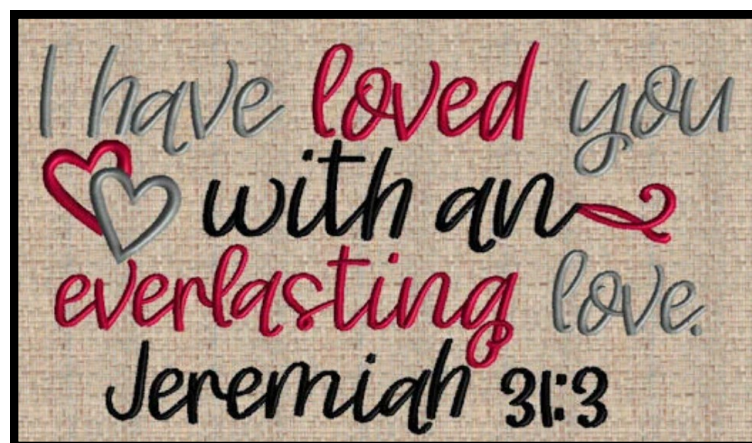


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*We would love to have you come and worship with us!*



February

# THE VISITOR

2025



We are now in February, the month known for Love.

1 John teaches us about Love:

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

John tells us that loving others is a gift, given by God. Love is one of the essential characteristics of God. He is known for many actions – God creates, heals, guides, saves. But the purpose of everything He does – is love.

So our loving others, is a gift that God gives from Himself. We couldn't love, without being beloved by God first. We wouldn't know where to begin to love someone without God. We wouldn't know how to love without God showing us.

The Christian writer, C.S. Lewis once said, "He died not for people, but for each person. If each person had been the only one made, He would have done no less."

God loves us so much that every day is Valentine's Day when we remember that God is love – and He is greater, stronger and closer than we could ever imagine.

Thanks be to God! ~ Rodney

Come and join our next Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon to be held on **Wednesday February 5** beginning at **11:00AM** in the **Downstairs Fellowship Hall**. Please sign up in the Narthex by February 2nd.



## HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

Pfafftown Christian Church continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we carry on our mission project of collecting items for our brothers and sisters in Western NC.

Below are the items PCC will be collecting and delivering in February:

**Canned goods** (preferably with tab pull top)  
**Paper products** paper plates, paper towels, trash bags, toilet paper, etc.  
**Winter gloves**

Monetary donations may be made payable to Pfafftown Christian Church with a notation for **Hurricane Relief** on the memo line. These funds will be used to purchase other items needed prior to the delivery date.

Pam Backi, Hurricane Relief Coordinator, states that the next delivery will be the first or second week of February. If you have questions, please call Pam at 336-416-8155.

**Thank you, PCC church family, for your prayers and support!**

### February Worship Leaders

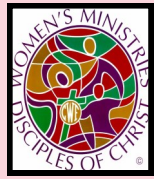
**Elders:** Lynda Bryant, Leader  
 Betty Simpson, Back-Up

**Greeter:** Pam Backi & Doug Ramsey

**Communion Stewards:**  
 Pam Backi & Doug Ramsey

### FEBRUARY Worship Schedule

February 2 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell  
 February 9 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell  
 February 16 - Rev. Tejado Hanchell  
 February 23 - Rev. Jeff Carter



### CWF

Many thanks to *all* who helped with the Salvation Army Center of Hope meal we prepared in January.

February meeting will be **February 18 at 2:00 in DFH**. We will be making Beef Vegetable Soup.

**Looking forward** — Gathering information to make fleece blankets for Western Carolina.



### CMF

The next Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held **Tuesday, February 18th at Mama Zoe's Restaurant** located at 2859 Reynolda Road. Men, come out and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship and be blessed!

### Thank you

To the congregation of Pfafftown Christian Church:

My family is so thankful for all that was provided to make my mother, Martha Lilly's, Memorial Service so beautiful in so many ways.

As time so quickly passes, Pfafftown Christian Church, the home place, family, and family history become that much more meaningful. During her service, I in particular, felt so at home.

Speaking of home, we cannot stop talking about the beautiful song, "Going Home" as sung and played by Rev. Tim Shoaf. I have listened again and again to the British Youth Choir sing this and have shared and shared. Music is so central to our lives and the music that day was extraordinary.

To the ministers, staff, hostess and to those that keep the church spotless, we will always hold you in a very special place in our hearts! Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Griswold



**Do we really know how much Jesus loves us?** His heart is full of affection for us! Romans 8:37-39 says, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Through the death of Christ, the barrier between us and a relationship with God was torn in two. The wrath of God was satisfied with Jesus' death. Through Christ, we have been made new so that we can walk in unhindered fellowship and oneness with the holy, perfect God.

God loves us simply because He loves us. We don't have to work for His affection. We don't have to set ourselves straight before God can pour out His love over us. The father in the prodigal son story ran out to meet his son before anything had ever been set right. He didn't know his son was there to apologize. He didn't care. He simply wanted to love his child.

Our heavenly Father feels the same way about us! He longs to love us right where we are and as we are. He longs to fill us with His love to overflowing. He longs for us to experience this love and oneness just as Jesus did when he walked the earth.

God is not an angry taskmaster who shows affection only when we succeed. He is a loving Father who will always love us no matter what. The depth of His love is there, all we have to do is accept it. His love will heal us, transform us, free us, and lead us to an abundant life.

### Crisis Control Ministry

Crisis Control Gift for the month of February is **Granola Bars.**

Thank you, church family, for your continual support of this vital, local ministry.

### Notes from Tim

The very first Christian song that most of us learned as children was "*Jesus Loves Me*." No matter how old we may become, we treasure the great message and deep inspiration this song has provided us along our spiritual journey since childhood.

Anna Bartlett Warner (1827-1915) and her sister Susan were the unmarried daughters of a very prominent New York attorney who lost his fortune during the 1837 depression. After Mr. Warner moved the family to an old house across the Hudson River from West Point, the sisters opened their home to the cadets and held Sunday School classes there. Both sisters were buried with military honors in recognition of their spiritual contributions to the lives of these young military officers. Anna loved writing hymns, and she wrote a fresh one each month for her students. Eager to supplement the family income, the sisters turned to writing novels and children's books. Among the 18 books that they wrote together was Say and Seal, the book in which *Jesus Loves Me*, written by Anna, first appeared in 1859. In the story, one of the characters comforted a dying child by singing *Jesus Loves Me*. Later, Anna published this hymn in her first hymnbook.

In 1862, William B. Bradbury stumbled across the song's words and wrote his own tune, the one we sing today. He also added his own chorus: "Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so." Within months this song was known across the United States and eventually all over the world. It is said that it has been translated into more languages than any other song! Yet, had it not been for Bradbury's music company publishing his arrangement in 1864, the song might have been forgotten.

Today, children all around the world grow up knowing this special hymn. Thousands of young children have sung this hymn in Sunday School, Preschool, VBS, during family devotions; and many mothers and grandmothers have sung these words while rocking their children to sleep.

*Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will henceforth live for Thee.*

Jesus is always with us through life's joys and our sorrows. He is there guiding us along the way!

Blessings to you! *Tim*

### Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** \*Ann Thomson, Betty Barker, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

#### Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell  
\*Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi that recently passed away

\*Bob Connelly: Brother of Betty Barker

Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker

\*Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter

\*Manuel Encizo: Family friend of Shawn Widmyer  
That recently passed away

Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson  
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Lawson Family: Friend of Tony Bryant

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley

Regina Perry: Friend of Dan & Sharon Binkley

Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter

Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker

Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley

Penny Shepherd: Friend of Traci Canter

Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer

\*Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher

Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson

Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson

Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi

Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

\* **Depicts new prayer request**

**If you would like to send a card to Ann Thomson,**  
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440 Ingram Dr. King, NC 27021



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