



YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

MY BELOVED

Oh, how beautiful you are to Me! I love you as a husband loves his bride. In My eyes there is no flaw in you. You are without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish. You are holy and blameless in My sight. You have stolen My heart as a bride steals her husband's heart.

I am the One Who gave you life and made you grow like a plant of the field. You grew up and developed and became the most beautiful of jewels. I spread the corner of My garment over you and covered you. I gave you My solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine. I saved you and called you to a holy life — not because of anything you have done but because of My own purpose and grace.

I have committed Myself to you forever, in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I have raised my banner of love over you. I take great delight in you; I quiet you with My love and rejoice over you with singing.

I have prepared a special place for you in my house. It is far greater than anything you could imagine. And that is where we will live, together, forever and ever. I love you, God.

Ps 23:6; SS 4:1,7,9; Eze 16:6-8; Hos 2:19; Zep 3:17; Jn 14:2-3; Eph 5:25-27; 2Ti 1:9

*Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to the following
who lost a loved one recently.*

Bob Cowen (husband) and family and friends of Jeanne Cowen, who died on January 26th. Her internment was in Nashville on Thursday, January 31st. A memorial service will be held at our church on Sunday, February 17th at 2:30 p.m.

Ethel Pelt (sister) and family and friends of Anne Edge who died January 24th near Birmingham. Her funeral was held January 28th.

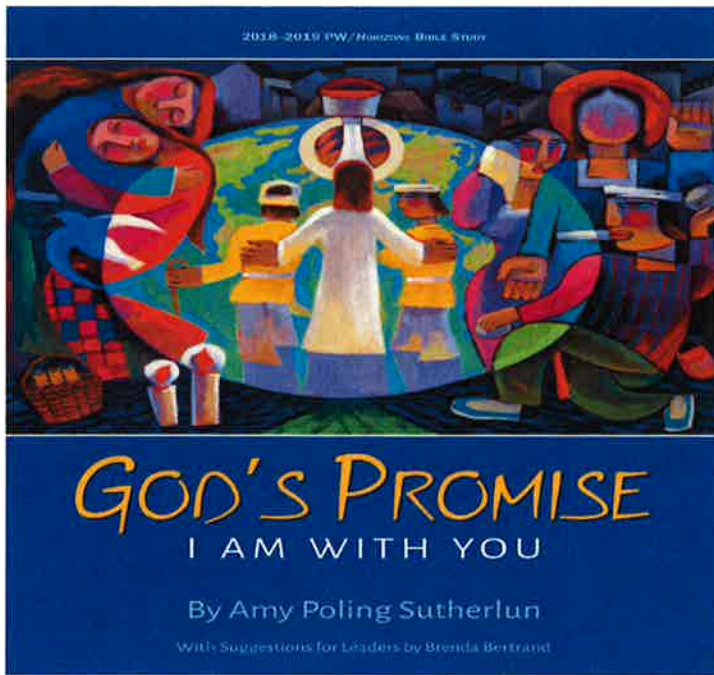
John Lewis (son) and family and friends of Sybil Kay Lewis who died January 28th. Her funeral service will be Saturday, February 2, near Ocala.

Rev: 14:13:

*And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:
Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord."*

*"Yes" says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors,
for their deeds shall follow them."*





***CIRCLES
FOR THE LADIES***

Circle 1: Chair is Joy Hinton
Lesson Planner is Frankie Stewart
Meets 1st Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Circle 2: Chair is Dot Carpenter
Lesson Planner — Rotates
Meets 1st Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Circle 3: The Lunch Bunch
Chair is Peggy Peacock
Lesson Planner — Rotates
Meets 3rd Monday at 11:30 a.m. in homes

Circle 4: Good News Women
Chair is Linda Wamsley
Lesson Planner — Rotates
Meets 2nd Monday at 5 p.m.

Circle 5: The Wildflowers
Chair is Merian Milton
Lesson Planner — Rotates
Meets 1st Wednesday at 6:30 in Homes
Feb 6th — LuAnne Law's Home

Curriculum for This Season

Circles 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be using the Horizons Bible Study this year: **“God’s Promise: I Am With You.”**

February Lesson: “God With Us Through Our Trials”

God says, “I will be with you” and that promise of presence conveys the depth of God’s love.

Scriptures: Isaiah 41:8-13; 43:1-7

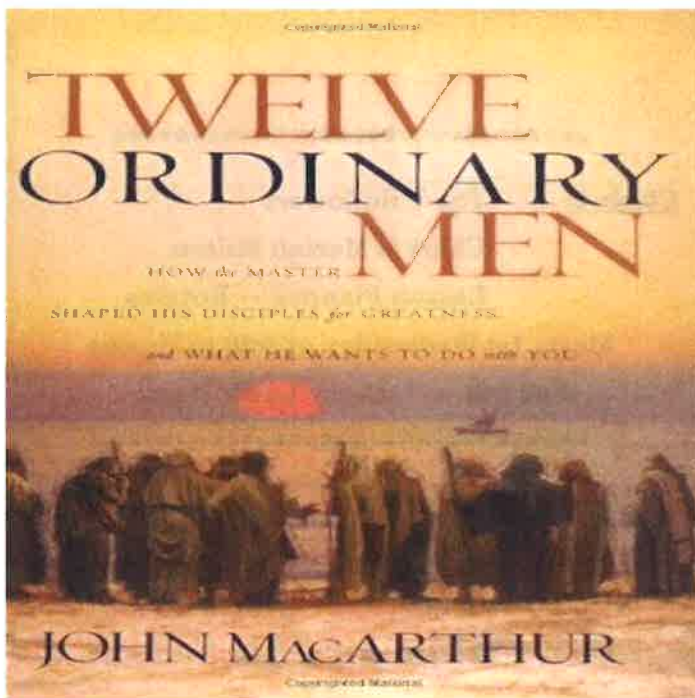
Psalm 46:1-11

Psalm 71:5-9

(The Wildflowers choose their own Bible Study.)

Each women’s group has its own flavor and mission. Find the group that fits you.

It is not too late to join in.



The Men's Group in our Church
is known as
"GOD'S WARRIORS"

Our Church's Men's Fellowship meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month; usually at 6 p.m. Our Bible Study will be "Twelve Ordinary Men." How the Master shaped His disciples for greatness and what He wants to do with you. This month's study: Peter.

All men are invited to come and bring a friend February 13th in Fellowship Hall.

Lou Roberts and Barry Stafford are co-moderators of this group.

Roy Turner has been our treasurer and reminds us that a contribution of \$5 each meeting is encouraged so that we can accomplish our goals of supporting all church functions (fish-fry, rally day, trunk or treat, Christmas gifts for Jackson County orphans).

NEXT MEN'S MEETING will be the 2nd Wednesday in February (13th) at 6pm. We will have a chili dinner with sides and dessert.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

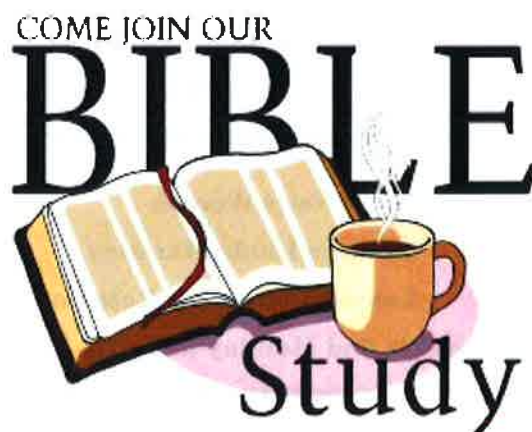
The Wednesday Adult Bible Study will be on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of this month (February 20 and 27) at 6 pm. We will have covered dish dinners for both evenings.

The focus will be on Evangelism and will be a "Good News" class; putting the **angel** in **evangelism**.

February 20: Ten "Good News" facts for Presbyterians To Consider (Good news by definition, has to be shared.)

February 27: Biblical Models for Sharing the Good News (Andrew, Barnabas, Philip, Naomi, Eunice & Lois...)

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." *1 Peter 3:15*



WILD WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

After School

This has always been a great part of the life and ministry of our church. We will continue to work hard to have something for everyone. This year we will again offer music with Flora Davis. Recreation, bible lessons, snacks, crafts and gift making are with Aggie Schack and Linda Wamsley.

BELL CHOIR

Karen Smith and her Bell Choir participants are willing to keep at it! They will be practicing on Wednesday evenings at 4:45 pm. We look forward to more amazing performances such as they one they provided for us in December, 2018. Please pray about joining this group. There is room for more!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

This newly organized group is led by Jennifer Stafford and they call themselves the SQUAD. They meet at 5:30 on Wild Wonderful Wednesday.

ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir practices on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am, but they also practice on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm. We appreciate their dedication to providing us with great music that adds to our worship.

THIS AND THAT...

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

The Youth Group is led by Merian Milton and meets most every Sunday evening at 5:30 pm.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN COOKBOOK

1985—150TH Anniversary

Beth Westmoreland is looking for one of these cookbooks and is willing to pay for it. She needs it for an upcoming project. If you know of the location of an extra copy, please let her know. (557-1665)

MONTREAT LUNCHEON

NOON

FEBRUARY 24TH

Please join us after church in support of our youth going to Montreat.

100th BIRTHDAY

A wonderful reception was held January 27th for Doris Irwin's 100th birthday.

Thank you to Dot Carpenter and all the ladies of Circle 2 for making this such a special event.

**THESE ITEMS HAVE NOW BEEN SCHEDULED
FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, IN OUR SANCTUARY**

BAPTISM

Mattox Brooks Milton will be baptized in our sanctuary in February. Parents are Matt and Gerian Milton. Grandfather Albert Milton will assist with the Sacrament.



NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

On, Sunday, November 25th at a Congregational Meeting, the following persons were elected as incoming Elders:

Janet Howell, Travis Lawson, Larry Spivey and Barry Stafford.

We are grateful they said "YES" to the call to serve their church in this way.

These four elders shared their faith and had a brief 'exam" at the Session meeting on Saturday, January 12th. They will be installed/ordained on February 17th.

**CONFIRMATION
CLASS**

This year's Confirmation Class participants are: Ryan Law

John Lawson

Cooper Milton

Carolena Payne

Cole Payne

Eva Marie Stafford

These young disciples met with their mentors on Wednesday, December 5th at 6pm. They will meet with the Session on Sunday, February 17th at 10:30 am and have a brief exam.

These Confirmation Class participants will be received and celebrated at the February 17th Worship Services.

Their corresponding mentors are: Jason Law, Travis Lawson, John Milton V, Danielle Payne, Chris Milton and Sam Andreu

JEANNE COWEN

Sunday, February 17th

Visitation 1:30 to 2:30

Memorial Service 2:30

Reception Follows

We offer our sympathy to Bob Cowen.



Mary Lu Andreu worked hard and was able to organize a Church Cleanup on Saturday, January 26th. This is a list of people she said were such a great help with the many tasks that needed to be accomplished:

Barry Stafford
Jennifer Stafford
Eva Marie Stafford
Stephen Stafford
Jacob Stafford
Sam Andreu
Scott Yant
Lu Anne Law
Andrew Law
Ryan Law
Justin Lyons
Lauren Lyons
Hudson Lyons
Collier Lyons
Jan Howell
Fosty Willis
Donna Moore
Gina Tinsley
Betty Pettis
Beth Westmoreland
Ernie McNeill
Aggie Schack
Jackie Spivey
Mary Anne Gibbs
Ginger Green
Amanda Hinson

Colton Hinson
Ryder Hinson
Matt Payne
Danielle Payne
Cole Payne
Carolena Payne
Xylpha Schwehm

There was a wide variety of tasks that were tackled. Here is a partial listing:

Kitchen reorganization
Parlor cleaned and organized
Fellowship Hall chairs and tables cleaned
Electric closet cleaned and organized
Elder Office was cleaned and organized
Brass Memorial Plaques were polished
Sanctuary inventory was completed
Two upstairs classrooms were organized
New light fixture hung in Classroom 4
Baby classroom moved and unwanted toys
 hauled to Habitat
Christmas decorations moved
Downstairs Janitor closet organized
Baby room carpet pieces snapped together
Teacher supply room organized
Cleaned & removed spots on carpeted stairs
Nativity Play costumes & supplies organized
Work was done on the playground

And a special thanks to the other Building and Operations Committee Members, Sam Andreu and Scott Yant.



February 5th

Julien Cumming

Lou Wilkinson

February 6th

Sam Andreu

February 8th

Branham Skipper

February 14th

Leonard Strength

February 16th

Emmy Granger will be 100

(Bev Hinson's Mother)

February 24th

Olivie McDaniel

February 25th

Chuck Morgan

February 26th

Laura Lonsinger

Ashley Rackley

*These are the birthdays that we
are currently aware of.*

*If your February
birthday is not listed, please
contact*

*the Church Office so we can
update our list.*

CHURCH T SHIRTS AVAILABLE

\$5.00/each

1 adult medium

6 youth medium

7 youth large

**CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS
AVAILABLE**

\$10/each

