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Greetings friends and blessings upon you! I hope everyone is staying warm in this unusually cold winter we have been having. For me it has been a time staying indoors and watching too much football and binge-watching some of my favorite shows. The time indoors has also led to quiet time with God and a lot of question asking. For some reason we sometimes feel like we can't ask questions to God or about our faith.

We are supposed to have all the answers and just simply trust that everything will be okay. As a pastor I know I have felt the enormous weight of trying to have the right thing to say in every moment. But asking questions is not a bad thing, in fact it's quite the opposite, asking questions is one way we grow deeper in our faith.

For this year we will be focusing on deepening our faith as individuals and as a congregation. We began this commitment in January with remembering our baptism and the vows we promise to live out. For the next few weeks leading in to Lent we will be looking at questions. We will be asking these questions not to necessarily come to a consensus on an answer but rather to get us thinking more deeply about who God is and what this kingdom of God is all about. I will be the first to tell you that as we explore these questions, I don't have all the answers. We will ask questions of ourselves and each other in the hope to generate dialog and hopefully learn from each other.

As we venture into this series, I encourage you to bring your curiosity, your doubts, and your wonderings. Whether it's a question about the nature of God, the mystery of prayer, or the way we live out our faith in a challenging world, know that it's okay to ask. These questions don't weaken our faith; they strengthen it, as they allow us to wrestle with God and deepen our understanding of His truth.

Throughout the next few weeks, we'll explore different themes and scripture passages that invite questions. We'll dig into these questions in worship, small groups, and personal reflection. This is not about finding quick answers, but rather about growing together in the journey of faith—learning to ask better questions and listen to the answers we receive from God, each other, and our own hearts.

I'm excited to see where this journey of exploration takes us, and I hope you'll join us as we open ourselves to the questions that can lead us closer to the heart of God. May this time be one of growth, discovery, and deepened connection as we seek to understand more fully the love and truth God offers to all of us.

Chris Smith

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Please send mail and pray for our Homebound

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Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Bill Johnson
By Emily Johnson

In Honor of Terry & Denise Yow
By Mont Gilmore

In Honor of Tommy & Rachel Waugh
By Mont Gilmore

In Memory of C. T. Hardin, Jr. Family
By George Ron Hardin

In Memory of Sarah Gilmore
By Robert & Denise Yow

In Honor of Mont Gilmore
By Robert & Denise Yow

In Honor of Billy & Jamie Poole
By Mont Gilmore

In Memory of Sarah Gilmore
By Mont Gilmore

In Memory of Bob & Clara Pugh
By Lou and Perry Stout

In Honor of Celeste Byrnes
By Ed & Shirley Mitchell

In Memory of Beverly Stout
By Roger Stout

Small Group Bible Study

Join us as we enjoy conversation in small groups
and dive deeper into God's word.

February 6th 10:00 AM Conference Room 6:30 PM Parsonage
February 20th 10:00 AM Conference Room 6:30 PM Parsonage

Being the Hands of Ministry

Thank you for being willing to serve by adding your gifts to our worship services!



February Ushers	Crandall Ellison	Jo Lynne Allen
February Acolyte	Celia Harris	
February Readers		
February 2nd	Jaidy Smith	Luke 4:21-30
February 9th	Crandall Ellison	Luke 5:1-11
February 16th	Scouts	Luke 6:17-26
February 23rd	Rob Roberts	Luke 6:27-38

General Information

Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee. It is more than just exercise, it is a time to connect with other ladies and share in stories, prayer, and scripture. There is a physical need that is met but even more so there is an emotional and spiritual need that is met when we come together. Hope you can join us.

AA Group

Jordan Memorial hosts Alcoholic Anonymous meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room.

Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open: the 1st Saturday from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM and the 3rd Tuesday, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM of each month!

Line Dancing

Line Dancing class is on Wednesdays at 10:00am and on Thursdays at 7-8pm. Cost is

United Women In Faith will meet Sunday, March 16th at 2:30 in the church fellowship hall.

There is a critical need for feminine hygiene products at SERMS. Please be generous with your donations. There is a box outside church office.



- Worship Team Meeting
- SPRC Meeting
- Leadership Team Meeting
- Connections Day
- Fundraising Committee meeting

Connection Day Sunday

February 9th 6:30 PM.

What is connection day? Well, it is just that, a day to connect with God and others! Join us at the parsonage at 6:30 PM for a Superbowl party! Bring your favorite gametime snack to share as we gather from both churches to enjoy good food, great fellowship, and hopefully an entertaining game!



Join us for **Growing Together** February 8th 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Church. This monthly gathering is a chance to grow in our relationships with one another. Crossing cultural and language barriers, we seek to grow in our faith as we learn from each other and create out of our personal stories. The ladies enjoy crafting while the men have been going and enjoying breakfast together. This is open to men and women and is a wonderful opportunity to create, share, and grow!

Thumbs Up!

Thumbs Up: Friendship and Encouragement for Women and Girls meets the first Thursday of the month (February 6th) at 3:30pm. Join us for snacks, fellowship and conversation. We also do nail wrapping and nail painting. Something for all women! Contact Beth Burton with questions.

Announcements!

- Sunday February 2nd at 2:00 PM
- Sunday February 2nd at 3:00 PM
- Sunday February 2rd at 4:00 PM
- February 9th at 6:30 PM
- Superbowl Party at the Parsonage
- February 26: @ 6:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith

Sunday, January 5th was a great day for our soup and salad fundraiser for the general fund. Thank You to all who could stay and enjoy not only delicious soup, salad and dessert but good fellowship. We also thank those who could not stay but enjoyed a takeout to support us. And thank you for the donations from others that could not be with us on this day. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Fundraiser Lunch

March 9th, immediately following the 10:30 AM service. All donations go towards the General Fund.

Lion's Club

The Lion's Club is collecting old eye glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. There is a collection box outside the church office.

Join us February 16th at 10:30 AM for **Scout Sunday**.



Dear Pastor Chris, Jaidy & Church Family,

I would like to express my deepest thanks for all your love especially during my recovery. Your generosity has meant so much to me and my family. The love offering, the church meal was truly a blessing and helping put up the rail at my sister's house for me to use is extremely useful and has aided me so much. My love and faith has grown and has strengthened all because of your unwavering love and compassion to everyone. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I love you all, Rebecca Luck Hinshaw



I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me.
Proverbs 8:17



The **Care Team** goes out once a month to visit our shut ins and homebound. We would love for you to join us! Our next outing is February 19th at 11:00 AM

Looking ahead to March, **Ash Wednesday** is March 5th. We will have a special service that evening at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Church Construction



We are almost there! The foundation repair work final phase is scheduled to be started February 10th. This will be encapsulating the crawlspace area. I want to offer a big thanks to our Leadership Team for helping us to reach this point. The foundation has been an issue since I arrived as your pastor and honestly it was going on before that. In the past two years we have been able to raise the necessary funds to where we will have no debt when they finish. Thank you all for your support in helping to make this happen! We look forward to them completing the work this month and celebrating together that it is finished!

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happy
Valentine's
day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship Team 2pm SPRC mtg 3pm Leadership mtg 4pm	3 AA Mtg 6:30pm	4 9am Faith & Fitness	5 Line Dancing 10am	6 9am Faith & Fitness Thumbs Up 3:30pm AA Mtg 16:30pm Small Grp 10am and 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	7	8 Jordan Closet 10am Growing Together 10am
9 Connection Day 6:30pm	10 AA Mtg 6:30pm	11 9am Faith & Fitness	12 Line Dancing 10am	13 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 16:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	14 Valentines Day	15
16 Scout Sunday 10:30am	17 President Day AA Mtg 6:30pm	18 9am Faith & Fitness	19 Line Dancing 10am Care Team 11am	20 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 16:30pm Small Grp 10am and 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	21	22
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Ramseur Food Pantry: Canned Meats—Chicken breast, tuna, beef stew, ham

February Birthdays

01-Grey Graham
03-Jack Embree, III
04-Brady Armfield
04-Karen Burgess McPherson
09-Doug Collins
09-Jane H. Anderson
09-Jimmy McPherson
11-Beth Lankford
11-Kelly W. Painter
12-Greg Chaffin
14-Jane Embree
14-Scott Leonard
15-Jason Leonard
15-Matthew Leonard
15-Kevin Ihme
20-Beth Ann Leonard Mace

21-Mary Miller
21-Andy Kirkman
22-Wayne Hutchins
24-Roxanna Smith Bryant
24-Michael Ray Albright
24-Emily Renee Albright
25-Kevin Shelton
25-Mary Jane Pelech
26-Mary Tate Moon
27-Dee Marley
28-J. Ray Albright
28 - Kelly Schlechtweg



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Free Community Meal

Join Us February 18th at 5:30 PM as we host our Community Meal, The Table. We are always looking for volunteers to help cook, cut desserts, and clean, and of course the most important task, people that know how to have conversation and eat! We look forward to this time every month and can't wait to see you there!

Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30am

