

### March Anniversaries

11-Jon & Toni Frandsen  
13-Jim & Megan Stuck  
17-Lee & Mary Younce  
24-Ray & Pat Cook  
26-Lyman & Claudeen Hannah  
26-Doug & Ellen Woody

### Prayer List

- **Family of Nita Good**
- **Praise for Amanda Corbett's New Medical Team**
- **Praise for Jennifer & Jason Dunn's new baby**
- **Prayers for our homebound members**
- **Prayers for peace in our country and healing in our land**

### Giving is Worship

Remember that giving is an important part of our worship life. We rely on your faithful stewardship to help keep the ministries and operations of the church healthy and vital. There are several ways you can give.

- Place your offering in the plate at worship on Sunday mornings.
- Drop your offering in the church mailbox right outside the office • Mail your offering to the church office, 101 E. Gay St, Warrensburg, MO 64093
- Initiate payment to First Christian Church through your bank. This is similar to paying a bill or utility online and generally has no fees associate with it.
- Log on to the website at [fccwburg.com](http://fccwburg.com) and click on the GIVE tab. This will lead you to our instructions and links to use "Tithe.ly" on online secure church giving system.

Thank you for your generosity! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. – Malachi 3:10-12

Newsletter will be published

On March 9.

Please turn in information on

March 8 by 10 a.m.

## Outreach News!

The Wednesday feed program has finally come up with a name for this program. We are now known as Outreach Grab 'n Go. We decided this is the perfect name as everyone comes to the door, grabs their lunch and goes. We want to thank everyone for their continued support. Many of you have asked how you can help us out. From now on each newsletter will have a short list of basic needs if you should choose to help us out. If you have any questions just let us know.

### List 1

Outreach Grab 'n Go Groceries

1. Shredded cheddar cheese
2. Sliced cheese
3. Rice
4. Large burrito size tortillas
5. Aluminum foil

## Youth News!

### **Church Family -**

Thank you to everyone that sent cards and candies for our kids' Valentine's bags. I know they really appreciated opening valentines from their church family. Thanks also to the families that joined our Zoom Valentine's Party on the 14th. It was lots of fun to see the kids, play games and share the message of God's love! - Toni

### **Middle & High School Students -**

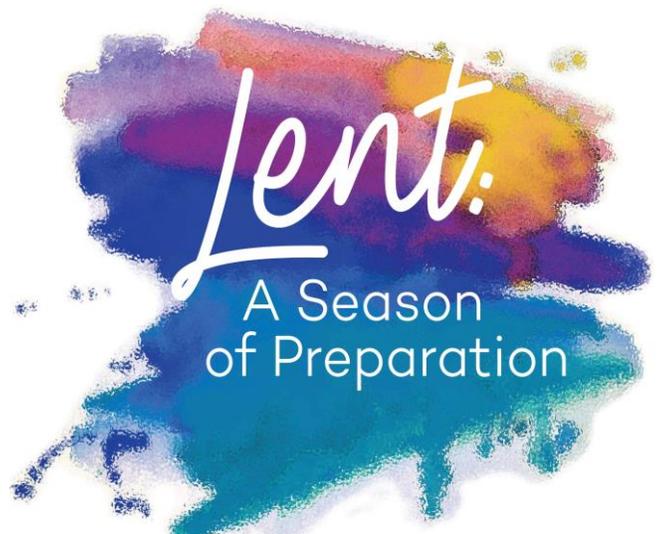
It was so good to see everyone Sunday night! Thanks for coming. Remember - week 2 of the "Sticky Faith" series will be February 28th at 5:00.

Don't worry if you missed last week - we will catch you up!

If you forgot about your homework assignment - check out the Youth Newsletter.



Jennifer and Jason Dunn had a new addition to their family with the birth of Taevin on February 14. He weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. and 21 1/8 in. long. He joins big sis, Elle and big brothers, Jase and Vaelin. Congratulations to your family!



## FEBRUARY BOOK REVIEW

With February being Black History month, our church library book review is on a new book called *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation* by Anna Malaika Tubbs. Much has been written about Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin, but very little has been said about their extraordinary Mothers. Alberta King, Louise Little, and Berdis Baldwin were all born at the beginning of the 20th Century when Jim Crow laws were prevalent. These three women passed their knowledge on to their children hoping that they would also learn how to survive in a world where Black people were not always treated with respect and dignity. All three women gave up many of their goals and dreams to pass on their experiences to their children — Alberta taught her children about faith and social justice, Louise passed on her activist background, and Berdis encouraged her son James to express himself through his writing.

“In James, Malcolm, and Martin we witness the direct connection between their heroic work and their mothers. They carried their mothers with them in everything they did.....They were products of what their families and environments taught them, and very specifically what their mothers taught them through their words and their actions.

All three men were well aware of this.” All three Mothers were able to watch their sons grow up and become great men. Unfortunately, all three Mothers buried their sons because of assassinations and cancer. This book will remind you of the importance of family and our influence on others.

### **A Note from CWF—Anita Gosney, President**

I wanted to let you know that Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is **World Day of Prayer**. This has been a Disciples' Women (CWF) activity for many years. In the past, CWF has participated in a variety of activities on this day. I hope you will remember this day as it brings Christian women of many traditions together on the first Friday of March to observe and pray for all women's issues, concerns and needs. In Pastor Gina's sermon on the First Sunday of Lent, February 21st, she talked about adding prayer to our toolbox. I find myself praying for my family, friends and myself, but not including those Christians around the world. Let's spread God's love and blessings to women and all Christians everywhere.

Again, we will not have a CWF meeting on Thursday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup>. When you have a few extra minutes, call a few of our members to chat. The “callers” do continue to call every month. I truly miss our fellowship and programs. Looking forward to when we can meet again.



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