

Ponderings From The Pastor

By Nick Garland, Interim Pastor

I want to thank you for welcoming Jenine and me so graciously. We were blessed from the first Sunday by your genuine congeniality, kindness, and openness to welcome us. We have enjoyed the worship times together as we are studying Mark's account of the Life of Jesus. We sincerely hope that you will consider joining us if you have not already. As we gather In Jesus' name under the power of the Holy Spirit, the fellowship with God's people is so edifying. Please make plans to be in attendance for Sunday School and Worship every Sunday to be encouraged, challenged, and motivated from the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

You will find listed in this newsletter various updates, announcements, and reminders. Please take the time to put each event that pertains to you on your calendar so that you will be present at the right time and place.

Please be praying for your church. Anytime, a church family is without a full-time pastor, the members of the church are eager to hear about the selection of a Pastor Search Committee, as well as communication with the church regarding progress reports and updates. In the next few weeks, you will be notified of a date when the church will elect a Pastor Search Team. Now is the time to be praying for that election and for those members.

Perhaps you have never served on a Search Team. If

you have, you know how important it is to know that the church is praying for you fervently and daily. When the time comes to vote for the Search Team, you will want to have already prayed for the LORD to direct you to those people you believe would best represent your church and seek all of the information that they can on the life and ministry of the various prospects. Please make it a point to pray "now" for the selection of your Search Team!

It would be good to pray that...

1. Those selected would be first and foremost persons of daily prayer. This committee will need to pray to represent the church well, to relay good information about the church's strengths, successes, needs, and weaknesses. If a candidate is to truly consider coming as pastor, he needs to be adequately and honestly informed about the state of the church. That is the role of the Search Committee.

2. They need to be members who are active and faithful in attendance. It is hard for a person who has not been actively involved to tell a prospective pastor about the church, nor can they ask timely questions since their absences have prevented them from knowing "first-hand" what the needs are.

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OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

412 Youth's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Dessert Auction is coming up in February! Who will take home the Chili Cook-Off Trophy this year?!

Sign-up sheet to bring a chili, dessert, or both will be on the welcome desk.

We appreciate your support however you can give it. The funds raised will help with future youth events, as well as Falls Creek.

Dates to know:

Feb. 16: 412 Youth's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Dessert Auction (Youth Fundraiser)

March 22: Church-wide family movie night! Free entry and popcorn, \$1 pizza, \$1 drinks.



Children's Church Lesson Calendar

Submitted by Gayla Pruett

Feb. 2 — David Spared Saul, led by John and Cindy Tittle

Feb. 9 — David, Nabal, and Abigail, led by Charles and Gayla Pruett

Feb. 16 — Samson, led by Jeana Drew and Cassell Drew

Feb. 23 — Nehemiah Rebuilt Jerusalem's Wall, led by Matt and Jennifer Chambers

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3. The Search Team "person" needs to be able to share the "strengths and weaknesses" (needs) of the church equally. No person on the team will have a positive influence on the Prospective Pastor if they tend to be "overly" negative or

"only" positive. Every church has things they do well and things that need to be addressed. A Prospective Pastor needs to know both.

4. This Search team will need to have discernment regarding the candidate. In order to make a wise decision, they must be will-

ing to ask hard questions of the candidate, ask references he supplies, and folks at his church. This job is not for the timid or bashful.

May the LORD continue to bless and direct us as we seek to follow Him!

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February 2025

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2	3	4 Dawn Benson bday	5	6	7 Adult Game Night, 7pm	8
9	10 Ladies exercise class, 9-10am	11 Alma Bradford & Mikel Hill bdays	12 Ladies exercise class, 9-10am; Ladies luncheon, 11am, Olive Garden, Catoosa	13 Laura Holloway bday; Crafty Christians, 10am	14 Michelle Hill bday; Valentine's Day	15 Madison DeVore & Jaxson Pruett bdays
16 Youth Chili Cook-Off, noon	17 Ladies exercise class, 9-10am	18 Brenda Dra- benstott & Sean McGee bdays;	19 Ladies exercise class, 9-10am	20	21	22 Rebecca Schoen bday
23 Dewayne Pierce bday	24 Ladies exercise class, 9-10am	25	26 Ladies exercise class, 9-10am	27 Richard Bradford bday; Crafty Christians, 10am	28 Sandra Rowe bday	

February Daily Bible Reading Plan

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February Sermon Calendar

Feb. 2: "The Transfiguration Of Jesus" – Mark 9:2-13

Feb. 9: "A Father's Disappointment With Disciples" – Mark 9:14-32

Feb. 16: "Bragging Rights" – Mark 9:32-37

Feb. 23: "They Aren't Like 'Us'" – Mark 9:38-41

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