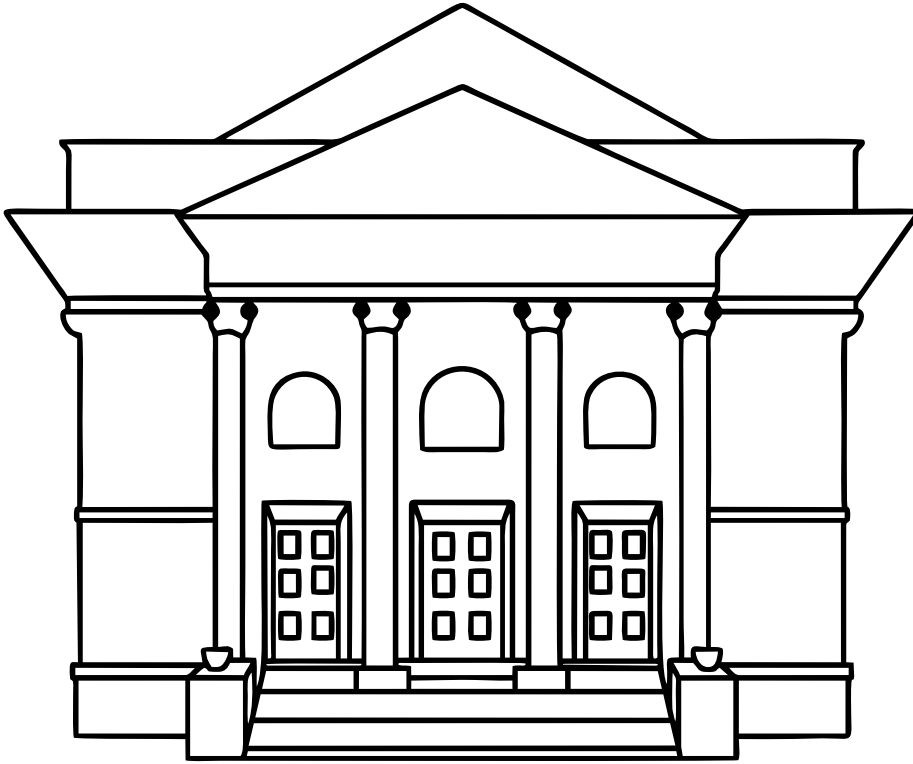


Temple Bells

January/February 2025



We are working to be a
community of disciples where all
people can experience and be
transformed by Jesus Christ.

Church Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. The Haven

Contemporary and small group

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From Michael's Desk

Change can be one of the best and works things we experience. I've been thinking about the topic specifically as we've entered the New Year. In an incredibly short amount of time, we experienced an incredible number of changes. However, not only have we survived the changes, we've thrived in light of them.

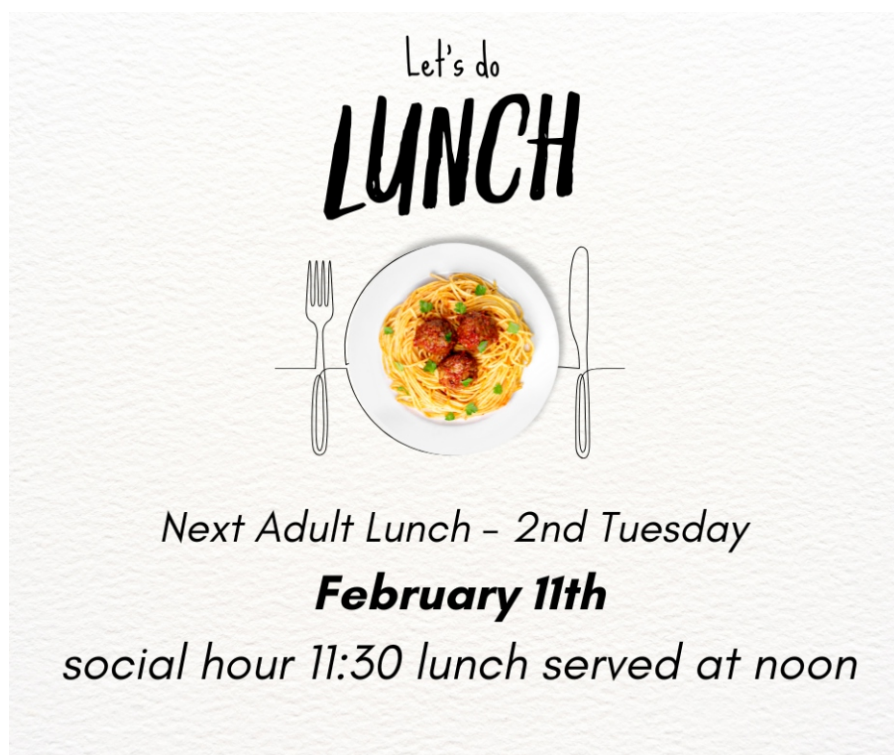
When I think back on the events of 2024, I didn't know how things would turn out. I certainly didn't expect my own path in life and ministry to take as sharp of a turn. A lot of you felt the same way for different reasons. But as I've seen since I've been here as a ministry staff member, I've seen the same bond hold us together. It's unsurprising that this bond has held tight and true as the changes have kept coming with greater speed.

A passage comes to mind that has to do with how we can sometimes be "blown around" by people's ever-changing opinions and teachings (Ephesians 4:14 NASB). Even though Paul is talking about something different, we can use this mentality to be steadfast and mature in the face of the ever-changing landscapes of life. Paul says that we do this by "speaking the truth in love" (v. 15).

When I think of how we ended 2024, I remember a lot of reality facing. We faced our fears in order to seek healing in our lives. We grappled with our pasts and resolved to move into the future in the face of our fears. But I also remember a lot of love. Even though facing our many new realities and reckoning with the past was difficult and will continue to be as we do the hard work of living, we banded together to carry each other.

That's the gospel at work in you. When you begin to doubt where God has been all this time, look at what you've come through. Know that he was and is present through it all, making a way forward before we could imagine one for ourselves. Know that he was and is strengthening you to fulfill your calling to love him and one another, as you were always meant to do.

Cheers to 2025. It may be just as difficult, but may it be just as beautiful.



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February 2025

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Down to Business

Lead Team December 17th

Members in attendance: Michael Nichols, Melynda Riley, Rich Ewald, Kristin Gates, Steve VonLehman, Bill Nye, Joe Coursey, Linda Nealy, Mac Johns. Jason Blick joined later.

Meeting started at 5:01

Mac called to order and was designated as a chair for the evening.

Minutes reviewed, and Joe motioned to approve, bill seconds all approve vote carried.

New business - Melynda wants to get gift cards for staff, prior years and current motion for \$100 per employee, second by steve. All approved vote.

UMM - monthly breakfast and after the meeting a discussion was had about making some donations to Good Sam, Isaiah House, Agape, and Angel tree with the school. Possibly have less funding next year with new owners of the golf course and cooking might take a hit. They are also buying a new wheel chair, a new wider seat one.

Finance - Budget discussion: Mac has made suggested adjustments to the budget. Some discussion was had about needing to keep some items the same or increasing.

Radio ministry - was 4700 - zero it out and keep our youtube and facebook - discussion about using a portion to go to facebook ads. Mention of taking a flyer to staff at nursing home to educate incase they have patients who listen to setup to watch online. Melynda and Bill both made mention to cut radio and it was approved.

Discussion about budget and insurance - We possibly need to re quote insurance.

Trustees - pretty much done spending money - all repairs and renovations have been completed and taken care of. Haley crew has done a great job. HIs crew went through the parsonage and did a few repairs over there. Bathroom, fellowship hall, sunday school room, playground fence, landscaping, sanctuary repairs etc. discussion about pulling the carpet from the steps on the alter entrances to make safer to walk possibly. PSK checks HVAC in parsonage and boyscout room. Discussion about winterizing parsonage, water turned off but need to turn off water heaters? Or turn water back on. Discussion about possible space use for parsonage. Housing homeless would be just a cold weather thing, make dinner and breakfast and make sure they have a warm place to sleep but then send them on their way the next day. There are requirements and legal questions, but using the gym basement.

Missions - this month we have 5th sunday but also partnering with Stevenson angel tree

SPRC - nothing else

Pastor - update about charge conference forms, meeting with wade upcoming. Haven time moving from Sunday morning to Wednesday evening, seems to have good support in tiem change as well as moving toward a small group discussion with a small meal.

Update on nominations - Steve wanting to step down as Lay delegate, and Jason has voiced his interest in being a lay leader.

Returned to fiance budget, need to have a reimbursement line for Michael for milage and conference expenses.

Mac closed us in prayer 6:03

Get a hold of WRUS about possibly ending contract with them

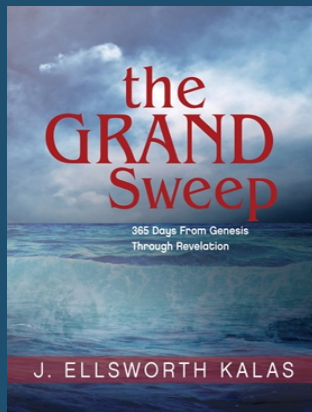
Prayer & Reflection

Please Pray For:

Laura Nealy Burks, Marty Coleman (Melynda's Great nephew), Judge Fuqua, Jeff Gillespie, Norris Gorrell, Tom Gray, John Harmon, Janie Johnson, Larry Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Ron Kimmel, Anthony Koin, Brenda Lear, Billie Jane Mallory, Alicia Nichols, Steve Nye, Jeremiah Nichols, Rhonda Richardson, Jo & Carroll Riley, Dot Riley, The Family of George Whitson

Also remember in prayer: children, members who are not attending, military, members unable to attend: Anne Collins, Carol Epley, Melva Posey.

Also remember in prayer: our world, country, county, city, and community, the addicted, the vulnerable, the lost, the hurting, the sick, the lonely, and those in prison.



The Grand Sweep

365 Days from Genesis through Revelation guides adults to read through the Bible in a year, reading a few chapters daily. Allow at least 30 minutes daily. You do not have to purchase the book, as we will be doing it as a church and we will post the readings in the bulletin and Temple Bells.

Week 48 - January 6
Day 1- Galatians 3-6
Day 2-Ephesians 1-3
Day 3- Ephesians 4-6
Day 4-Philippians 1-2; Proverbs 11
Day 5- Philippians 3-4; Proverbs 12
Day 6-Colossians 1-2; Proverbs 13
Day 7-Colossians 3-4; Proverbs 14

Week 49 - January 13
Day 1-1 Thessalonians 1-5
Day 2-2 Thessalonians 1-3
Day 3-1 Timothy 1-3
Day 4-1 Timothy 4-6
Day 5-2 Timothy 1-4
Day 6-Titus 1-3; Proverbs 15
Day 7-Philemon; Proverbs 16-17

Week 50 - January 20
Day 1-Hebrew 1-3
Day 2-Hebrew 4-6
Day 3-Hebrew 7-9
Day 4-Hebrew 10-11; Proverbs 18
Day 5-Hebrew 12-13; Proverbs 19-20
Day 6-James 1-3
Day 7-James 4-6; Proverbs 21

Week 51 - January 27
Day 1-1 Peter 1-2; Proverbs 22
Day 2-1 Peter 3-5
Day 3-2 Peter; Proverbs 23-1
Day 4- 1 John 1-2; Proverbs 24
Day 5-1 John 3-5; Proverbs 25
Day 6-2 John; 3 John; Proverbs 26
Day 7-Jude; Proverbs 27-28

Week 52 - February 3
Day 1-Revelation 1-3
Day 2-Revelation 4-5; Proverbs 29
Day 3-Revelation 6-7; Proverbs 30
Day 4-Revelation 8-10
Day 5-Revelation 11-13
Day 6-Revelation 14-17
Day 7-Revelation 18-20; Proverbs 31

Week 53 - February 10
Day 1-Revelation 21-22

Church Family

Upcoming Birthdays

January

6th Jon Paul Stuart
8th Darby Martin
25th Wyatt Johnson
28th Geri Olson
29th Laura Beth Wright

February

1st Wilder Steenbergen
6th Jayce Sparks
16th Lorraine Jones
17th James Robinson
25th Adam Edwards
27th Mac Johns



March

4th Allie Steenbergen
Anne Collins
7th Rod Owens
9th Ben Brown
Larry Johnson
10th John Gatlin
11th Benny Lynn
18th Linda Nealy
22nd Tryce Waldrup

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