

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

**TODAY** *Welcome Visitors. We are glad that you chose to join us for today's worship service. Please let us know if we can pray for you or be a help in any way.*

**Sunday School Classes –**

Music will play in the fellowship hall and foyer to indicate children and youth Sunday School classes will be starting in 4 minutes.

**Adult Education –**

Two new classes are being offered. “*The Best Yes*” class meets in the Blanketmakers room downstairs. “*The Neighborhood Initiative*” meets in the fellowship hall. See insert for more information.

**Membership Orientation Class –**

We will meet 6 PM tonight here at the church. See Pastor Jim if you are interested.

**THIS WEEK** **Council Meeting** – February 13 at 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Fellowship Meeting–**

Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the church. All women of the church are invited.

**UPCOMING** **Valentine Spaghetti Dinner --**

**EVENTS**

Sunday, February 19 following Sunday School. There will be a free-will donation; proceeds will benefit Danielle Tucker's ministry with YWAM in France. Childcare will be provided by the youth group.

**Family Promise Fundraiser–**

On Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 10 AM to 10 PM Culver's of Coldwater will donate 10% of all sales to Family Promise of Branch County. Coupons are available at the Communications Center.

**PLEASE** **MINNET Team Meetings --**

**NOTE**

Pastor Dave will be meeting with MINNET Teams during the Sunday School hour for the next several months. Please watch the schedule for when your team will meet with him:

TODAY: Missions Team  
19 February: Youth Team  
26 February: Outreach Team  
05 March: Communication Team  
12 March: Sound Team

**Altar Flowers for 2017—**

If you would like to provide altar flowers for a month in memory or in honor of someone, please use the sign up sheet at the Visitor Center.

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**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

SERVICE: 9:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11 AM

ADULT ED CLASSES: 11 AM



**MISSION STATEMENT**

**“WE HONOR GOD THROUGH REGULARLY ASSEMBLING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP HIM AS LORD, STUDY AND OBEY HIS WORD, AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS PEOPLE. WHEN WE LEAVE, WE GO OUT COMMISSIONED AS CHRIST’S REPRESENTATIVES TO A NEEDY WORLD.”**

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# FEBRUARY 12, 2017

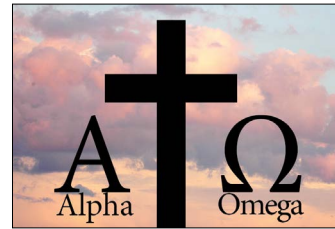
GREETERS .....Dale and Sally Davis  
NURSERY ..... Linda Penn, Shanda Carpenter  
SOUND ROOM.....Kenny Bennett, Scott Carpenter

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard  
OPENING WORSHIP.....Rick Hollister  
*We Have Come Into This House* ..... Hymn 588  
*O, How I Love Jesus* ..... Hymn 529  
*Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*..... Hymn 515  
*Through It All*..... Hymn 507  
OFFERING.....Jim Wickey  
*Testimony* ..... Mike Herndon  
JUNIOR CHURCH (TODDLERS-GRADE 5) ..... Dismissal  
MESSAGE .....Jim Erwin  
*Through It All*..... Reprise  
*Altar flowers are furnished by Greg and Nikki Maertin in memory of their son-in-law, Shawn, and Nikki's father, Gil.*

## CHRISTIAN ED.

ADULT ED. .... Jim and Kim Erwin, Ronda Falknor  
MINNET (MISSIONS TEAM) ..... David Minard  
TODDLER.....Marcia Albright  
GRADES 1-5.....Mandy Ward  
HELPER.....Kristi Long  
YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADES) ..... David Erwin



## GOD'S STORY

*Introduction:  
Darkness and Light*

### I. THE LEGACY OF JEROBOAM—DARKNESS

- Called ([1 Kings 11:29-33](#))
- Cautioned ([1 Kings 11:38, Deuteronomy 4:15-31](#))
- Crowned ([1 Kings 12:20](#))
- Cursed ([1 Kings 12:25-33](#))

### III. AHAB—THE PROGENY OF DARKNESS

- “Devolution”
  - “What is tolerated in one generation will be practiced in the next”
- Destruction ([2 Kings 9:6-10](#))
  - “The wages of sin is death”

### IV. THE PATH OF DARKNESS

- The downfall of Israel ([2 Kings 17:7-23](#))
- “Samaria” ([2 Kings 17:24-41](#))

### V. THE POWER TO CHOOSE -- DARKNESS OR LIGHT

- Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness ([John 8:12](#))
- Live as children of the light ([Ephesians 4:8](#))

## APPLICATION

1. *Are you aware of the dangers of darkness?*
2. *Have you left the dark and come to the light?*
3. *Is your light shining bright enough for others to see?*



## A Call to Prayer

### Recent additions

- *Joe Troyer* is a young dad with cancer, his wife went to Tijuana with us and attends the Congregational Church.
- *Norita Skinner* is in Maple Lawn, room 216 for rehab.
- *Jim Boatman*, Linda Penn's brother, multiple health issues.
- *Jerry Myers*, co-worker of Steve Russell, recovering from stroke.
- *Ron Will* is at home recuperating from heart issues.
- *Shirley Bogen* is back at Drew's Place and recuperating from pneumonia.
- *Darcy Seiler* - liver issues
- *Larry Collins* - Rick Hollister's brother-in-law, recuperating from a stroke.
- *Micah McMeen* - health issues at boot camp.
- *The family of Cathern Burnside.*
- *The family of Jerry Olney* - Lee Bidwell's father.

### Continue to remember those in need:

- *Carmel Roberts* is battling infection and needs prayers for healing.
- *Bob Mayer* slow and steady recovery
- *Rick Wilcox* - Alzheimer's, failing health.
- *Mary Jo Evans* - recovering from back and leg pain
- *Paul Alger* has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is praying about treatment options.
- *Bill Long*, Tim's grandfather has health issues.
- *Russ Heckathorn* - recovering from lung surgery

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## Live. Grow. Serve.

	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Special Music</u>	<u>Giving Thanks</u>	<u>Musician</u>	<u>Tech. Support</u>
<u>Feb. 5</u>	<i>Jim Erwin</i>	<i>Sharon McMeen</i>	<i>Paul Alger</i>	<i>Jim Erwin</i>	<i>Frank Cabrera</i>
<u>Feb. 12</u>	<i>Rick Hollister</i>	<i>Mike Herndon Testimony</i>	<i>Jim Wickey</i>	<i>Lorinda Ratkowski</i>	<i>Scott Carpenter</i>
<u>Feb. 19</u>	<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Mission Moment</i>	<i>Frank Cabrera</i>	<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Brian Eley</i>
<u>Feb. 26</u>	<i>Tim Butters</i>	<i>Stutzman Family</i>	<i>Solano deAraujo</i>	<i>Mary Butters</i>	<i>Frank Cabrera</i>
<u>March 5</u>	<i>Courser Family</i>	<i>Courser Family</i>	<i>Paul Alger</i>	<i>Courser Family</i>	<i>Scott Carpenter</i>
	<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Nursery, Helper</u>	<u>Jr. Church, Helper</u>		
<u>Feb. 5</u>	<i>Tyson and Lisa Franks</i>	<i>Church Sally Davis Deb Springer Sunday School Char Kaufman</i>	<i>Toddler Bridget and Kiana Mayer Grades 1-5 D. Minard, M. Ward</i>		
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<u>Feb. 19</u>		<i>Church Kristi Long Anna Mae Wickey Sunday School Lorinda Ratkowski</i>	<i>Toddler Bridget and Kiana Mayer Grades 1-5 D. Minard, M. Ward</i>		
<u>Feb. 26</u>		<i>Church Linda Penn Laura Jury Sunday School Linda Penn</i>	<i>Toddler Bridget and Kiana Mayer Grades 1-5 D. Minard, M. Ward</i>		
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