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SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Prayer/Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

14 Valentine’s Day
16 President’s Day

March

8 Daylight Saving Time
17 St. Patrick’s Day

Do We Radiate God’s Love to Everyone?

We all have heard the expression “looking for love in all the wrong places,” but the best place to look for, and discover, love is in God’s holy word—the Bible.

Let’s look at 1 John 4 verses 7-12 and 16-21:

“Blessed, 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. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation (atonement) for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us...God is love and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear... We love, because He first loved us if any one says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

Although 1 Corinthians 13 is known as the “love chapter” in the Bible, the verses in 1 John are filled with words of love and how God manifests it to us, His creation. Let’s try to allow God’s love to flow from us as His love is poured out upon us. Just as a mirror reflects our image, our actions reflect our love.

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*“Love is such a powerful force.
It’s there for everyone to embrace—
That kind of unconditional love for all of humankind.”
Coretta Scott King*

Greetings,

Continuing our study through 2026 of little-known biblical characters, the story of an obscure prophet named Micaiah can be found in I Kings 22: 1-18. Micaiah was a prophet of Israel during the reign of King Ahab, around 850 B.C.

Ahab was at odds with Benhadad, King of Syria. Benhadad was Ahab’s main nemesis. The two had battled back and forth for years. In the last battle, several years earlier, Ahab won back most of the land that Benhadad had taken from him except one city called Ramoth-Gilead. Benhadad had taken that city from Ahab’s father and Ahab wanted it back desperately. Ahab spent a long time planning strategy for recovering Ramoth-Gilead. He needed just one thing to put his plan into action: more troops. He needed the help of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, his neighbor to the south. So, Ahab sent Jehoshaphat an invitation to come to Samaria to meet with hopes of securing his support.

Jehoshaphat agreed to provide troops but only on the condition that it was the Lord’s will. He called for Ahab to bring in his prophets and seek a word from the Lord. Ahab employed 400 professional prophets, all paid to tell the king what he wanted to hear. They knew better than to tell him anything different! So, when asked by Ahab if going into battle against Benhadad for Ramoth-Gilead was the Lord’s will, they all responded affirmatively.

Jehoshaphat was not entirely convinced. In verse 7 he asked Ahab if there were any other prophets in the land. Listen to Ahab’s answer in verse 8: “There is still one other by whom we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he never prophesies anything favorable about me, but only disaster.” Jehoshaphat wanted Micaiah anyway, so Ahab’s messenger sent for him.

Micaiah came into Ahab’s presence, and the question was put to him. What would he say? In that instant, many thoughts must have flashed through Micaiah’s mind. “Tell him what he wants to hear,” part of him must have said. “This is no business of yours anyway. Just go along with the crowd.” Another part of him must have said, “If you tell the truth, Ahab is going to kill you. Then where will you be?” “If you tell him what he wants, maybe he’ll quit harassing you.” But Micaiah’s words came out in verse 17. He told of a vision that the Lord had given him of sheep without a shepherd, a picture of Israel without a king. His message: Go ahead and face Benhadad, Ahab, and the prophecy will be fulfilled. You will not come back alive. Ahab was furious. Notice his response in verse 18: “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy anything favorable about me but only disaster.” The next thing he knew, Micaiah was in prison.

Is there a price for our integrity? We were all taught by our parents that going along with the crowd can sometimes lead us into bad situations. Micaiah reminds us that there are times when we need to stand up against the crowd and do the right thing even though it might put us in an uncomfortable situation.

Grace and Peace,
Glenn

Mission Moment

Why Celebrate Valentine's Day?

Many of us get warm, fuzzy feelings when we think of Valentine's Day. Some of us get a little melancholy remembering past Valentine days with people who are no longer with us. No matter what your feelings are on that day, it has become an important holiday in America.

The origin of the holiday is somewhat vague because there are no specific records of how it began. It seems to have originated with a mix of pagan and Christian ideas. From a biblical standpoint, it emphasizes selfless love as in John 15:13 ("Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends") and Colossians 3:14 ("And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness"). Chaucer and Shakespeare have both been credited with making an association with the holiday and romantic love.

Printed cards surfaced during the Industrial Revolution. Heart-shaped boxes of chocolates appeared in the 1800s at the hands of Richard Cadbury. The Necco candy company began selling the ever-popular conversation hearts. By 1913, Hallmark Cards began mass-producing Valentine cards. In our modern day, we shop, send cards, and eat a variety of sweet treats.

Whatever your feelings about Valentine's Day, let's begin our Westfield 2026 mission emphasis with a heart of sacrificial love for others.

Prayer Concerns

- Brenda Alberty
- Scott Barefoot
- Barbara Benson
- Judy Britt
- Judy Carroll
- Juanita Chance
- Al Collins
- Helen Currin
- Bill Dail
- Wanda Dail
- Tom Demmel
- Linda Faircloth
- Timmy Forsyth
- Johnny Hockaday
- Elaine Jackson
- Kelly Wallace McLamb
- Annette Miller
- Jeanette Morrison
- Mark Phillips
- Chad Register
- Edith Sasser
- Janet Seymore
- Vann & Carol Stephens
- Gene Sutton
- Alan Tart
- Steve Tart
- Steve Turnage

Mission Project

WMU will collect stuffed animals and small blankets as our mission project this month. They will be given to police/rescue departments to use with children in at-risk situations.

Extended Prayer Needs

- Barbara Abney
- Hilda Bannerman
- Sharon Barnhill
- Carl Barbour
- Charlie Carpenter
- Opal Colville
- Warren Davenport
- Sandy Flanary
- Joe Frischman
- Steven Glover
- Michael Harrison
- Violet Jackson
- Kathy King
- Tony Simpson
- Joy Spell
- Judy Taylor
- JoAnn Wells

Altar Flowers

- 1 Communion
- 8 Charlie Carpenter
- 15 Trent Carpenter
- 22 Angela Godwin

Deacons of the Week

- 1 Joyce Ballard
- 8 Nancy Flippin
- 15 Ronnie Autry
- 22 Jimmy Bailey

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 John Caldwell
- 14 Charlie Reed
- 17 Tyler Carpenter
- 18 Kim Carpenter
- 20 Charleigh Grace Carpenter
- 26 Katie Reed

Christmas Eve Service and More



Aurora Joy Toney

Born January 23, 2026
 Weight—6 lb. 5 oz.
 Length—19 inches
 Parents—Austin and Hannah Toney
 Grandparents—Glenn and Pam Jonas
 Aunt—Gracie Jonas

It's Coming!

VBS

June 7-10

