

"I Have Called You Friends." John 15:15

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Newsletter:

February

Letter from the Pastor:

The Son of Man came eating and drinking... -Matthew 11:19

We all love a good meal. If I could pick my ideal meal, it would be Eastern North Carolina BBQ with slaw from Parker's, hushpuppies, some delicious Brunswick stew and a side of macaroni and cheese. My mouth is watering just thinking about it. The problem, though, with a meal like this is that while it would be so delicious, it would not be nearly as good if I had to eat it all alone. What makes a meal good is when we get to share it with someone else. I don't think about it often, but sharing a meal with someone is an important part of community with that person. Mealtimes are when we are most vulnerable and when we invite others to be a part of that. We are building community and mutual trust with the person. It shows that we trust them. We wouldn't invite just anyone to eat with us.

While he was here on earth, Jesus shared many meals with people. He really made sharing meals with people an important part of His ministry. What is so wonderful about this part of Jesus' ministry is that he shared meals with all types of people. He shared meals with people who were deemed the enemy of his people, with known prostitutes, with legalistic religious people, and even with known criminals. Jesus came eating and drinking, inviting all people into relationship with Him. The beautiful thing is, we are invited to dine with Jesus, no matter who we are, there is a place at the table for us. Join us as we look at many of these meals that Jesus shared as we begin a new sermon series *Dining with Jesus*.

2024 Committee Chairs

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: -1 Corinthians 9:7

We thank the committee chairs for their leadership in our church and also to everyone who are serving on these committee's. We are grateful to all that are using their time, gifts and talents to serve the church body.

Ministry & Counsel:

Phillip Grant

Church Family:

Lisa Johnson

Nominating:

Elaine Edwards

Outreach:

Gail Mewborn

Stewardship/ Finance:

Dianne Uzzell

Sound:

Gary Fields

Church Property:

Richard Pate

Hospitality:

Crystal & Tracy Case

Music:

Hayley Fly

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Worship 10:30AM	5 Church Family 6PM Choir Practice 7PM	6 Precept 9AM	7 Outreach 11AM: Tastee Thai Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	1 FLC Reserved 6PM Men's Prayer Dinner - McCalls 6:30PM	2 FLC Reserved 6PM	3
11 Worship 10:30AM Super Bowl Party 6PM	12 Choir Practice 7PM	13 Precept 9AM Ministry & Counsel 7PM	14 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8AM FLC Reserved 6PM	16	17
18 Worship 10:30AM	19 Choir Practice 7PM	20 Precept 9AM Monthly Meeting 7PM	21 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	22 Single Seniors 12PM FLC Reserved 6PM	23	24
25 Worship 10:30AM	26 Choir Practice 7PM	27 Precept 9AM USFW 6:30PM	28 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	29 FLC Reserved 6PM		

And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." - Luke 10:27



Celebrating Milestones



Birthdays:

- 2nd Helen Westbrook, Tony Stanley, Shawn Hicks
- 3rd Frances Southerland
- 5th Joyce Tompkins
- 8th Earlene Worrell
- 9th Emmett Maples
- 10th D.A. Williams
- 11th Megan Hise, Charlotte Maples
- 12th Terry Batson
- 13th Brayden Garriss, Brenda Ormond
- 14th Pam Edwards
- 18th Elaine Cooke
- 23rd Patricia Jackson, Liam Stewart
- 25th Bonnie Best, Kim Smith
- 27th Wilson Mewborn
- 28th Robbie Golimowski, Todd Williams
- 29th Malachi Billings



February Connect Team:

Dexter Pridgen, Mary Lou Garner, Dawn Walker, Phillip Grant, Bill Garner

Announcements



Vision Series

Over the past several weeks, Pastor Andrew has challenged everyone to take the next steps in their faith journey. With that, there will be a Baptism Sunday tentatively scheduled for February 18th. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Andrew or the church office. Also, please continue to consider the Each One, Reach One campaign. Who can we as a church and you as an individual be praying for and leading to Jesus?



Outreach Lunch

February's Outreach Lunch has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th at 11AM at Tastee Thai. Please note the changes in the normal day and time to ensure you can attend.



Super Bowl Party

This year, we will be hosting a Super Bowl Viewing Party on Sunday, February 11 at 6:00PM. Bring an appetizer to share. Drinks, soup and chili will be provided.