



FEBRUARY

2024

THE FOUNTAIN

NEWSLETTER

Hello my friends,

Happy Winter to you, and, at this writing, it really feels like winter. I have not traveled out of Texas very often, but we did live in Kentucky for our years at seminary. They bragged about their weather as being “all 4 seasons” and, compared to my life in Texas, it was true. They have four seasons, but it was not home. Here we have two seasons...”hot and not so hot”...with interruptions by other weather. We rarely get bored with it. As the changes come and go, we appreciate the pleasant days, and endure the extreme days.

That reminds me of our faith journey. Some days are better than others. When things are not going well, we find the assurance that God really loves us and that helps us get through the tough times. When things are good, we thank God for the blessings. My challenge is to thank God for being with me in the tough times, during the tough times. The Holy Spirit is the great comforter! I hope you can think of times in your life where you realized the Holy Spirit was right there with in the storm of life. And maybe you can share that story with a friend, they just might need to hear it.

God Bless you all!!!

See you in church!

Steve

A Note from Pastor Steve





Birthdays & Anniversaries

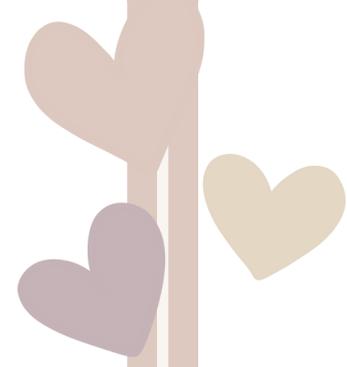
God danced the day you were born

PRAYERS FOR:

- ♥ Vicky Phillips
- ♥ Judy Weiblen
- ♥ Kyle Berg
- ♥ Jason Boyce
- ♥ Mike McGuire
- ♥ Helen Muennink
- ♥ Laura Schrutka
- ♥ Joe M. Saenz, Jr.
- ♥ Stella Shultz
- ♥ Joe Nixon
- ♥ Jane Schauer
- ♥ Sheryl Guth
- ♥ Kenneth Roberts
- ♥ Michael Love
- ♥ Denise Parsons
- ♥ Ora Lee Muennink
- ♥ Naomi Fredriksson
- ♥ Floyd Saathoff
- ♥ Peace in our nation
- ♥ People of Ukraine
- ♥ Reconciliation in families

GOD
BLESS
YOU

BIRTHDAYS



David Rone – February 2
Avery LaPorte – February 2
Cody Don Wayne Skipper – February 3
Ken Grell – February 4
Amanda Rothe – February 4
Judy Dietert – February 4
Daniel Wiemers – February 5
Debbie Southwell – February 6
Valerie Miller - February 6
Karen Riff – February 9
Heath Ruiz – February 9
Christine Oefinger – February 10
Patti Taylor – February 12
Floyd Saathoff – February 13
Carter Smith – February 13
Kimberly Freehauf – February 14
William Rothe – February 14
Bruce Simpson – February 15
Eddie McGinnis - February 16
Bobby Cox, Jr. – February 16
Jack Muennink – February 16
Nicholas Riff—February 17
Rainee Neuman – February 17
Tayler Hobbs - February 18
Timothy Wiemers – February 19
Garry Allen – February 22
Kellye Thompson - February 23
John Riff – February 24
Janie Brock – February 24
Justina Graff – February 26
Tony Johnson – February 28
Chris Cosgrove - February 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Clayton & Jami Watts –
February 5
Richard & Sandi Schweers –
February 14
Bob & Melissa Jouett –
February 14
Tim & Val Hardt -
February 17

MEMORIALS

Bobby Doyle
Pam, Kristin, & Swynn Muennink
Maggie Riff

With a new year comes new and exciting things for the Youth at New Fountain. The 6th and 7th graders have started Confirmation Class with Pastor Steve and Rylee Ohlhausen. This class will be held every Sunday through Palm Sunday. Confirmation Sunday will be March 24th.

January also brings back MYF which will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month right after church until noon. On these Sundays the youth will be working through a Bible Study called "Live Reflectively: Lessons From The Watershed Moments Of Moses" where we will dive a little deeper into the life of Moses and how moments in our own lives can help in our spiritual growth and relationship with the Lord. The Middle School group will also join us on these days and play games, fellowship, eat and work on service projects to help us grow and learn about Jesus.

The service project for this month is to take the youth shopping for food items to help with the ministry Blessings In A Backpack. The youth will find and purchase food items for children who may go the weekend without or with very little food. They will be able to make the food choices, with guidance, and we will talk about why it is important for us to acknowledge and see those in our community who are in need, and how a little bit can go a long way!

If you see a youth, ask them how God is working in their days!



A Note from Kristin - Youth Director

DO YOU KNOW...

February 14th-20th is Random Acts of Kindness Week, and Saturday, February 17, is Random Acts of Kindness Day! These are times to celebrate and encourage random acts of kindness - times to celebrate kindness and the whole pay-it-forward mentality. We encourage you to put kindness first and share it everywhere you go. Kindness is doing what you can, where you are, with what you have.

There are so many ways to be kind:

- Leave an extra big tip
- Commend a store employee
- Compliment someone
- Call someone who lives alone
- Donate to a food pantry
- Make a donation in someone's name
- Address people by their first name
- Spend time with the elderly at a retirement home
- Hold the door open for the person behind you
- Call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while
- Send a card
- Deliver homemade food to a friend
- Let someone cut in line
- Donate books
- Pick up trash on the ground or in a store
- Be on time (don't waste others' time)
- Give a child a book



Let's all try to be kinder all the time, but especially during Random Acts of Kindness Week.

Remember... everyone needs a little kindness sometimes. Let's be an unexpected gift to someone!

ROUND ROBIN MEALS

The Hospitality Team is excited to bring back Round Robin home fellowship dinners. This is an opportunity for couples, singles, and families to share a meal with other members of the congregation (usually a total of 8 in each group). The emphasis of these gatherings is on fellowship and getting to know one another! Here are some of the facts concerning Round Robin get togethers:

- Couples, singles, and families are invited to participate.
- We will try to keep the groups at eight participants. (Family groups will be larger.)
- Each group will meet once a month in one of the participant's homes. If your home will not accommodate eight, the church is available.
- The host will provide the meat, and the other members will coordinate with the host to bring sides and dessert.
- Families with children will be placed with other families with children.

We will try to kick-off in March, meeting monthly through June. We will break for July and August, resuming in September. At that time, we will rearrange the groups, so participants can get to know others.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please let Crystal in the church office know. If you have any questions about the Round Robin, please call Peg Tindall at 830-931-5062.

We hope you'll give Round Robin a try!



A Note from The Hospitality Team

Surgery?

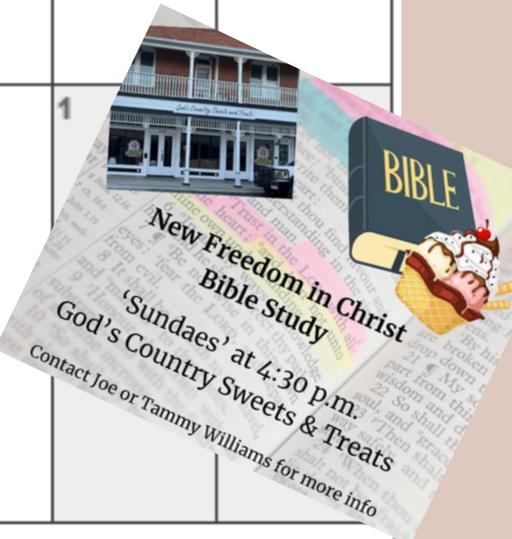
Did you know that a "Wrap of Love" has been handmade with love, prayed over and will be selected just for you prior to or soon after your hospitalization? A wrap is an extension of your church family and a reminder that the Body of Christ is lifting you up during your time of healing.

Please add the church's phone number to your contact list. 830-426-4219



The Lord said, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." - Isaiah 66:13

February 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am MYF Meet Up  youth	29  6:00pm Worship Team Meeting - WOW	30 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	31 5:30pm Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary	1 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	2	3
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Ash Wednesday Service



Wednesday, February 14th
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

February Communion Offering

Medina County Food Pantry

Food Pantry February!

The Medina County Food Pantry is asking for our help. We will do a food drive for the pantry on each of the Sundays in February. This will also be our Communion Rail Offering this month!

In February there will be boxes in the entry way into worship each Sunday for you to place your food pantry food donation. Any non-perishable food will be accepted, and here are some ideas of what you can donate:

box of crackers, canned beans, mac & cheese, bagged beans, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned chicken.



Let us help the pantry, so they can help others.

December Financials

Year-To-Date Financial Report			
Ending December 31, 2023			
2023 Approved Operating Budget \$379,000			
Weekly Giving Goal \$7,300			
General Operating		Building Fund	
Income	378,081.61	Income	2,780.68
Expenditures	(351,681.83)	Expenditures	(50.00)
	26,399.78	Balance	8,138.16

Online Giving



www.newfountain.org/giving

