The Steward

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Youth Ministry	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Office Hours
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:45 p.m.

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February 21
12 – 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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February is upon us. Recognized by many as heart month and for Valentine's Day, when most of us think of February we think about love and relationships. Whether or not you have a sweetheart in your life, love and relationships are important. The word love is used over 400 times in the Bible and is one of Jesus' overarching themes of His ministry. In fact, love should be so evident that people can tell that we belong to Christ by the way that we love each other.

John 13:34-35 says, *34* "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. *35* By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." This was a new command in that this was to be the fulfillment of the Law.

Like He said in Matthew 22:36-40, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. *38* This is the greatest and most important command. *39* The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. *40* All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." No more judgment, hate or eye for an eye. The fulfillment of the Law is found in love.

Remember, especially in this time of division, anger and strife, we are to be known as Christ's disciples by our love; not our morality, righteousness or correctness, but by our love. If you must err beloved, err on the side of love.

God Bless You,
Pastor Matt

WMU News

God is love. I John 4:8

The WMU did not meet in January. I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and pray for a blessed new year ahead.

We will continue to collect soup and crackers for the Franklin Cooperative Ministry through February 13, "Souper" Bowl Sunday.

February is known for the month of love, Valentine's Day…February 14. Show your love, call or visit long ago friends. A FaceTime visit if you cannot visit in person is great. Send cards and notes in the mail instead of texting. Make cookies and a treat for a neighbor or a shut-in you know.

Our next meeting will be February 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

P.S. Thought for the day: ***If you are willing, God will make a way.***

Remember to shop for your shoeboxes throughout the year. The item of the month for February is "Accessories" such as sunglasses, hair ties and jewelry.

~ Carol Warwick ~

Edith Davenport – Emily Green Shores
Helen Lowe – Village at Woods Edge
Janet Harrell
Peggy Horton
Betty Russell
Christine Tooley
Darden Ward
Margy Bundick, *Pastor Matt's Mother*
Russell Chappell, *Friend of Tim & Teresa Daniel*
Barbara Parron, *Mother of Larry Parron & Grandmother of Pastor Matt*
Blake Stevens, *Bob Warwick's Sister's Grandson*
State and National Leaders
Our Entire Global Community

Missions Opportunity

The WMU's Food Pantry mission for the Franklin Cooperative Ministries continues through February 13, "Souper Bowl Sunday". Please collect soup, canned pasta and sleeved crackers by that date, and place in the box located in the fellowship hall or the basket in the vestibule. Thank you so much for your participation in this mission project.

Youth Sponsors Blood Drive

Our Youth Ministry will sponsor a Blood Drive at Great Fork on February 21. If you can sign up to be a donor or if you know of anyone willing to be a donor, please let Pastor Matt, Cary Parron, Heather Hagaman, Molly Owens, or Randy Forehand know as soon as possible.

Please give the gift of life – donate blood! The pandemic has led to fewer blood drives contributing to a significant decrease in new blood donors. Please consider helping by donating blood on the 21st!

Thanks to our partners at Amazon, here's a sweet treat for you as our thanks for braving the cold:
Come to give blood, platelets or plasma February 1-28, 2022, and we'll send you a $10 Amazon.com Gift Card* by email.** visit redcrossblood.org/together for more information
https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results...

	Flowers	***Nursery***	***Deacon of the Week***	
February 6	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Forehand	Molly Owens Carol Warwick	January 31 – February 6	Mike Bailey
February 13	Mr. & Mrs. Carey Copeland	Linda Martin Natalie Martin	February 7 – 13	Bob Warwick
February 20	Ruth Bible Class	Jennifer Jessee Jaime Jessee	February 14 – 20	Benny Copeland
February 27	Mrs. Carolyn M. Pierce	Cathy Robertson Natalie Martin	February 21 – 27	Tim Daniel

3rd	Emily Owens
12th	Elijah LeCrone
17th	Diana Branton
19th	Brenda Lane
26th	Jane Bleiler

OTHER FAMILY & FRIENDS

7th	William Lloyd Daucher
10th	Ray Ward
13th	Carl Daucher
14th	Delmar Carter

February
Student Ministry
Snack Supper Schedule
5:00 p.m.

DATE	NAME
February 6	Nancy Baines Carol Warwick
February 13	Claudia Copeland Adele Copeland
February 20	Heather Hagaman
February 27	Connie Baggett Joyce Vick

Exciting news!!!

Launch Date is 2/2/22

Valentine Humor

Chris Bailey saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so she bought it for Mike as a Valentine present. “It’s easy to ride him. Just say ‘Praise the Lord!’ to make him go and ‘Amen!’ to make him stop.”

Mike got on the horse and said, “Praise the Lord!” Sure enough, the horse started to walk. “Praise the Lord!” he said again, and the horse began to trot. “Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!” he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Mike was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn’t notice the deep water-filled ditch he and the horse were about to fall into. Mike shouted “AMEN!” at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the ditch.

Relieved, Mike said, “Phew! Praise the Lord!”

Elijah invited a friend to a Valentine’s Day Party for the Youth. His friend, who wanted to bring cupcakes, was on crutches, so he couldn’t carry the cupcakes into church without help. Pastor Matt asked Elijah to help his friend carry them in. “I could,” Elijah said, “but I’d prefer not to.” Spotting a teaching moment, Pastor Matt asked Elijah, “What would Jesus do?” Elijah answered, “Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes.”

Benny Copeland bought a lawn mower from Carey and Claudia at their recent yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells Carey, “I can’t get the mower to start!” “That’s because you have to curse it to get it started,” says Carey.

“I’m the Chairman of the Deacons and the Sunday School Superintendent at church--I don’t even remember how to curse.”

Carey answers, “You keep pulling on that rope, and it’ll come back to you.”

Crockpot Philly Cheese Steak Dip

[Crockpot Philly Cheese Steak Dip - The Salty Marshmallow]

This easy cheesesteak dip is the perfect appetizer for a crowd! Made in the slow cooker, this hearty, mouthwatering, dip tastes just like a Philly Cheese Steak and is always a hit at game day and super bowl parties!

1 hour · Serves 12

Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
- 1 1/2 Pounds Thinly Sliced Steak, Chopped into small pieces
- 1 Large White Onion, Chopped
- 2 Green Bell Peppers, Seeded & Chopped
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon Pepper
- 1/2 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1 Tablespoon Worchestershire Sauce
- 8 Ounces Cream Cheese
- 1/4 Cup Mayonnaise
- 1/4 Cup Sour Cream
- 8 Slices Provolone Cheese

Instructions

Add the olive oil to a large skillet over medium high heat. Add the chopped onions and bell peppers and cook for 2-3 minutes until softened. Remove the onions and peppers and place in the bottom of your slow cooker.

Add the chopped steak to the hot skillet and season with the salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, and garlic powder. Sear the steak pieces until no longer pink and add to the crockpot.

In a large bowl blend together the cream cheese, mayonnaise, and sour cream. Pour mixture over the steak in the crockpot. Top with the slices of provolone.

Cook the dip on high for 1 hour, until hot. Stir well before serving.

Notes

You can buy already thinly sliced steak (typically used for fajitas) then chop it into small pieces.
May be served with toasted garlic bread, chips, crackers, or toasted bread rounds.

Elijah, Glory, & Christina completing their assignments.

What a fun group to be with!

Glory and Cary smile for the camera!

Elijah having TOO much fun!!

COME JOIN US!

February, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WMU Focus Week ***February 14 - 20***						
		1 **WMU Meeting** **1:00 p.m.** **Fellowship Hall**	**2** **New Website Launch!** **Bible Study** **6:30 p.m.** **Choir Practice** **7:45 p.m.**	**3**	**4** *Today let your love for life be transformed into a life of love.*	**5**
6 ***Student Ministry*** ***5:00 p.m.***	**7**	**8** **Personnel Committee Meeting** **7:00 p.m.**	**9** **Bible Study** **6:30 p.m.** **Choir Practice** **7:45 p.m.**	**10**	**11**	**12** *Where there is love, there is life.*
13 **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** **Pulpit Guest** **Brian Gravely** ***Student Ministry*** ***5:00 p.m.***	**14** 	**15** *All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!*	**16** **Bible Study** **6:30 p.m.** **Choir Practice** **7:45 p.m.** **Calendar/News Deadline**	**17**	**18** *The heart that loves is always young.*	**19**
20 ***Student Ministry*** ***5:00 p.m.***	**21** **12:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Fellowship Hall**	**22** *Life is short. Be swift to love! Make haste to be kind.*	**23** **Bible Study** **6:30 p.m.** **Choir Practice** **7:45 p.m.**	**24**	**25** *Love is not a matter of counting the years, but making the years count.*	**26** .
27 ***Student Ministry*** ***5:00 p.m.***	**28**					