

UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9am-1pm

Sunday, January 24, 2016

8:30 am Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
8:30 am Fellowship Time/Refreshments
9:00 am Campus Groups/SS
9:00 am Kid's Small Group until 9:50
9:25 am Worship Huddle (Hospitality/Parlor)
10:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Kid's Worship
6:00 pm Children's Student 252
6:00 pm Youth Community Group

Monday, January 25, 2016

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Church Council Team (FH)

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

9:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
6:00 pm Children's Activities
6:00 pm Youth Collision Experience
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, January 28, 2016

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
7:00 pm Band Practice (FH)

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Connecting Points

Someone told me after Sunday's sermon that it was powerful! To be honest, their joke went over my head or through one ear and out the other. But power is a powerful life changing aspect. I believe that many of us, including pastors, feel impotent. Many people feel powerless and in some ways, useless. Perhaps the word is irrelevant. Like the world is passing us by and we have little or no influence in the lives of people or culture. Some of that is our own fault. Too often we are our own worst enemy. We spend our time doing things that don't matter and acting out in unhealthy and irresponsible ways. We get angry (which is not a bad thing), and instead of acting upon our anger we act it out. Our anger becomes our enemy instead of our friend.

I wish I was only talking about others but I'm not. Mainly, I am talking about myself. I have a tendency to waste time and energy. I can fail to manage myself and lose focus. I can also throw up my hands in exhaustion or despair and think what's the use? But then I hear someone or see someone or read something that inspires me. Another way to say that is that it puts life or energy or desire back in me. Sometimes they or it remind me that I have outer and inner power. I start to think I can instead of I can't. I stop focusing on all the hows and just start doing the what. I ask myself what do I need to do next? And then I realize that God gives me the power to do it. I accept the power that comes to me from God and the power that comes from within. So I tackle something in my life that needs to be changed. I may only take a half step but that is doing something instead of nothing. I am no longer complacent or apathetic or stuck. I am like the little engine that could!

We have a God of power and a Christ who strengthens us to do the things that make a difference in our life and the lives of others. The Force (called the Trinity) is with us and in us. Let's use the Force to be a force for God!

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

NO KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Recovering at Home:

Bettye Parker (at her daughters)
Chris Cater Joree Vance

Special Prayer Requests:

Helen Syx Tammy Campbell
Beth McCarty Lucille Scott
Leon Joyner Patsy Crump
Dot Lowery Doris Ritchie
Jo Edmonson Marion Abernathy
Ruth Cale David Baggett
Robert England Irene Gandy

IN MEMORIAM

Tim Geeslin
January 13, 2015

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Pam Blair and Ken Geeslin and their families on the loss of their precious father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Also, to Shirley Barron on the loss of a dear loved one.

Attendance & Contributions

January 17, 2016

Sunday School	119
Morning Worship	176
Pledge Total 2016	\$337,440.00
Budget for 2016	\$
Needed for January	
Received this Sunday	\$ 8,299.25
Received for January	\$ 26,677.75
Total Received 2016	\$ 26,877.75
Building Fund 2016:	55.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums for January 17th

BUDGET

In Honor of Phil Vines
In Honor of Joan Verchot
In Memory of Tim Geeslin
By Jeri and Jimmy Harris

In Memory of Joyce Cameron
By The Terry Horne Family

In Memory of Perry Winslett
By Carolyn and Phil Vines

FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of Joyce Cameron
By The Open Door Class

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

In Memory of Tim Geeslin
By Highland Avenue Neighbors
Carol Cosper, Judy and David Price
and Mary Frances and W.T. Bell

In Memory of Tim Geeslin
By Eugenia and Brian Parks

SONRISE

In Memory of David Pandelis
By Ann, Rhonda and Randall Smith

W.E.A.C. 2016 Begins

On Ash Wednesday

February 10th

5:30 p.m.

2016 NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH VALENTINE

The children and youth have a **Valentine Tree** set up in the Narthex. It has the names and addresses of our current students. Please, if you feel led, take one and simply encourage one of our students by either sending them a Valentine, a card, or anything else that you feel would encourage them. We would also ask that you personally invite them to morning fellowship on February 14 to meet them face-to-face. This is a great way to get to know some of our students!



Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch

SonRise needs to replace some of our equipment. So, we are holding a fundraiser, right after Morning Worship, February 7th, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have Soup, Chili, Desserts, & Tea; for a donation. Takeouts will be available, and we will be singing a few songs on the new Contemporary Worship stage. We hope to see you there, and appreciate everything our church family does to support our ministry.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Coming

In February

YARD SALE

Saturday, January 23rd

8:00a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

All donations of items for the sale appreciated.
(no clothes please)

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GOODIES FOR OUR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

It's time to make a new schedule for taking "goodies" to our police and fire departments. If you are not presently participating, please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this outreach opportunity as we seek to thank those who daily serve our community. For those of you who are presently a part of this ministry, thank you from the Mission Team.

Delle Caine (491-4042)