

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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## **Our Mission**

*God calls us...*

*And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

## **Come to Worship.**

All Are Invited.

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee

Fellowship

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**Next Newsletter**

**February 24.**



First Christian is 'Souper'! Thank you for your generosity and your enthusiastic support of the 2016 'Souper Bowl' Project. Our final count of soup collected is over 12,000 cans! This is outstanding! We need to be proud that we have helped in a big way to provide warm meals for many in our community.



For this newsletter, I'll share my board report from February. The information about Ash Wednesday will be old news, but the rest still fits. I also want to thank Nancy Huff for starting a new young adult-college age group. They are meeting on Wednesdays. Thanks Nancy.

I'm so thrilled with our congregation's response to the 'Souper Bowl' challenge and other things such as aid for flood victims, supplying help to the food pantry, etc. Thanks to all who have seen great need and responded so generously.

Lent is right around the corner. The Ash Wednesday service will be on February 10 at 7:00 p.m. This is the service that concludes with the imposition of the ashes on the forehead. This is a great way to begin the journey to the cross. Maundy Thursday worship will be on March 24 at 8:00 p.m. This is the service of the shadows, where candles are extinguished until the sanctuary is in darkness leading us into Good Friday. Then on Sunday March 27, we will celebrate the gloriousness that is Easter Sunday. I think we will have two baptisms. I'm still confirming the details.

Also, during Lent I am going to lead a book study on the book "24 Hours that Changed the World." I'm looking forward to this. The author of the study is Adam Hamilton, Sr. pastor of "Church of the Resurrection" of Leawood, KS. This is the largest United Methodist Church in the USA and Pastor Hamilton is a very gifted writer. If you're interested in attending, try and get the book off Amazon. Cindy has information about ordering in the church newsletter.

Blessings!

Pastor Jerry

## February Church of the Month @ RibCrib!

Bring in a bulletin when you eat at RibCrib and receive 15% off your dine-in visit any **Sunday** during February.

Offer cannot be combined with any other offers or promotions.

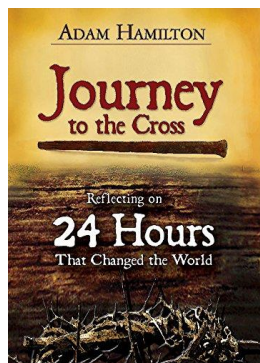


## February Calendar

14-2:00 p.m.-Youth visit Care Centers

21-5:00 p.m.-Youth meet in CLC

28-5:00 p.m.-Youth meet in CLC



Information about book from  
[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

Paperback copy is now \$9.99  
new or a used copy for \$5.00

Experience the final hours of Jesus' life in new ways as you take your own journey to the cross. Based on Adam Hamilton's devotions from *24 Hours That Changed the World*, this new compilation contains added content to help readers prepare heart and mind for Easter: descriptions of Hamilton's travel to the Holy Land, historical and scriptural content from each chapter of *24 Hours*, links to online travel videos and photographs, as well as Scripture and prayers.

*Journey to the Cross* is excellent for individual devotion and reflection and can also be used in a small group experience.



We need your help to change out the pictures in the CLC Lobby to Springtime fun. Pictures could be of playground activities, ball games, fishing, Easter, anything showing the family having fun. Please bring in a 8x10 or if you have a smaller picture for \$1 we can enlarge that for you in the church office. Please bring in by March 1.



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**Come to Worship!**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.  
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.-All Ages  
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Family of Kenneth Martin  
 Family of David Adair  
 Martha Smarr (Now at Cole Camp)  
 David Stuck  
 Payton Smith (Anna Huff's friend)  
 Our Children  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military



## February Celebrations

### Happy Birthday!

1-Mike Revels	16-Olivia Petersen	24-Judy Cammack
2-Anita Grigsby	16-Keegan Newberry	26-Sherin Sellman
5-Janette Howard	20-Ray Fitterling	26-Matt D'Orazio
5-Jeanne Jackson	20-Gary D'Orazio	27-Bryce Seigfreid
6-Madison Walsh	21-Leslie Basye	28-John Howard
9-Jennifer Dunn	23-AnnaBelle Gates	
12-Sadie Mapes		
14-Carrie Cromer		

### Happy Anniversary

11-Allen & Vicki Charles