

Praises: Dot Williams came dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized in Him on Sunday, January 18th!!! Praise God and congratulations to Dot!!! Sylvia Krelo also made the decision to dedicate her life to Christ and was ALSO baptized in Him Sunday, January 18th!!! Praise God and congratulations to Sylvia as well!!! Joshua Ridgeway is doing better and the family would like to thank everyone for praying!; Baby Blaise Mezo is finally home after being born 12 weeks early and spending an extended period of time in the NICU!!

New Members:

Surgery & Recovering: Bobbie Starr (elbow surgery in January)

Others in Need: Ellen Rath; Larry White; Blake & Cori Moon (lost young son in house fire); Larry Thompson (multiple health issues); Ashlee Murry; Clifford Whittington (Serious health issues from a recent fall); Kayla Wilson (Liver issues will need a transplant in the future); Jeff Collins (on hospice care); Jeannette Thompson (multiple health issues); Kara James (young mother of 2-heart attack-at St. Louis University Hospital); Thelma Viernum (new placement in assisted living); Clifford Bishop (health issues); Patty Manis (continued carotid issues); Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall)); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Gavin Barnett (diagnosis on Barrett's esophagus); Lonnie Jacobs (health issues); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues)

Those With Cancer: Sara Hinde (Lung Cancer); Mehgah Russell (39 years old with cervical cancer); Denny Elledge (lung cancer); Bill Jenkins (lung & kidney cancer); Lori Kelly (Carla Bigham's- stepdaughter-Kidney cancer-surgery 10/27); Rachel Rider (pancreatic cancer); Robin Frailey (diagnosed with ovarian cancer); Donny Turner (also pray for wife, Donna); Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Lisa Bastien (melanoma); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson's son-in-law's brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin(thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer); Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

Military Service: Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming); Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragor (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizaillion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

Those in Mourning: Family of Chris Sarensen; Ted Harsha; Conner Shaw



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Services and Times

Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

(September through May)
Meal 5:45 p.m.
Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February Wednesday Night Menu

Meal starts at 5:45 p.m.
Cost is \$7/plate or \$18/family

2/4 Crack Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, and Rolls

2/11 Vegetable Beef Soup and Pizza Sliders

2/18 Bacon Cheeseburger Casserole, Carrots, and Salad

2/25 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, and Rolls

Birthdays

3rd Gerris Sanders
3rd Donna Waller
5th Nema Kirk
6th Sandra Phillips
6th Wayne Chamness
7th Avery Wilt
7th Grace Gibbs
8th Kristin Johnston
10th Myra Gossett
10th Faye Aken
10th Elliott Williams
11th Paula Dunlap
13th Dot Williams
14th Tom Bailey
14th Jennie Gibbs
16th Terry Wright
17th Reagan Dorsey
18th Sylvia Krelo
19th Claude Tripp
19th Morgan Bernardini
21st Brynn Wesselman
22nd Patty Manis
25th Michaela Carter
28th Mable Gibbs

Anniversaries

2nd Gary & Phyllis Jones
4th Dennis & Lisa Bastien
12th Steve & Jane Tuthill
14th Claude & Sandy Tripp
14th Alan & Patti Evans
19th Lance & Teresa Weil
25th Gordon & Becky Burroughs
26th Wes & Jenifer Wilt

For More Information

- Men's Breakfast- Kevin Asbury is leading the devotional
- Women's Breakfast-Joyce Elledge will be leading the devotional
- Book Club- Our Book of the Month is [My Friends](#) by Fredrik Backman.
- No Youth Group on Sunday, February 8th.
- Forever Young Valentine Dinner. "Tour of Italy" will be our menu for the evening. There will be no charge to attend, but please sign up at the Forever Young Bulletin Board.

**God is
LOVE.**

1 JOHN 4:16



Calendar + List of Events

2/1 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 2/4 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study
 6:30-7:30
 2/7 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
 2/8 Guest Services Meeting after church
 2/8 NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
 2/9 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
 2/11 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study
 6:30-7:30
 2/13 Forever Young Valentine's Dinner 6:00 p.m.
 2/14 Women's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
 2/15 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 2/16 Area Men's Meeting at Mulkeytown
 2/17 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon
 2/18 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study
 6:30-7:30
 2/21 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
 2/22 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 2/25 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study
 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 2/26 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Youth Group</i>	2	3	4 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
8	9 Guest Services	10 Book Club 6 p.m.	11 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	12	13 Forever Young Valentine's Party	14 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m. <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15 <i>Youth Group</i>	16  PRESIDENT'S DAY Area Men's Meeting at Mulkeytown	17 Senior's Movie Luncheon 12:00 noon	18 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
22 <i>Youth Group</i>	23	24	25 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	26	27 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	28

The ECC Monthly Minute

Love Your Enemies from No Limits with Pastor Delman

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." - John 13:34

Love cannot be conditional. The same way you love a friend must be the same way you love a foe. Luke 6:32-34 says, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full."

Jesus taught the importance of mimicking a godly character. We are to be set apart. Therefore, if we choose to only love those who love us, we are no different than those in the world. When people see us, they should see God. The way to do that is to show restraint and love in the face of opposition.

This is when we rely on the strength of the Lord. Because in our strength, we will have no desire to be good to those who are not good to us. However, when we are channeling the strength of the Lord, He will reveal to us the areas that we must stretch, the areas where, by default, we once wanted to say harmful things to another person, but now we feel the conviction of not responding in a godly manner.

John 13:34 says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

Are you loving others as God loves? Or are you saying, "I have to win this argument," or "Your feelings don't matter." Ask God to search your heart. And remove anything that will prevent you from loving those who have not shown love to you.



Communion Purchase

Larry & Joyce Hickman

Communion Prep

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Sunday School Milk & Juice

2/1 & 2/8 Jeanette Thompson
2/15 & 2/22 Nancy Kreid

2/1/2026

Dirk Valerius
Christian Kistner
Tim Gossett
Dale Odom
Gary Jones
Jason Will
Heather Will
Mike Stewart

Inside Greeters

2/1 Tim & Myra Gossett
2/8 Jason & Heather Will
2/15 Lyle Thompson & Larry Hickman
2/22 Jim Williamson & Dale Odom

Nursery

2/1 Donna Waller with Paislee Porter
2/8 Christy Stewart with Zoey Swenson
2/15 Gail Ridgeway with Colton
2/22 Alison Keith with Laney Keith

Serving Schedule

Communion Meditation

2/1 Doug Gibbs
2/8 Jake Gibbs
2/15 Joyce Hickman
2/22 Lance Weil

Communion Servers

2/8/2026
Erin Carter
Grace Godoyo
Lyle Thompson
Aaron Thompson
Maddax Thompson
Don Garver
Mark Wilson
Jordan Evans

2/15/2026
Tom Scott
Kathy Elson
Dennis Bastien
Bruce Ridgeway
Gordon Burroughs
Andy Burroughs
Brandon Buser
Luke Buser

2/22/2026
Rich Bernardini
Jake Gibbs
Gary Monroe
Ron Ritter
Lisa Bastien
Steve Parry
Jim Williamson
Craig Briley

Hall Greeter

2/1 Larry Hickman & Jake Gibbs
2/8 Brandon Buser & Gordon Burroughs
2/15 Gary Jones & Steve Parry
2/22 Jordan Evans & Doug Gibbs

Exit Greeter

2/1 Paula Dunlap
2/8 Dale Odom
2/15 Vickie Carter
2/22 Paula Dunlap

Opening Prayer

2/1 Brandon Buser
2/8 Alan Evans
2/15 Doug Gibbs
2/22 Larry Hickman