



The Vision

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February 18, 2024



Good Morning everyone! On this first Sunday of Lent, we begin our spiritual journey

which will lead us to the Garden of Gethsemane, the Cross, and praise God the Empty Tomb!! Along the way my prayer is that we will be drawn closer to the Lord as we "survey that wondrous Cross on which the Prince of Glory died..."

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



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



February 25, 2024

SOUND SYSTEM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

Small Talk - Debbie Maples

Nursery - Payton Woodard

(The previous week's attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

Worship-92 Sunday School-54

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$14,329.08

	Worship Service	Sunday School
February 4	\$ 3,958.00	\$66.00
February 11	\$ 4,637.22	\$74.00

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

B'day & Anniversary offering - \$15.50, Kroger - \$87.00,

Trash Bags - \$10.00, Initial Offering - \$1.00,

Bereavement Fund - \$43.00

Total Receipts (February) \$9,564.72

Weekly Need \$3,306.71

Desperate to Tithe

A handful of our people went on a mission trip to Eastern Europe several weeks ago. When they came back, they told me they were really impressed with the dedication of the Christians in Rumania.

Christians there don't have very much, but they believe they should tithe. They think that's God's standard. But the government of Rumania is repressive, and they are allowed to give only 2.5 percent of their income to charitable organizations. They're trying to minimize the opportunity for any anti-government organization. So Rumanians are searching for loopholes in the law, so that they'll be able to give 10 percent.

The Rumanian Christians have less, and they're looking for a way to give 10 percent. We have more, and we're free to give as we please. In fact, we get a tax break by doing so, and we're looking for loopholes in the Scripture to avoid doing it. What an indictment!

Anglican Mission in the Americas



February 25---Noon---Senior Appreciation Dinner in FLC. Meal provided.

**LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE
ALL LUNCHES HELD AT ST MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

- February 22 First Baptist Church**
- February 29 First Christian Church**
- March 7 First Presbyterian Church**
- March 14 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**
- March 21 1st Methodist Church Martinsville**



I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers, food, cards, and love. You're all my family and I would not have made it through my mom on hospice and her passing without you. God bless and thank you, Judy Thompson and family.

The main lunch is taken care of for our day to do the Lenten Lunch. However, some help furnishing the deserts can be used. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Nathex for people willing to help with the deserts.



We have found ourselves with some one pound packages of whole pecans left from cheeseballs. If you are interested in purchasing, some see Catherine. They are \$8.50 a package.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

The family of Mary Jennison,
The family of Brett Etchison,
Catherine & Bob Etter,
Jeff Sexton, Chris Thomas,
Lynn Williams, Joanna Tinsley,
Brian Etchison, Bertha Heiny,
Betty Williamson, Judy Thompson,
Tom & Norma Brown,
Evelyn Denney, Jim & Donna Abshire,
Bob & Dianna Jennings &
our college youth.

Community:

Our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country: Pray for America, 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.

