



# The Vision



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### February 19, 2023



Good Morning everyone! What a wonderful day today to

praise our Lord Jesus, to connect with other believers, and to proclaim the Gospel! We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the Power of God unto salvation! God is Good! All the Time!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! Welcome! Sit back and relax. You are among friends. We are delighted to have you with us. If possible, I would love to connect with you before you leave today.

With you on the Journey,

*Pastor John & Debbie*



## Servants

In His Service

### February 26, 2023

SOUND SYSTEM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

Small Talk – Jacquie Woodard

*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)*

ATTENDANCE

SS-48

Worship-62

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

	Worship Service	Sunday School
February 5	\$2,862.34	\$30.00
February 12	\$2,693.59	\$46.75

Operating Fund  
\$5,632.68

#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

B'day and Anniversary offering-\$26.00,  
Bereavement Fund-\$12.00, Deacon's Fund-\$50.00,  
America for Christ-Mission offering-\$90.00,  
Memorial for Sharon Loomis-\$30.00, Ice-\$1.00,  
Kroger-\$85.93, Trash Bags-\$10.00,

Total Receipts (February) \$6,423.61

Weekly Need \$2,700.18



*Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.*

## Through Me

Through me  
let there be kind words, a warm smile, and a caring heart.  
Through me  
let there be a willingness to listen and a readiness to understand.  
Through me  
let there be dependability, steadfastness, trust and loyalty.  
Through me  
let there be compassion, forgiveness, mercy and love.  
Through me  
let there be every quality I find, O Lord, in Thee.

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# UPcoming EVENTS

**Feb. 22 -----7:00 PM Ash Wednesday**

**Feb. 23 ----- Lenten Lunch at  
St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church**

## Start With Yourself

Author Unknown

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country.

But, it too, seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize:

*If I had only changed my self-first*, then by example. I would have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world.

**There is a tote in the connector building to collect food for the Churches and Missions to help families in our area at Easter. Here is a list of most used and needed items:**

Soups	Mac & cheese
Spaghetti & sauce	Tuna
Peanut butter & jelly	

## REMINDER

**Remember your school supply youth for Easter.**



Thanks to America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) supported communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19 in the past years, as the pandemic swept our country and the world. We also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires, and storms, children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News.

Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children, and Jesus' disciples in 2023 by supporting this year's America for Christ Offering.



## PRAAYER REQUESTS:

### Church Family:

The family of Sharon Loomis, Judy Thompson, Jack & Dona Clark, Lynn Williams, Rhonda Driscoll, Mary Jennison, Susan Polk, Tom & Norma Brown, Brian Etchison, Catherine & Bob Etter, Jim & Donna Abshire, Evelyn Denney, Bertha Marie Heiny, Dee Dee Kaufman, Betty Williamson, Bob & Dianna Jennings & our college youth.

### Community: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children in school and those in need in our community.

### Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard,

Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

### Country:

Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, the US economy, firemen and medical personnel

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving.

