

*The Kedron Connection*

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***From Our Pastor***

Ecclesiastes 3  
I John 3:11-18

February is the kind of month that lives "on the edge." For Tennesseans, we feel if we can ease through February without major ice, snow, and cold we are "home free!" On to Spring! We made it!

February is a transition month for Christians as we have Ash Wednesday on Feb 14 as a turning point toward the Lenten season of focused repentance, resistance to temptations, and heading toward the "home" of Easter. Change is promised, change is possible. Spiritual growth is intentionally sought after. There is a season for everything under the sun. There is the goal of loving your neighbors and brothers and sisters in a deliberate manner pleasing to God. When we do we are "passing from death to life" I John 3:14.

So, jump on board the wagon for February! We have multiple goals and new possibilities!

I am smitten with the realization that Ash Wednesday this year 2018 also shares two other occasions: Valentine's Day AND the Chinese New Year! To somehow observe all three that Wednesday is my personal goal and I may very well share that with you at our Ash Wednesday evening service. Come prepared to Romance, Repent, and Set Off Fireworks! That will be a challenge but there seems to be "a season for such" (Ecclesiastes 3) and a day that celebrates the romantic love that shadows God's love that leads to Eternal celebration!

Let's make a faithful effort in any event! Pray for me and with me and for one another in this month of changes and possibilities.....February~~~~+

Blessings and hopes,  
Pastor Barry

### **Men's Breakfast**

The February Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 3. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

### **Fellowship Supper**

There will be no First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper in February. We plan to resume the gatherings in March. The covered-dish meal will be March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Choir Notes**

Let's plan to practice briefly after worship services in February. We can discuss a practice schedule.

### **Handwork Ministry**

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to knit and crochet. The group will meet on Wednesday, February 21 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

### **Bible Study**

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

### **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the Nourish Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to our local food bank. The suggested item for February is oatmeal. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

### **Bucket Offerings**

In February our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the music department at Stewarts Creek Middle School. The department is planning several projects to enhance the experience for students.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on February 14. We will gather at Lock's Memorial UMC on Almaville Road.



### **Laity Meeting**

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship is scheduled to meet on February 26 at Trinity UMC, 2303 Jones Blvd., Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

### **Who Said This?**

"so that all peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Therefore devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments....

--NRSV

(hint – Book of 1 Kings)

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Palmer Jennings	February 7
Coleman Stacey	February 7
Ray Lee	February 9
Keith Lee	February 15
Abby Palmer	February 23
Loren Vanderkooi	February 25
Jane Rainey	February 26
Caden Salem	February 27

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

John & Mary Ellen Vance February 22

**Luke 1:78-79** spoken by Zechariah was the quotation in the January newsletter.

**Hearing** is one of the body's five senses, but **listening** is an art.

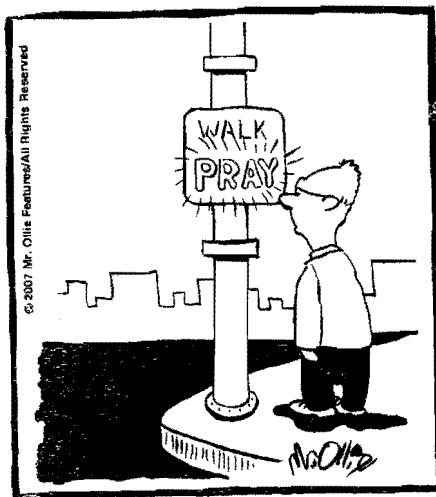
-Frank Tyger

## Calendar Notes

### The Season of Lent

Lent is the 40 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter, not counting Sundays. The Sundays are not included because each Sunday is, in its own way, a celebration of the resurrection. Thus, officially, the Sundays are counted as Sundays "in" Lent rather than "of" Lent.

The name of the season comes from the old English word *lengten* meaning spring. Similar to the modern word *lengthen*, it simply meant that the days were getting longer. This reminds us that sometimes, faith symbols and seasons of the church year can have associations with the natural world. The symbolism of 40 days parallels the time that the Gospels tell us Jesus spent in the wilderness.



## February Calendar

Saturday, February 3:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 4:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 p.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 6:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 11:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 13:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14:

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at  
Lock's Memorial UMC

Sunday, February 18:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 20:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at  
Ernestine Clark's home

Sunday, February 25:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. 20 minute Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. March newsletter

information due. [Redacted]

Monday, February 26:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity at  
Trinity UMC, Murfreesboro

Tuesday, February 27:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



# Heart Word Find

Look up these Bible verses to find the kind of heart. Then find that word in the word find.

- Exodus 35:5      G \_\_\_\_\_
- Numbers 32:9    D \_\_\_\_\_
- Deuteronomy 28:47 G \_\_\_\_\_
- Deuteronomy 28:65 T \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Samuel 25:36   M \_\_\_\_\_
- Nehemiah 2:2     S \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms 12:2      D \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms 34:18     B \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms 101:5     A \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 10:8    W \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 17:22   C \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 25:20   H \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaiah 35:4      F \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeremiah 17:9    D \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeremiah 17:9    P \_\_\_\_\_
- Ezekiel 18:31    N \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 5:8      P \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 8:15        G \_\_\_\_\_
- Hebrews 3:12    E \_\_\_\_\_
- Hebrews 3:12    U \_\_\_\_\_

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# Matching Hearts

Draw a line from the heart in the top row to its match in the bottom row.

