

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Truth Seekers 6 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	2	3	4 Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM
5 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	6	7	8 Truth Seekers 6 PM Youth and <i>Business Meeting</i> at 6:30 PM	9	10	11 Ladies' Valentine's Potluck Luncheon & Secret Sister Sign-up 11 to 1
12 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Truth Seekers @ 6 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	16	17	18 Shoebox Craft Washer Necklaces 1 pm—3 pm Fellowship Hall
19 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	20	21	22 Truth Seekers @ 6 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	23	24	25
26 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	27	28				



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John 3:16

Church Family,

Let me take a moment to tell all of you that my girls and I love you very much. Our lives are so blessed because you are in it. God’s providence has allowed us the privilege to serve, work, and make our lives in Silo, Oklahoma. As your pastor, I sincerely care for and love everyone of you very much. In the days to come, I will be sharing general and specific direction for the church. This will include, but not limited to: plans to do outreach, nursery upgrades, and plans to establish an effective prayer ministry. These things all help to make up a healthy church. I ask you to join me in the working and gathering of the harvest, because it is indeed plentiful.

Kishor Senapati: I have been keeping in close communication with my good friend and brother in Christ, Kishor. He is the pastor of Manna Ministries Church that also has a small orphanage in India. Kishor and I speak almost weekly and I have the opportunity to share with him to encourage him and to pray for his family. The persecution has gotten to the point that Kishor and his family are being targeted by the radicals. He is very concerned for his wife and his two children. I will keep you updated as I have information. **Please pray for the believers in India as they continue to struggle in persecution from the radical Hindus.**

Pray for Bro. Gary: By the time you read this, Gary will have undergone a triple by-pass surgery. I know we all love Gary and Vicki very much and we will cover them in daily and hourly prayer. God will be with him and Vicki throughout this healing process. Please be sensitive to helping to meet any need that you might see for them both.

Church Bus: We now have a bus! Glory to God for His provision. I am looking forward to the years of service that it will provide for the church for ministry trips, outings, and more. Though the bus is an older model, it is in great shape. The year model is a 1999. Mileage is 27,000. Total cost was \$18,650. There will be more expense as we will have to get lettering for the church name. I am hoping that with the money we have left over in the bus fund we can purchase a newer model 15 passenger van. This will allow us a vehicle to use for smaller groups and to possibly run a Sunday morning van route to pick up children for church. I will share more about this in our February business meeting.

Nursery: As the church grows and expands, there is always areas that have to grow and expand as well. One of those areas is the nursery! We have a great number of little ones and I know that we have more on the way! This is just within our current members and guests. I cannot begin to describe how excited I am to see this happening. Within this area is the need for expansion in the following ways:

1. Bed Baby Nursery: We want to take the room across the hallway from the current nursery and use it for bed babies. These are the little ones that need an area that is quieter and less “busy” with older little ones. This will provide a place for them to be fed, rocked, and a place for them to nap.

2. Sunday School Assistant: Randi Conner is doing a wonderful job taking care of these little ones. However, she needs some help during Sunday School. We need to add a volunteer worker, or workers that we can rotate, for Sunday School. If you are willing to help, please contact Randi or me.

I Love You,
YOUR Pastor

1 Thessalonians 5:2

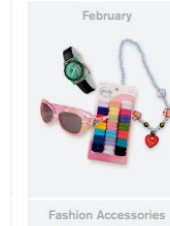
FEBRUARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

February 4 - Men’s Feller-ship Breakfast at 8:00 am

February 5 - WMU and Deacon’s Meeting at 5:00 pm

February 11 - Ladies’ Valentines Potluck Luncheon and Secret Sister sign-up from 11 to 1 in the Fellowship Hall.

February 18 - OCC Shoebox Craft Saturday—washer necklaces from 1—3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Materials provided. Contact is Lisa Carter. February we will be collecting accessories (sunglasses, necklaces, hair accessories, etc.)



Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. If you find stuffed animals that would fit in a shoebox at a great sales price (check Valentines’ Clearance), please pick up a few. It is our desire to ensure every shoebox has a cuddle buddy or doll. *Project Leader, Lisa Carter, would like to have a team to assist with this ministry. As a team member you would be **helping** with collection sorting, Shoebox Craft Saturdays, and packing party planning. If you are interested, please contact her at 580-380-2719.*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Nathan Sexton
- 9th..... Treva Barta
- 10th..... Thomas Buffalo
- 17th..... Debbie Weaver
- 18th..... Trent Marlett
- 19th..... Lillie May Gonzales
- 19th..... Donald Robinson
- 21st Lawanda Luton
- 22nd Sonya Davis
- 26th..... Jerry Stewart
- 28th..... Nicole Harlin
- 28th..... Kerri Kellam
- 28th..... Gary Powell



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th Gary & Vicki McLarry
- 14th Doyle & Gayle Ellis
- 14th Clay & Leann Slaton
- 21st JD & Sue Harlin
- 22nd Don & Ann Brimage
- 23rd Donald & Billie Robinson