

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. Psalm 119:18 (ESV)

You may have noticed that I have recently begun including this prayer sometimes before beginning my sermons. In it we are asking God's Spirit to illuminate his Word for us that it may indeed be that lamp unto our feet and light unto our paths (see Ps. 119:105). How might we cultivate that prayer into our daily Bible reading? I have a simple suggestion.

Let us consider another word about God's Word, 2 Timothy 3:16. It reads, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

All Scripture is breathed out by God

That is, the Bible is God's Word, not the word of man. The Apostle Peter helps us here. He states the doctrine of inspiration clearly: "No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:20b-21). In other words, when we read the Bible, it is God speaking to us.

Profitable for teaching

Therefore, as we read our Bible, let us ask of each verse or paragraph or passage, "What does this passage teach me?" What does this passage teach me about God, myself, the world God made, sin, salvation, etc.? We want to gain an understanding of the original meaning of this particular passage of Scripture. Then we consider what it means for us individually and corporately.

Profitable for reproof

"Does this passage rebuke me in some way?" Does this passage command me to stop doing anything or to start doing something I am leaving undone? We want to seek to apply God's Word to ourselves and our own situations and circumstances.

Profitable for correction

"How can the teaching of this passage transform me?" How does this passage offer either general or specific action steps to make right the things that are wrong in my life? For example, what about my attitude and motivation and my way of thinking? How can these be brought into more conformity with Christ?

Profitable for training in righteousness

"What equipment does this passage of Scripture give me for serving Christ?" How does this passage instruct me and tell me how to live rightly. What does this verse say about how I can be more holy even as God is holy? What actions should I take to cultivate a life in which I follow my Good Shepherd down paths of righteousness for his name's sake (see Ps. 23)? Based on this passage, how ought I to live? Let us develop some specific ways of putting the biblical teaching into practice.

May God open our eyes to behold wondrous things in his holy, infallible, and inerrant Word!

In Him,
Pastor Josh



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FEBRUARY 2025

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						1 B-day: Logan Griffith
2 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am WM Council Meeting	3 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	4	5 Church-wide Cleanup: 9am B-day: Kip McClure B-day: Price McClure	6	7	8
9 Deacon Meeting Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am Communion B-day: Sally Lessmann	10 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am B-day: Kelly McNutt	11 WM Circle Study: 9:30 am	12 Fellowship, Study & Prayer Time: 6pm Session Meeting: 7pm	13	14 Valentines Day	15 Missions Conference 8am Men's Breakfast 11:30am Ladies' Luncheon 5:30pm Family BBQ Dinner 6:30pm Missions Presentations 8pm Fellowship
16 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am Guest Minister: Rev. Mitch Haubert Fellowship Potluck B-day: Hallie Basinger	17 Presidents' Day Holiday Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	18 WM Circle Study: 9:30 am	19 Fellowship, Study & Prayer Time: 6pm	20	21	22
23 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am HOP: 2pm	24 B-day: Ezran Resto	25 WM Circle Study: 9:30 am	26 Fellowship, Study & Prayer Time: 6pm	27	28 B-day: Mike Cork	

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: David Coddington and Ray Evans

MEAL MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Bernice Cork

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am.
- Monday Game Time at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday Fellowship, Study, and Prayer Time at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

SESSION: Dr. Josh Carmichael, Teaching Elder. Ruling Elders: Dennis Davidson, Scott Kirkpatrick, Jimmy Mackin, and Billy Symon.

DEACONS: Glenn Basinger, David Coddington, Mike Cork, and Ray Evans.

<u>2024</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,817.10	\$ 124,399.89
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 12,073.28	\$ 113,052.83
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,256.18)	\$ 11,347.06
<u>2023</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 13,512.95	\$ 120,770.57
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 10,871.29	\$ 103,358.66
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 2,641.66	\$ 17,411.91

DECEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 2: Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, immediately following the worship service

February 9:

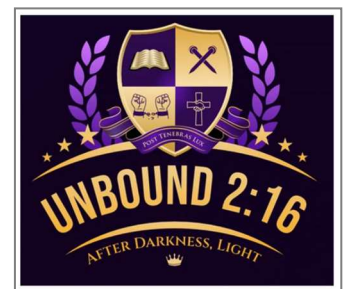
- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.

February 12: Session Meeting, 7:00 pm.

February 15: 38th Annual Missions Conference.

February 16: Monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon, immediately following the worship service. Setup/Cleanup Committee: Coddington, Ward, Buroker, Harbin families.

February 23: Hooked on Prayer (HOP) meeting, 2:00 pm at Eloise Harris’ home. For more information on HOP please see page 4.



38th Annual Missions Conference

Please join us on February 15th and 16th for our annual Missions Conference event.

Theme: “Jesus is the Only Way”

Key Verse: John 14:6

Hymn: Jesus Saves

Guest Missionaries:

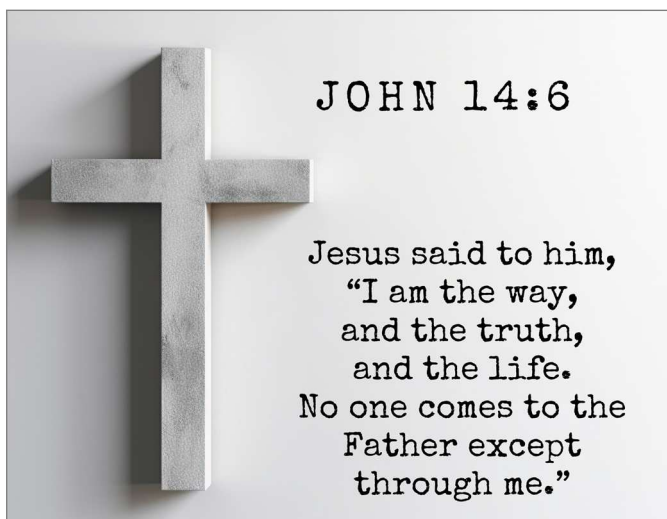
- Rev. Mitch Haubert, Pastor at Brent Missionary PCA, Chaplain of the Bibb County Correctional Facility, and Director of UnBound216 prison ministry.
- Rev. Jimmy Dukes of Reformed Evangelical Fellowship in Peru.
- Rev. Whit Lewis of Palmer Home for Children.

Saturday, February 15th

- 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast
- 11:30 am Women’s Luncheon
- 5:30 pm Family BBQ Dinner
- 6:30 pm Missions Presentations
- 8:00 pm Fellowship and Desserts

Sunday, February 16th

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service, Sermon by Rev. Mitch Haubert
- 12:00 pm Fellowship Potluck



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

FEBRUARY 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS
Chaplain Ministry	Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC)

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Ligon, Brandon
Aultman, Keegan	Loney, Judith
Beale, Amy	Mader, Rebecca
Beeler, Peggy	Malone, Bessie
Belcher, Samuel	Margo, Chrissy
Brooker, Chrissy	McIntier, Jodie
Brooker, Jan	Mee, Marilyn
Busby, Rhae	Morgan, Laura
Bynum, Linda	Morris, Seth
Davidson, Karen	Odom, Kassidy
Duncan, Conner	Phillips, Ronnie
Dyer, Doug	Ramey, Carrie
Earl, Amelia (Tulipan)	Regener, Mark
Faust, Maggie	Renner, Andy
Gardner, Greg	Renner, Elizabeth
Graffeo, Anthony (A.J.)	Reynolds, Christy
Gross, Ernie	Sharpe, Adam
Hale, Christopher Daniel	Stewart, Lee
Hall, Jimmy	Townsend, Laura
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Tulipan, Hansen
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Twist, Ty
Headley, David	VanderMolen, Popko
Hux, Karen	Wilder, Emily (Espy)
Johnson, Glenda	Womble, Caleb
Lawrence, Bill	
Lawrence, Lisa	
Lessmann, Linus	

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.



OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Rick Wilson
Jimmy Hall
Adam Sharpe
Bessie Malone
Lulu (Kendall) Ivy

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley
Linda Dunning

Special Needs:

The Hutton Family

Other Needs:

Christina & Danny Addison
Abigayle Kircharr
Harry Jeong
Eliza Horton

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
Sam Brasfield
Steven Mackin
Victor Resto
Josh Tyson
Austin Griffith
Kaleb Brown
Nathan McCaskill

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.