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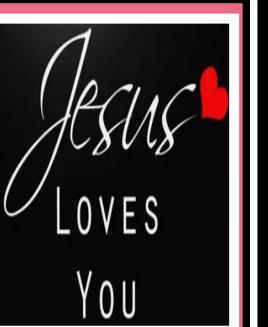


*Come and experience worshipping the Savior together!
Every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.
We would love to have you!*



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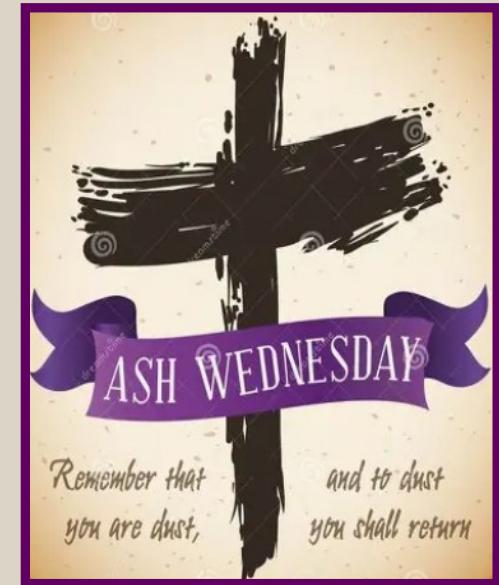
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You are cordially invited to join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 18 as we celebrate **Ash Wednesday**. The visible ashes placed on the believer's forehead are a small way for Christians to honor the Jewish custom of wearing sackcloth and ashes as a symbol of mourning, repentance, the frailty and mortality of our humanity and our total dependence on God. Many people see the ashes as a beautiful witness and chance to open a conversation about Jesus. Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent references the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. Lent is meant to prepare the heart of believers of the solemn remembrance of the death of Jesus followed by the joyous and glorious Easter Sunday celebrating the Resurrection. Please make plans to join us for this very meaningful service.

JOEL 2:12-13 "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

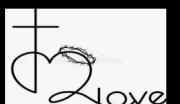
Transfiguration Sunday

Come and celebrate Transfiguration Sunday with us on February 15 at 11:00 AM. We will acknowledge the beautiful revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and of the prophets.



Transfiguration Sunday, a moment that is recognized as the bridge from the season of Epiphany to the journey into Lent. In the book of Exodus, Moses ascends the mountain into the cloud of God's glory, where he receives the word that will shape a people. In Psalm 99, the psalmist invites us to stand in awe of our Lord's majesty. In his second letter, Peter testifies that the story of Jesus' glory on the mountain is not a myth. It was a reality he saw with his own eyes — a lamp shining in a dark place. And in Matthew's Gospel (chapter 17), Jesus is described as transfigured, radiant and shining like the sun with a divine light. He is then affirmed by the Father's voice: "This is my Son, the Beloved ... listen to Him." These scriptures remind us that to encounter the glory and the magnificence of Christ. We are called to **shine with the light** that Jesus gives so others see Him through **us** and listen closely to the One who leads us into God's mission.

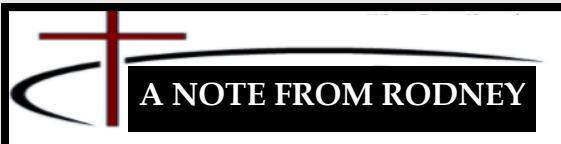
February Worship Leaders



Elders: Lynda Bryant, Leader
Betty Simpson, Back-up

Communion: Joan & Jason Hawkins

Greeters: Tim & Beverly Brown



A NOTE FROM RODNEY

As I sit here writing, we are preparing for a winter storm. Across the state worship services have been canceled. Even though many shelves are empty, the lines at stores are long. Perhaps the biggest concern we share is losing electricity. Heating units, refrigerators, water pumps – so much of life runs on electricity. Staying connected to the power source is critical to survival. An extended power outage strikes fear into every home.

It leads me to wonder how concerned we are about becoming disconnected from the real power in life. God's love is the strongest source of power in the universe. It is the power of Creation, the power to make all things new, the power of the Resurrection.

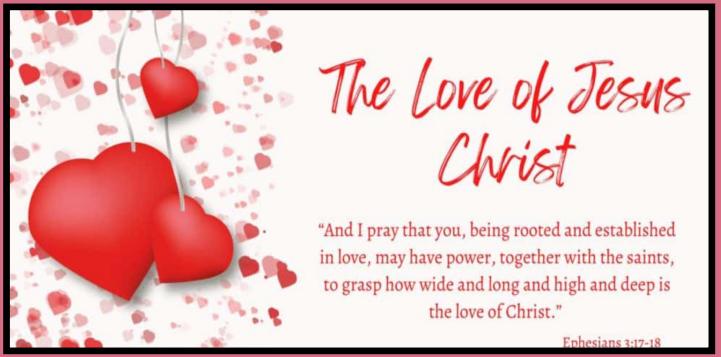
However, we allow our connection to his powerful love to become disconnected or wither away from neglect. I know many times I have suffered a power outage and wandered in the dark, trying to make it on my own. I have the scars and bruises to show for it!

How often do we feel powerless in the face of personal trials, family struggles, and health concerns? Spiritual power outages are common. We are either just getting over one, in the middle of one or seeing one just ahead.

I hope these words from the Apostle Paul bring you encouragement to get connected to His power of love once again:

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Colossians 1:11-12

Thanks be to God! ~ Rodney



The Love of Jesus Christ

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

Ephesians 3:17-18

Annual Birthday Luncheon

This Sunday, February 1

Following the 11:00 AM Worship Service
Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided and will consist of Salad Bar, Baked Potato Bar and of course, Homemade Birthday Cakes for everyone to enjoy! Please come join us for this exiting event celebrating a special year of Birthdays!



CWF News
We will be preparing a meal at our February meeting for Salvation Army Center of Hope if we are unable to prepare and deliver the meal on January 27th due to the winter storm. Date and time is to be determined. *All* ladies are welcome to come and join us! We would love to have you! Thank you!

TASTE & SEE BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON

If you haven't joined us for our monthly Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon, you just don't know the blessing you are missing!

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 11 at 11:30 AM** for our next Bible Study Luncheon! **Everyone** is welcome as we study the word of God and fellowship with one another over a delicious lunch.

"Come try it! You'll love it!"



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Christian Men's Breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, February 17th 9:00 AM** at **Mama Zoe's Restaurant** located at **2859 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem**.

Men, please come and join us for a delicious breakfast, scripture and fellowship! You will be so glad you joined us!



Notes from Tim

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

The Chancel Choir sometimes begins our Service of Worship by singing as the Choral Call to Worship the words of this beautiful hymn. I would like to share the story and inspiration behind its composition.

Lanny Wolfe (born 1942) is an American Christian music songwriter and music publisher. Wolfe served for a number of years as the Dean of the School of Music at Jackson Bible School, Jackson College of Ministries in Jackson, Mississippi.

Wolfe's songs are included in a number of hymnals. "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" is in most of today's hymnals, and is based on Jesus promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst" (Matthew 18:20).

It emphasizes the senses—feeling, hearing, touching, and seeing. We can feel the presence of the Lord—and hear the brush of the angel's wings—and see glory on each face.

Wolfe was inspired to write this song in 1977 when a friend invited The Lanny Wolfe Trio to sing at a dedication service for a new building. "Surely the Presence" is the song that the Trio sang for that occasion.

This song is especially important, because it helps us to get the emphasis right. We often talk about "the church on the corner," by which we mean a particular building. However, the building is not the church. The people are the church. The building is just the place where the church meets.

"Surely the presence" captures that nicely. The only reference to the building is the phrase "this place." The song shifts the focus to people, as in "each face" and "His children" and "two or three." It is a good reminder to all of us of the real meaning of "church."

God be with you. *Tim*

**Some information taken from "Behind the Song" - Diana Matthews*

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Owen Clodfelter (great grandson of Steve & Betty Clodfelter), Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Mary Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson

Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt

Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
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 & Betty Clodfelter

Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer

Please call the church office to add or remove someone's name from the Prayer List. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated.

Nothing in this world will stop me from loving you



Romans 8:38-39