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*We love because
He first loved us.*
1 John 4:19

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

... and see the wonderful things happening at

Pfafftown Christian Church



**February
2024**

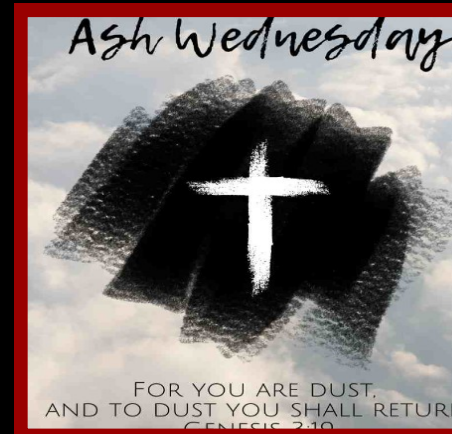
THE VISITOR



Come and celebrate Transfiguration Sunday worship with us February 11th at the 11:00 Worship service. We will be acknowledging the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Jesus' radiant and magnificent appearance on the mountaintop evokes the devouring fire of the glory of the LORD at Mount Sinai (Exodus 24.17).

About a week after Jesus plainly told His disciples that He would suffer, be killed, and be raised to life (Luke 9:22), He took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While praying, "His personal appearance was changed into a glorified form, and His clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about His death that would soon take place. Undoubtedly, the purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death. Those who witnessed the transfiguration bore witness to it to the other disciples and to countless millions down through the centuries.

"Holy, Holy, Lord of Hosts. All the earth is full of Thy Glory. Praise, honor, wisdom, and strength be to Thee forever." -Tim



Join us on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30PM as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is always celebrated 46 days before Easter Sunday and is the solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent references the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. This time seeks to prepare the heart of us for the solemn remembrance of the death of Jesus followed by a joyous Easter Sunday celebration of the Resurrection.

During our Ash Wednesday Service, a mark of the sign of the cross will be placed on the believer's forehead with ash. This cross symbolizes our sinful nature and our need for salvation. The use of ashes in the Bible was used to illustrate mourning, repentance and the frailty of humanity.

Make plans to come and join us for this very meaningful service.



Come and join us for our next Taste and See Bible Study Luncheon
Wednesday, February 14th from 11:30A -12:30P
in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

The Cross and Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day often means hearts and love,
Yet the better gift, came from above.
We see chocolates, flowers and trinkets galore,
This day encourages us to want more.

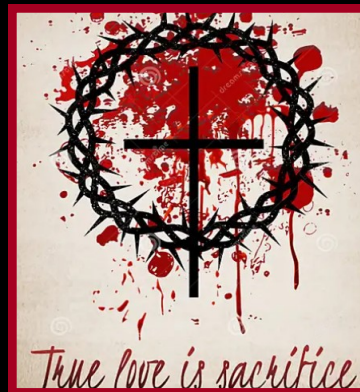
We covet the things in others that we see,
Thinking there has to be a better version of me.
For some their relationships are lost or broken,
Others carry pain that is unspoken.

Many dread being alone, without a date,
And become willing to settle, not wait.
We are searching for the perfect love story
ever told,
Well, look to John 3:16 and find treasure in
these words of old.

For you, God gave His one and only Son,
On the cross the ultimate love sacrifice was
done.
Today, give yourself the greatest gift you can,
Open the Word of God, hold it in your hands.

Begin with the promise in John 3:16,
Imagine what eternal life for you would mean.
If you doubt that God could love even you,
Psalm 139:13 tells how God knit you together
in your mother's womb.

While this may seem hard to believe or
understand,
From your very beginning, you were a part
of His plan.
God desires to be in a relationship with you
every single day,
His love for you is greater than any kind of
love, on any Valentine's Day.



February Worship Schedule

February 4 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
February 11 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
February 18 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
February 25 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell



CWF NEWS

We had 12 ladies present at our January meeting where we enjoyed soup and dessert and discussed out-reach giving for the current year. Organizations we are supporting are as follows: Newborns In Need - \$400, Disciples Mission Fund - \$600, Christmount - \$400, Crisis Control - \$600, Hospice - \$500, Salvation Army - \$500, Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries - \$600, Senior Services Meals on Wheels - \$2,675. Total Giving - \$6,675.

Tuesday, February 20 at 3:00PM in the Lower Kitchen, we will meet and prepare a meal for approximately 50 residents at the Salvation Army Center of Hope Family Shelter. While we're cooking, we'll do some cleaning in the kitchen.

In March we will visit a retirement home- the date is to be determined.



Pfafftown Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday Morning, February 20, 9:00 am

Mama Zoe Michael's Restaurant
2859 Reynolda Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Fellows, come out and join us for a country breakfast and a lot of great fellowship!

Please contact me at 336-692-5214 if can join us!
Looking forward to seeing you there! ~ Tim Shoaf

Notes from Tim

A HYMN STORY:

There's Within My Heart a Melody

This beautiful familiar hymn was composed by Luther Burgess Bridgers, who was born at Margaretsville, NC, on Feb. 14, 1884. Luther's father conducted revival meetings until his death, often with his son assisting him. Beginning to preach at the age of seventeen, Luther was educated at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, from 1902 to 1906. There he met his wife Sarah Veatch.

Several years later, at the age of twenty six, he and his wife had three sons. Invitations to preach revivals were streaming in for this young evangelist. An invitation to preach a two week revival near Harrodsburg, Kentucky arrived at Luther's mailbox and he accepted the invitation. This revival meeting was near the place where his wife's parents lived. When Luther's wife found out about the invitation, she asked Luther if he would consider taking her and the boys along on the trip and letting them visit her parents while he travelled on to the nearby revival. On the way to the revival, Luther stopped at his in-law's home to drop off his wife and boys for the next two weeks and then left to continue on to his revival meeting.

The first week of the revival had great results. People were converted and Christians strengthened and encouraged. Near the middle of the second week of the revival in the middle of the night Luther heard knocking at the door of the place where he was staying. When he answered the door, a policeman stood outside the door with his hat in his hand and asked, "are you Luther Bridgers?" "Yes, I am", said Luther. The policeman struggled with his words and said, "Sir, I don't know how to tell you this, but your father and mother in-law's house burned down tonight and your wife and three boys perished in the flames." Nothing could have prepared Luther to hear this news. He was devastated and shocked. In the days that wore on, Luther had thoughts about giving up the ministry. He was so grief-stricken that he could not carry on preaching. However, the gentle Holy Spirit started tugging at Luther's heart. After a period of time Luther received comfort and encouragement from the Lord to continue serving Him.

Luther wrote the words and the tune to his hymn shortly after this tragic event. You can see Luther's story revealed as he penned the words of this hymn:

Jesus will be with us in good times and bad:

*There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
In all of life's ebb and flow.*

Referring to the tragedy of the fire:

*All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain,*

(continued on next column)

Referring to the Holy Spirit comforting him:

*Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirred the slumbering chords again.*

Jesus will be with us in trials:

*Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way.*

Many people asked Luther, "how did you keep on going for the Lord?" He answers in his song:

*Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting beneath His sheltering wing,
Always looking on His smiling face,
That is why I shout and sing.*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus-- sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.*

Please reflect on this hymn as it expresses a courageous and endearing faith and trust. We will together sing this hymn in worship next Sunday morning, February 4.

Grace and peace to you. *Tim*



Church Family: Sue Flynt, Sam Safrit, Anne Safrit, Mel Blakley, Evelyn Nifong, Jack Groff, Jason Hawkins, Helen Johnson, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter
Rose Everton: Daughter of Will & Sydney Everton
Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
Jenny Safrit: Daughter-in-law of Anne & Sam Safrit
*Scott Stanley: Son of Skip and Jo Stanley
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve & Betty Clodfelter

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