

PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS

Judy Norman is going through more cardiac testing.
Gerald Poulin will be receiving radiation treatments.
Janis Poulin is out of the hospital and recovering at home.
Thomas Qualls is having tests run.
Kimberly Williams was diagnosed with multiple myeloma.
Maria Williams has the flu.

PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ford Deese, friend of Betsy Pease, her MRI on January 12th was clear.
Charles Dunn, father of Maria Williams, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
Kathy Gildea, Mary Murray's sister, passed away on February 5th.
Danny Graham, work associate of Sid Thurmer, was diagnosed with cancer.
Jeff Lucas, Betty Hitchcock's nephew, has many health issues.
Bob Minch, Betty Hitchcock's brother, who lives in SC, has dementia.
Burch Nolan, Ollie Nolan's brother, had surgery and is recovering at home.
John Olson, Ollie Nolan's 97 year old uncle, was placed in a care facility.
Sue Pommenville, sister of Amy Butcher, was diagnosed with liver cancer.
Lois Richardson, Wendy Hohman's mother, is in NHC and needs prayers.

UPCOMING SERMONS

February 18, 2026
Ash Wednesday

Sermon: *Breaking Down Barriers*
Scripture: *Acts 11:1-18*

February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

Children's Time: *Duncan Shelton*
Sermon: *The Sin Behind the Sin*
Scripture: *Romans 1:18-25*

Our Faithfulness

February 8th:	February 15th:
Sunday School: 30	Sunday School: 27
Worship: 103	Worship: 85
Offering: \$15,090.42	Offering: \$16,595.12

THE SESSION

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Pam Leckey	Margaret Harper	Mike Bradshaw
Thom Smith	Theresa McKenrick	Ann Gentry
Sidney Thurmer	Barry Shelton	Hal Hughes

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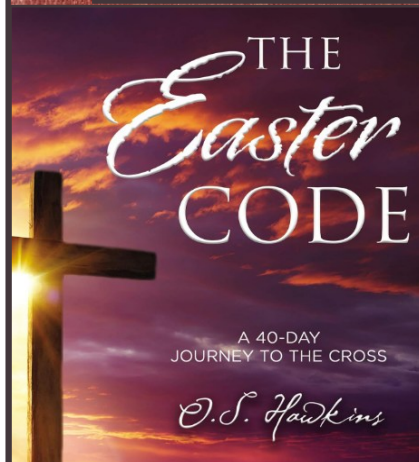
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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, **February 18th**, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. We will have a special worship service at **6:30 pm**. The service will conclude with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Imposition of Ashes. After receiving the sacrament that symbolizes our salvation, the sign of the cross will be placed on the foreheads of believers as a sign that we belong to Christ.

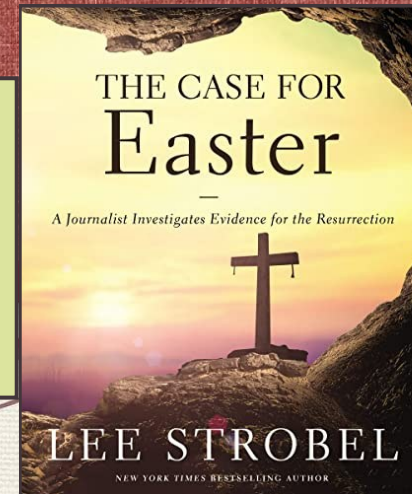
DEVOTIONS FOR EACH DAY OF LENT

The Christian Education Ministry will provide devotionals to the congregation for the season of Lent. This year's devotional is *The Easter Code* by O. S. Hawkins, a 40-day booklet that guides readers through the life of Christ from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Each daily reading includes a Scripture passage, a devotion, a "Code Word," and a prayer.



WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

Pastor Blakeburn will lead a 4 week video Bible Study on **Wednesdays April 8, 15, 22, and 29**. The video study *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel is a compelling, evidence-based study that examines the historical events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Drawing on expert testimony and historical sources, Strobel explores whether Jesus truly claimed to be the Son of God, whether He actually died on the cross, and how the empty tomb and eyewitness accounts support the truth of the resurrection.



BIRTHDAYS

2/16 Susan Holsopple
2/17 Sandy Bradshaw
2/18 Brian Collins
Geneva Empfield
2/21 Mary Murray
Maria Williams
2/22 Harold Ketterer
2/24 Pat Thompson
2/26 Sherry Ketterer

ANNIVERSARIES

2/25 Bud & Jean Brown
2/27 Pete & Jessica DeMaster

**Happy
Birthday &
Anniversary!**

COMPASSION CLOSET

The Compassion Closet deadline has been extended! We will have a box in the Fellowship Hall collecting **new** underwear and socks (*sizes toddler through teens*) for the Compassion Closet in Oak Ridge **through the end of February**.

Local foster children are often removed from their homes with only the clothes they're wearing. While the Compassion Closet provides gently used clothing and baby items, new socks and underwear are always needed. Let's show a little love and compassion to our local foster children in need!

ADFAC: CRISIS CUPBOARD

Please help collect new and unused items for ADFAC. Your donation will help people in our communities with items that they cannot afford. The items that we currently need are:

- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers and Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Deodorant
- Body Wash & Loofahs
- Disposable Razors
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Household Cleaners
- Sponges
- Dish Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Non-perishable Food:**
Pasta, Oatmeal, Cereal, Soups, Nut Butters, Beans, Rice, Canned Meats, etc.



***ADFAC & TORCH are both ongoing missions projects. There are labeled boxes located in the Fellowship Hall for donations.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

We have four ways of notifying our congregation about cancellations due to weather.

Email: a message will be sent to the congregational list. **Phone Call:** We will activate a phone chain and attempt to call everyone on the list. **Answering Machine:** The church office will have a recorded message concerning cancellations. **Church Sign:** We will put a message on the electronic sign about cancellations. Be safe and keep warm this winter season!

JOURNEY STUDY GROUP

The Journey Study Group is completing their study on the topic of the Holy Spirit. The book they are using is *Who is the Holy Spirit? A Guide to the Holy Spirit* from the Stonecroft Bible Study Series. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. They will soon begin a new study on Romans led by Margaret Harper.

WORD BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The *Word Bible Study Group* concluding a study of Exodus, using the book *Finding True Freedom: The Book of Exodus*. In March, Carlton Harper will lead a study following the Spring Study Book *Being the Best for Christ: The Book of 1 Corinthians*.

Sunday, February 22: *The Nation Stumbles* (Exodus 32-34) & *Moses Builds and Sets Up the Tabernacle* (Exodus 35-40)
Sunday, March 1: *Wisdom from God* (1 Corinthians 1:1-2:5)

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Maria and Mason Williams are leading the class in a study of Max Lucado's book *Make Every Day Count*. They will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room until the library is ready.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor—*Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn*
Admin. Assistant—*Tracy Dunlap* Treasurer—*Blake Shelton*
Music Director—*Amy Byrd* Pianist—*Kim Keck*
Organist—*Barbara Spence* Accompanist—*Rachelle Hall*
Facebook Administrator—*Harold Ketterer*
Youth Leaders—*Duncan & Amelia Shelton*



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