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February 2023 Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR:

How Great a Love

A mother was concerned about her only son going off to college. And so she wrote the following letter to the college president:



“Dear Sir: My son has been accepted for admission to your fine college, and soon he will be leaving me. I am writing to ask that you give your PERSONAL attention to the selection of his roommate. I want to be sure that his roommate is not the kind of person who uses foul language, or tells off color jokes, smokes, drinks, or chases after wild women. I hope you will understand why I am appealing to you directly. You see, I desperately love my son, and this is the first time he will be away from home – except for his four years in the Marine Corps.”

Each year as the days grow longer, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the coming of Lent, when our focus will be on the great love of God made real through our Savior, Jesus Christ. We talk about the love of parents or our love for country or that we love football and the Super Bowl. But all of those loves – even that of a parent – pale beside the love God has for us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

I invite you this year to join us for our Lenten activities. There will be more about our Wednesday Lenten Services in the March Newsletter. But Ash Wednesday is in late February this year (February 22nd) and we certainly want all our members to be a part of this powerful service of worship that will usher in the Lenten Season. You’ll find all the particulars in this newsletter as we remember again God’s great love for us – for all of us. Forever!

Peace and Love, Pastor John



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FEBRUARY



Church Office hours

Mon.-Thurs.
8am-4pm
Fri. 8-12

Worship

8:30
Contemporary

11:00
Traditional

Winter Bible Study~Cinema, Coffee & Conversation

Join Pastor John on February 8th & 15th for a Winter Bible Study centering around Short Films - 15 - 30 minutes, with connection to the Bible, conversation and hot coffee (or water/juice/tea) for those crisp winter mornings. The studies will be held at 10:30 in the morning on those Wednesdays, and will last about an hour in length. Because of copyright laws, we won't be broadcasting these on live stream or on our website - but we hope you'll join us in person, if available. Pastor John is keeping the titles of the short films a "secret", but each will be entertaining, thoughtful, and meaningful. There will be reminders each week in the Bulletins.



Greetings from your Church Council-January meeting

- On January 29th we will have One service and we will celebrate Mabel Brown with a recognition and a reception.
- On February 12, 2023 we will have our annual Souper Bowl Sunday. Please bring your canned goods for this cause.
- Mark your calendars for February 21, 2023 at 5:30. The Joe Gribble Sunday School Class will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday meal.
- Samaritan's Table is still going strong. Please consider contributing a meal or volunteering to serve.
- We are anxiously awaiting good weather so that we can have the work done on the parking lot.
- The Blessing Box is continuing to be refilled and the room used to store the items has been reorganized.

Welcome New Member!

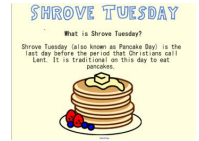
IT'S WITH GREAT JOY that we welcomed Rajeem Chris Nick Adam Baptist, who was born on May 28th of last year, into membership through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Son of Christy Shanelle and Rajeem Baptist, he was sponsored by Shane and Melissa Little and their family. Proud Kimball Memorial relatives are grandparents Kevin and Antoliana Budna and Aunt, Fantashia Neal. We rejoice in receiving this little boy into our fellowship of the Church.



Join Deacon Liz Feb 19th @ 10am

For a presentation on her Holy Land Trip. We will meet in the Sanctuary that day and will have coffee available downstairs!

The Joe Gribble SS Class to host our Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner!



The Joe Gribble Sunday

School Class will be sponsoring and hosting our Shrove Tuesday Dinner on Tuesday Night, February 21st from 5:30-6:30 PM. Pancakes with all the trimmings is on the menu, with a good time promised for all. All proceeds from this dinner will go to CCM and our Blessing Box Ministry at Kimball! We do hope you'll join us!

Ash Wednesday~ February 22nd Worship at 6:30pm



The Lenten Season begins in late February with Ash Wednesday coming on February 22nd. We will offer our traditional service of confession, repentance, imposition of ashes, & Holy Communion at 6:30 in the evening. This service will be broadcast live on our Facebook Page, and will be posted to our website later in the evening. A nursery is provided for this evening service, and friends are certainly welcome to attend. Evening worship services during the Lenten Season will begin on March 1st each Wednesday night during the season at 6:30 PM. These services will be brief, about 30 minutes using beautiful liturgy & beloved hymns.

We hope you will also join us for all our services during this Lenten Season each Wednesday evening from 6:30-7pm!



Congratulations

We would love to offer congratulations to two of our middle school students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in Jan. Gracie Matheny and Taylor Murph were inducted into this organization in a ceremony held at Kannapolis Middle School on January 19th, 2023. Congrats Taylor and Gracie, we're all very proud of you both!

We would also like to offer congratulations to Andy Watson's daughter Kim who received her PHD in Education in a December Ceremony!



Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 12th

The annual Souper Bowl of Caring is upcoming on Sunday, February 12th, and is a wonderful Winter time food offering to our CCM. All canned food items are needed. Soup, of course, is great for this offering. But other needed items include cereal, canned fruit, canned beans, and canned vegetables. Your financial gifts to CCM will also be most appreciated – simply make checks payable to Kimball Memorial and designate them to “Souper Bowl Offering”, or you may make your gifts in “real money”! This is our seventh year participating in this food drive, and we join over 10,000 churches of all Denominations across the USA in this event surrounding the “Big Game”. Last year, more than \$11 million dollars of canned goods were collected for local food banks in this event. THANK YOU for your participation and assistance in this project, sponsored by our high School and Middle School Youth. If you need more information, contact the Church Office.



Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool News

We are excited to be back after our Winter Break. We’ve been talking about John the Baptist and the Baptism of our Lord. We are also learning and doing winter crafts! As we move into February we will be talking about God’s love for us and how Jesus continues to dwell within us and go with us each and every day!

Our Preschool is going VERY well, we’ve added 4 new students this January. We’re working on our Registration for the 2023-2024 School year, registration will begin the first of February for our current students then open for the public later in Feb. If you know anyone that may be looking for a PreK please tell them about us!

Our supply needs for Feb include: Paper Towels, Swiffer moping pads, disposable gloves (size m-size l) and hand sanitizer. T

Thank you for praying and loving us! **Sherri Matheny~ Preschool Director**

Tuesday Night Book Club

March 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm. Book is: Woman’s Daughter by Kim Richardson, hosted by Donna Taylor.



YOUTH & PROGRAM MINISTRY



HS/MS Youth for Feb 2023

Sunday February 12th our High School and Middle School Youth will meet at the church at 12:30-2:00 pm and will enjoy lunch, a program and get last minute details for our LYO Assembly.



HS/MS Youth LYO Assembly Friday Feb 24th–26th @ Embassy Suites

Our HS/MS are very excited to be able to go back to our Lutheran Youth Organization Assembly on Friday Feb. 24th– Sunday Feb 26th at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. The cost is \$85 per youth and Liz will send out Medical Release forms, as well as a packing list, for the weekend!

Confirmation Special Project for Feb

We have canceled our Confirmation Class for Feb because of our LYO Assembly. We WILL have a special service project that as homework!



Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grade

Will meet on Sunday Feb. 19th from 12:15pm-2pm. We will have an afternoon of Games, Devotions and Lunch. Cost is \$10 to help with the cost of lunch. Hope you can join us!

Children’s Faith Formation is Back

Children’s Faith Formation/Sunday School is back in Feb. We will meet on Sunday Feb. 12th and Sunday Feb. 26th. If you would be willing to help teach our children’s Sunday School Class, please see Liz!



J.O.Y. Group for Feb 8th

Will have lunch and fellowship at church on Feb. 8th after Pastor John’s winter bible study. A sign up sheet will be posted by the 1st of Feb. We will also have our 2023 J.OY. Group Calendar to give out!

Bible and Brew Friday Feb. 17

We will gather at Liz’s house on Friday Feb. 17th at 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.



February Anniversaries

8	Dave & Cathy Young	54
9	Lena & Harry (V) Gillon	49
13	Dale & Maria Brown	30
23	Tom & Tammy Kilby	38

February Birthdays

1	Jeff Matson, Judy Ferguson
2	Reagan Cauthen
3	Pat Tallent, Robin Ballard, Cathy Baker
4	Randy Snipes
5	Silvia Binnon
6	Louise Propst, William Sloop
7	Jim Peeler, Timothy Sawyer, Lou Barlow, Heather Miller, Leam Neely
8	Aleigha Christy, Elizabeth Bentley
9	Lily Fisher, Dean Hinson
10	Michael Butcher
11	Justin Yount
12	John Futterer
14	Sudie Foil, Amy Brantley
16	Darrin Pascua (V), Becky Peterson
19	Kaylee Murph, David Sloan
20	Ronald Artz
21	Sam Falls, Karan Whitley
22	Austin Rigsby
23	Gabriel Keith, Sengpheng Saycocie, Marsha Morrison, Kim Voelker
25	Olivia Horn
26	Sherry Johnson, Anne Futterer
28	Trae Bennet, Randy Cauthen, Amy Price

Homebound Members

Brian Center-Lincolnton

- Eleanor Foil

Caremoor

- Aileen Tiece
- Bettie Overcash

Landings of Cabarrus

- Leonard Barlow

Crescent Heights Senior Living

- Mary Dorton
- Anna Richter

Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

At their home

- Jane Ritchie, Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown

Prayer Page-Have someone in need of some prayer?
Add them to our prayer page!

Military:, Andrew Smith (Arizona), Chris Kirchner (Utah), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (MD), Chris Overcash (NC), Christopher Bame (California), Mike Peterson (Bahrain), Keith Lee (NC)

Kimball members: Mabel Brown, Tom & Brenda Brown, Norris Dearmon, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Joyce Mallernee, Dianne Marlin, Mike McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Louise Propst, Anna Richter, Cliff, Kathy, & Devon Scott, Betty & John Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Gaye St. John, Rick, Doris & Sarah Teumer



February Worship Assistants

LECTORS

8:30am

5 Sharon Brothers
12 Paula Brandle
19 JT Hott
26 Lisa Robinson

11:00am

5 Sally Peterson
12 Bob Boynton
19 Whit Whitley
26 Kim Kane

ACOLYTES

8:30am

5 TJ Black
12 Delaney Little
19 Charley Storey
26 Kyler Black

11:00am

5 Lucas and Rory Hesley
12 Leam Neely and Von Blocker
19 Gabriel and Connor Keith
26 Liza Jane Lee

Healing Prayer Ministers

8:30 am Debbie Troutman

11:00 am Anne Futterer

PROJECTION (Video)

8:30am

5 Howard Bentley
12 Debbie Troutman
19 Lisa Dunlow
26 Andy Robinson

11:00am

5 Milton Matheny
12 Tiffany Winn
19 Terry Steinert
26 Nathan Carpenter

SOUND (Audio)

8:30am

5 Tim Patterson
12 Patrick Little
19 Eric Storey
26 Rick Teumer

11:00am

5 Abby Carpenter
12 Bo Phongsas
19 Abby Carpenter
26 Keith Lee

Worship Assistants

8:30am

5 Darian Miller
12 Ella Ramsey
19 Jodi Hott
26 Sarah Harmon

11:00am

5 Nicholas Bronson
12 Briton Christenson
19 Tony Lippard
26 Sally Peterson

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 Todd Haley & David Sloan

11:00 Heidi Lee & Kim Kane

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 Kathy Scott & Judy Sloan

11:00 Tim & Huyla Jackson

MONTHLY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday
Jim & Susan Harris

Children of the LIGHT

This craft celebrates that now we are light in the Lord (see Ephesians 5:8).

What you need:

- A gallon zip-top plastic bag
- Permanent markers (dark colors)
- Black construction paper
- White cardstock
- Scissors

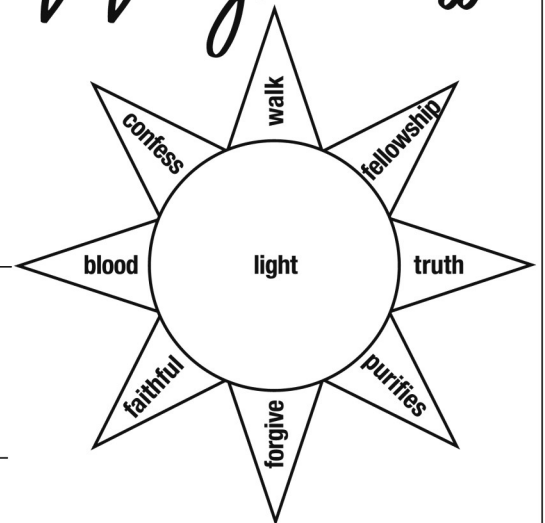
What you do:

1. Draw a self-portrait on the outside of the bag. Add details.
2. Insert the black paper and set the bag flat on a table. It should be tough to see your picture now.
3. On the white cardstock, draw a picture of a flashlight with a long beam of light coming out. Color the flashlight but leave the beam white.
4. Cut out the flashlight and light beam. Place them in the bag, over the black paper. When the white beam covers the black background under your picture, you can see your self-portrait clearly.



The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?



Directions:

Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.

But if we _____ in the _____, as he is in the _____,
 we have _____ with one another, and the _____
 of Jesus, his Son, _____ us from all sin. If we claim to be
 without sin, we deceive ourselves and the _____ is not in us.
 If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just and will
 _____ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV

Answer: walk, light, light, light, fellowship, blood, purifies, truth, confess, faithful, forgive

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February 2023						
5 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:00-10:45 AM KK & 3-5th Grade SS Class 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	6	7	8 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM J.O.Y. Group lunch & fellowship @ church 6:45 PM Contemporary Ensemble practice	9 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	10 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	11
12 <i>Supper Bowl of Caring</i> 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:00 AM Adult SS 10:00 AM Children's Faith Formation/SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells 12:30-2:00 PM HS/MS Youth lunch & program	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo	15 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:45 PM Contemporary Ensemble practice	16 7:00 PM Council Meeting 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	17 6:30 PM Bible & Brew at the home of Liz Fisher	18
19 <i>Transfiguration</i> 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:00 Holy Land Presentation by Deacon Liz 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells 12:15-2:00 PM Kingdom Kids and 3-5th grade lunch, games & devotion	20 <i>Presidents' Day</i> <i>Office is closed</i>	21 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 5:30-6:30 PM Pancake Dinner	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 3:00 -6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only 6:30 PM Worship Service Contemporary Ensemble practice after worship service	23 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	24 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care LYO Assembly Begins @ 7:00 in Greensboro	25 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care LYO Assembly
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