



STAYING IN TOUCH...  
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, we are making our way through the Sermon On The Mount these Sundays. This week's text is Matthew 5: 13-20. The title of the sermon is, "Salt and Light and The Deeper Goodness." Who comes to mind when you think of a person who is in your mind a truly good person? Jesus is leading us to think what true goodness is, what he called a deeper, truer righteousness. The words "goodness" and "righteousness" may ring hollow to our ears, but I think we all yearn to be the kind of person these words point to.

So let's ponder it together Sunday.

Put two dates on your February calendar. The first is our every other month congregational meeting which is February 12 at noon, right after worship. The second is our annual church retreat on Friday, February 17 from 5:30 to 8:30pm. We will begin with a meal together and then have good conversation together about our church and the plans for the year. It will be fun, we will get to know one another better and we will dream together about our community of faith. We have not had one for three years, so we have some catching up to do!

Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00 AM  
Worship at 11:00 AM  
Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Tressie Starrette,  
Sarah Adams,  
Nancy Milstead.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Bill Long family, Victor Sisk family,  
Irene Shoemaker family,  
Peggy Waugh, Bill Warren,  
Autumn Harris, Will Fanjoy,  
Christian Viera, Gina Ellis,  
Neil's cousin,  
Marian Archibald, Ray Smith,  
Bill Mashburn, Victor Sisk,  
Clara Rogers, Vera Webster,  
peoples of the Ukraine,  
Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,  
caregivers, healthcare workers,  
homeless children, our nations  
immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who  
are mentally ill, those who are affected  
by violence, those who are  
incarcerated, children who are a part of  
the Guardian ad Litem program, local  
law enforcement officers and fire  
fighters.*

*Those in the military:*

*Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,  
Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,  
Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran,  
Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk,  
Brian Saxton, 30th Brigade.*

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

*Celebrations:*

*Birthdays*

2 - Sarah Adams  
4 - Grady (Eddie)Lippard, Jr.

*Concerns:*

**Racial Healing.**  
**Our Nation.**

There is a need to be "aware"  
of the gun epidemic going on  
right now.

Tara and her son, Bryson,  
with seizures.

Cindy Johnson.

Arnold Watts' mother is in  
Hospice.

Skip McCall is having heart  
issues.

Janna Brown's father is  
recovering well.

Sheri Coarsey broke her  
ankle.

Jo Bunch Sande family.

The week of January 29-February 4, 2023

## February

### Birthdays

- 2 - Sarah Adams
- 4 - Grady Lippard, Jr.
- 9 - Janice Comer
- 10 - LeAnda Barnard
- 10 - Lydia Comer
- 15 - Patti West
- 18 - Vincent Toups
- 18 - Linda Marshall
- 19 - Jo Salisbury
- 19 - Autumn Tilley
- 28 - Haley Hendrix Williams
- 29 - Hollace Scanlan

### Anniversary

- 14 - Mike and Gay Shaver

Steve's sermon's are always available  
On Facebook and Youtube.  
You can easily find it at:  
[www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org)

## Budget

Needed year to date: \$8152.00  
Received year to date: \$6251.00  
UNDER budget: \$1901.00  
Weekly needs: \$2038.00

## Calendar for February

Feb 12- Congregational meeting after worship.

Feb 17- Annual Church Retreat. 5:30-8:30pm  
Meal provided.

Feb 22- Ash Wednesday Service.

Feb 26-First Sunday of Lent.  
"The Journey to Daybreak."  
Congregational meeting after worship.

## Church Maintenance Wiberg

## Scripture for the Week

Matthew 5: 13-20

### Sunday's Sermon

"Salt and Light and The Deeper Goodness."

### Leader

**John Barnard**

### Reader

**Janice Comer**

13 You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. The Law and the Prophets 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, [a] not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks [b] one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.