

# February

Open Door 2023

I didn't think it was supposed to snow in Oklahoma. But twice this year (already!) I have awakened to a blanket of white. My trip to Michigan at Christmas saw a LOT of snow. I remember how much I loved snow as a child. We sledged, skied, built snow-people, and had snowball fights.

As an adult, I see snow as an unwelcome presence. It's something to shovel. It causes accidents. It means my gas bill is going to rise. This year I longed to recapture that sense of wonder and joy at those piles of snowflakes. And so I wondered how God might change my attitude.

I reflected that a part of snow's purpose is to visibly remind us that our sin has been covered by winter-white grace through Jesus's blood-red cross.

Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they will be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18).

When we walk outside and see our world covered by fresh powder, we should say, "Just like my sin; no darkness remains" (I John 1:7). When we see banks of snow piling up, we should say, "Just like his grace — abundant and heaping over" (John 1:16). When we look outside and see only winter white, we should say, "Preach, snow! My sins are washed that white through Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 6:11).

*Pastor Ray*

# ASH WEDNESDAY

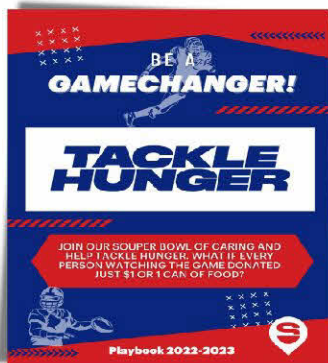
**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Join us at the church building or online at 7:00pm, February 22<sup>nd</sup> as we mark the beginning of the season of Lent with a special service.

Shadow? No Shadow?  
 6 more weeks of winter?  
 We will see on Feb. 2nd!!




NEW



LOOK

**SOUPE BOWL SUNDAY**

On February 12<sup>th</sup> the NFL will host its 57<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl. We will participate in the "SOUPer Bowl of Caring" as we take a special collection on that day. Proceeds will be used for the church's feeding programs.





**Valentine's Day**

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Roses are red,  
 Violets are blue,  
 Jesus Loves Me & You!



**February 5** The Ancient Magic of Love  
**February 12** Written on the Heart  
**February 19** Don't Go It Alone  
**February 26** A Table in the Wilderness for Jesus



#### **Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom**

**We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.**

#### **Kum Ba Yah topics:**

**February 1** Matthew 9: 1-38  
**February 8** Matthew 10: 5-42  
**February 15** Matthew 11: 4-15  
**February 22** **Ash Wednesday**

#### **Adult Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!**

**February 5** Justice 4  
**February 12** Faith & Science 1  
**February 19** Faith & Science 2  
**February 26** Faith & Science 3

## BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 42 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. From helping pack the backpacks, to their generous donations. With out you, we couldn't make this ministry what it is today.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on January 17, 2023. Local mission gifts were given to **Miami Fire Department** for \$200. In Global Mission we gave a gift of \$500 to **EOP** which will go to Malawi for the recent Cholera epidemic.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to “Local Mission” or “Global Mission”.

The Deacons Shoe ministry has already given out 8 pairs of shoes since the beginning of the year.

The Food Pantry distribution average for last year (2022) was 29 bags/month. As of 1/25/23 we have given out 25 bags of food.



# FEBRUARY



## *Biblical Sweethearts!*

*Which couples belong together?*

*It may take you a "couple" of minutes to  
whole "heartedly" figure it out.*



# Biblical COUPLES QUIZ

MATCH THE BIBLICAL HUSBANDS WITH THEIR WIVES.

- \_\_\_ 1. Zacharias
- \_\_\_ 2. Jacob
- \_\_\_ 3. Boaz
- \_\_\_ 4. Felix
- \_\_\_ 5. Elimelech
- \_\_\_ 6. Adam
- \_\_\_ 7. Isaac
- \_\_\_ 8. Nabal
- \_\_\_ 9. Ahab
- \_\_\_ 10. Moses
- \_\_\_ 11. Joseph
- \_\_\_ 12. Abraham
- \_\_\_ 13. Ananias
- \_\_\_ 14. Heber
- \_\_\_ 15. Uriah

- A. Mary
- B. Jezebel
- C. Drusilla
- D. Ruth
- E. Bathsheba
- F. Rebekah
- G. Sarah
- H. Eve
- I. Zipporah
- J. Naomi
- K. Jael
- L. Elizabeth
- M. Abigail
- N. Leah & Rachel
- O. Sapphira

# february 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10-12 Food Pantry  7:00 KumBaZoom	2 10-12 Food Pantry  2:30 Backpack  7:00 GA	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4
5 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 Choir	6 10-12 Food Pantry	7 10-12 Food Pantry	8 10-12 Food Pantry  7:00 KumBaZoom	9 10-12 Food Pantry  2:30 Backpack  7:00 GA	10 10-12 Food Pantry	11
12 "Soup"er Bowl 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 choir 11:30 Deacons Mtg	13 10-12 Food Pantry	14 10-12 Food Pantry	15 10-12 Food Pantry  2:30 Backpack  7:00 KumBaZoom	16 10-12 Food Pantry  7:00 GA	17 10-12 Food Pantry	18 9am - 2pm  Training in Vinita
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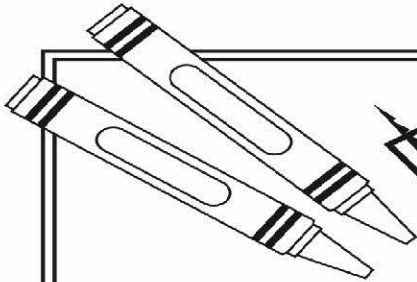


Jim Long.....2/1  
 Bill Good.....2/7  
 Barbara Reeves.....2/15

**FEBRUARY**

BIRTHDAYS

*Should your name be here?  
 Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!*

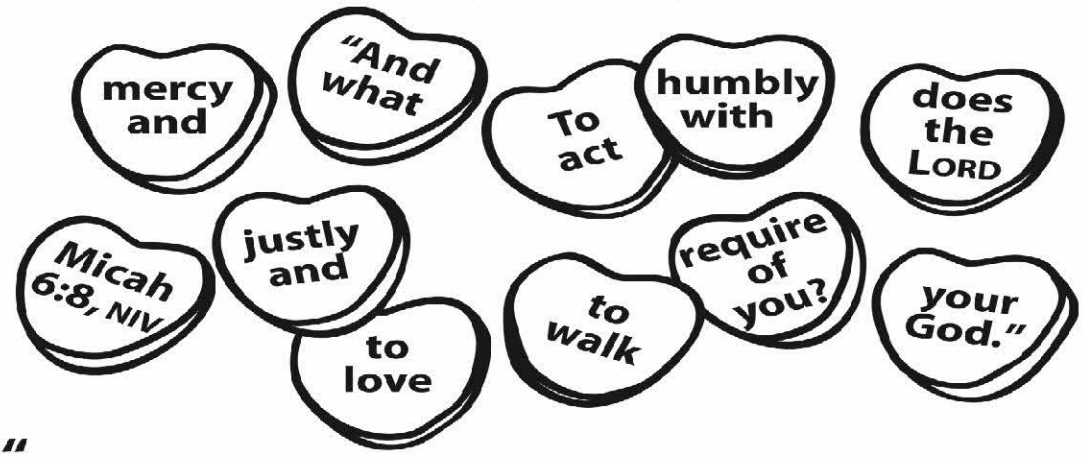


# PUZZLE

## Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

*Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.*



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\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ 6:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: “And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8, NIV

## Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	
<b>Feb 5</b>	Open	
<b>Feb 12</b>	Open	
<b>Feb 19</b>	Open	
<b>Feb 26</b>	Open	

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!

## LEARNING TO LEAD

We will be joining with the congregations in Vinita and Chelsea to do some leadership training this February. "Learning to Lead" will take place on:

February 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at  
 Piguet's Prime Time,  
 440626 E. 230 Rd., Vinita.

All current and former Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend as we cover "How to Speak Presbyterian", "Learning to Lead", and consider how we might engage our local communities more fully.

Cost for breakfast and lunch will be \$25.

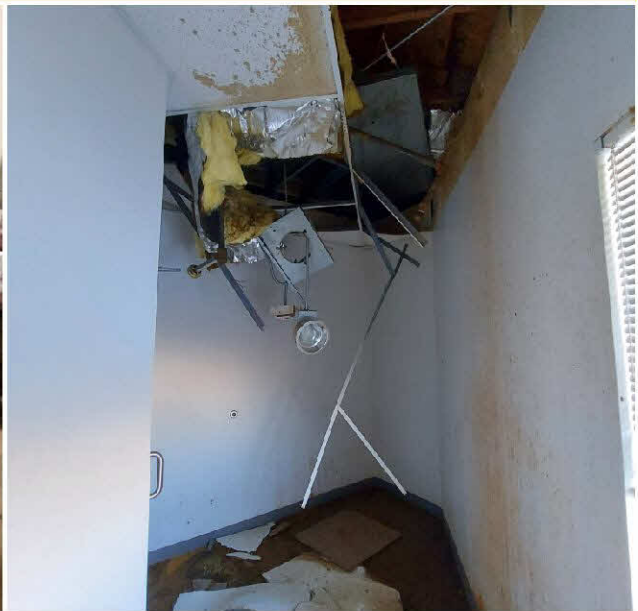
RSVP to Pastor Ray





### SPECIAL THANKS

On Christmas, just as we were singing our final stanza of "Joy to the World", a sprinkler system pipe froze and broke in the women's rest room. Several people sprang into action and kept the damage from becoming catastrophic. Thank you to Cari Allen, Shawn Spencer, the Ulrey family, and Bill Hancock





## New Directories!!!

It is almost time for a new phone directory!  
Be sure to let the office know of any changes,  
additions or corrections!

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# FEBRUARY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## Transfiguration OF THE LORD

Sunday, February 19th

## ASH WEDNESDAY



Wednesday, February 22nd



Monday, February 20th



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

**Romans 15:13**



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