Dear Grace Family,

For the last two weeks, I've been preparing to preach on evil—and it seems even the weather has been trying to delay it! This Sunday, I'll finally wrap up our three-part series exploring the interconnected concepts of salvation, sin, and evil. My hope is that these reflections have helped us all think more deeply about terms that get used a lot in church spaces, but often hold very different meanings depending on where we come from. I'd love to hear your thoughts and questions—especially the ones that don't have easy answers. Those are often where the best conversations begin.

These past few weeks of disrupted rhythms have been both de-lightful and exhausting. And I'm really looking forward to gathering back in person this Sunday.

One thing I read this week keeps echoing in my mind: "There's nothing that oppressive regimes fear more than our love for each other." Read the whole piece if you are interested.

Let's keep showing up, loving one another, and building the kind of community that refuses to let fear or hatred have the final word.
Gratefully,
Carrilea

P.S. There are a few spots left on the bus to Raleigh on Feb. 14th for the Love Forward march, departing from Trinity Episcopal Church parking lot.

February 1–7, 2026

February
Birthdays

4 – Grady Lippard, Jr.
9 – Janice Comer
10 – LeAnda Barnard
10 – Lydia Comer
14 – Alexander Lee Kudlacek
15 – Patti West
15 – Steve Hughes
18 – Vincent Toups
18 – Linda Marshall
19 – Landon Hayes
19 – Jo Salisbury
19 – Autumn Tilley
29 – Hollace Scanlan

Anniversary

14 – Mike and Gay Shaver

ICM needs cereal, ramen noodles, and mac-n-cheese. They also are in need of a Monday and Wednesday volunteer to help with client check in.

This would be learning a simple program on the computer and helping insure that the days visits GET PUT INTO OUR LINK2FEED SYSTEM.

BUDGET

Needed year to date: $10,590.00

Received year to date: $10,286.73

Under budget: $303.27

Weekly needs: $2118.00

This Week's Offering: $593.54

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