

From the Pastor's Heart

By Tom Gragg, Pastor

Church family,

As we move through another month together, I want to pause and simply say thank you. Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your willingness to walk together as the people of God. Ministry is never just about programs or plans—it's about people following Jesus side by side.

One of the truths Scripture reminds us of over and over is that God is always at work, even when we don't immediately see it. He works in our homes, in our conversations, in our quiet obedience, and even in our strug-

gles. Growth doesn't always happen loudly—but it does happen faithfully.

My encouragement to you this month is simple: keep your eyes on Christ. In a world full of distractions, opinions, and uncertainty, Jesus remains our anchor. When we keep Him at the center—of our worship, our relationships, and our daily lives—everything else finds its proper place.

As your pastor, my prayer is that our church would continue to be a place where:

- Jesus is exalted;
- The Word of God is loved;

- People are known and cared for;
- Disciples are growing and multiplying.

Thank you for being a church that doesn't just attend—but engages. Thank you for serving, giving, praying, inviting, and loving others well. What God is doing among us matters, and every act of faithfulness plays a part.

Let's press on together—trusting God, loving people, and believing that the best days of faithful obedience are always worth it.

Grateful to serve you,

Pastor Tom



February 2026

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| | | | Dawn Benson bday | | Adult Game Night 6pm | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Alma Bradford bday | 12 Crafty Christians 10am | 13 Laura Holloway bday | 14  |
| 15 Madison DeVore bday; Youth Chili Cook-Off noon | 16 | 17 | 18 Brenda Drabenstott & Sean McGee bdays | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Rebecca Schoen bday | 23 Dewayne Pierce bday | 24 | 25 | 26 Crafty Christians 10am | 27 Richard Bradford bday | 28 Sandra Rowe bday |

February Daily Bible Reading Plan

Church family,

This month's Bible readings are designed to help us slow down, listen to God, and keep our hearts centered on Christ. As you read each day, don't rush—let the Word shape your thoughts, your prayers, and your obedience. My prayer is that as we spend time with God in Scripture, our faith will deepen and our love for Christ and one another will grow.

Week 1 — Delighting in the Lord (Feb. 1–7)

- Feb. 1 – Psalm 1
- Feb. 2 – Psalm 19
- Feb. 3 – Psalm 23
- Feb. 4 – Psalm 27
- Feb. 5 – Psalm 34
- Feb. 6 – Psalm 37
- Feb. 7 – Psalm 46

Week 2 — Walking in God's Wisdom (Feb. 8–14)

- Feb. 8 – Proverbs 1
- Feb. 9 – Proverbs 3
- Feb. 10 – Proverbs 4
- Feb. 11 – Proverbs 8

- Feb. 12 – Proverbs 9
- Feb. 13 – Proverbs 16
- Feb. 14 – Proverbs 18

Week 3 — Beholding Christ (Feb. 15–21)

- Feb. 15 – John 1:1–18
- Feb. 16 – John 1:19–34
- Feb. 17 – John 3:1–21
- Feb. 18 – John 4:1–26
- Feb. 19 – John 6:35–40
- Feb. 20 – John 8:12–30
- Feb. 21 – John 10:7–18

Week 4 — Living in the Gospel (Feb. 22–28)

- Feb. 22 – Romans 5:1–11
- Feb. 23 – Romans 8:1–11
- Feb. 24 – Ephesians 2:1–10
- Feb. 25 – Philippians 2:1–11
- Feb. 26 – Colossians 1:15–23
- Feb. 27 – Hebrews 4:14–16
- Feb. 28 – Revelation 5

Children's Church Lesson Calendar

Feb. 1 — "Ruth Chose to Help Naomi," led by John and Cindy Tittle

**Feb. 8 — "Hannah Prayed," led by Kimberly Roberts

Feb. 15 — "A Widow Helped Elijah," led by Nancy Onyon and Brittany Day

Feb. 22 — "Esther Helped Her People," led by Audrey Brannon and Taylor Shepard

**After the Biblical lesson, the children will be making Valentines for the residents at the Catoosa Nursing Home.

412 Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader



We will be having our annual 412 Youth Chili Cook-Off and Silent Dessert Auction this month to raise funds for Falls Creek. It's an awesome opportunity to help support our youth and have some good food and fellowship all at the same time. If you have been to Falls Creek, you know how important of an opportunity it is for these youth to grow in their faith or potentially make a decision to trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior of their life.

It cost about \$200 to take someone to Falls Creek, and our chili cook-off helps knock that cost down to a more reasonable price. If you would like to donate a chili and/or dessert(s), please let Matt know via the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk. We will have a trophy for the best overall chili and a prize for 2nd and 3rd place as well!

Dates to know:

Feb. 15 — 412 Youth's Annual Chili Cook-Off & Silent Dessert Auction (noon-1:30 p.m.)

March 22 — Church-wide movie night (put on by the youth from 6:30-8 p.m.)

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