

February Birthdays



BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Greg Schultz
Shirley Schultz
- 4- Sidney Ehrhardt
- 8- Chloe Venable
- 10- Jarid Wise
- 11- Barb Utlaut
- 13- Sheila Smith
- 14- Bailee Ann Merchant
Michelle Porter
Taylor Scarff
- 15- Trish Fletcher

- 16- Jordan Bishop
- 19- Grace Miles
- 22- Aleander VanDyke
- 23- Maggie Hoffelmeyer
Julian Pointer
Melissa Shannon
- 25- Crete Coslet
Garrett Green
- 26- Kirby Rugen
- 27- Zach Crews
- 28- Eric Arnett

"Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins."

1 PETER 4:8



On Sunday, February 9th, our church will celebrate **Scout Sunday**, a day that highlights the connection between faith and Scouting. The Scouts will be present during and after the service to share what Scouting means to them and to thank the congrega-

tion for their support. During the service, we will also recognize Scouts who have earned their **Star Rank and Second Class Rank**, important milestones that reflect their growth in leadership, character, and service. **After the service, the Scouts will host a bake sale to raise funds for their activities and programs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some delicious treats while supporting the development of our youth in Scouting.**

What is Scouting about? Scouting is more than earning badges or camping trips it's about building character, developing leadership skills, and fostering a commitment to service. Scouts live by the Scout Oath and Law, which emphasize duty to God, helping others, and being trustworthy, kind, and brave. Scouting encourages young people to grow into responsible citizens and servant leaders who strive to make a positive impact on the world around them.

What does Scout Sunday mean? Scout Sunday is a day to celebrate the partnership between Scouting and faith. It's a time for Scouts to reflect on their duty to God and their commitment to living with integrity and compassion. It's also a chance for Scouts to show appreciation for the church and its support in helping them grow into leaders of strong faith and values.

We invite everyone to join us for this special celebration and to support our Scouts at the bake sale after the service. Thank you for being part of their journey!

Chad Breshears

The Ladies Luncheon will meet at Bloomfield's on February 6th at 11:00. All ladies are invited to attend.

CWF will meet on February 18th at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor

Church Staff

Minister- Rev. Randal DeMasters

Custodians- Ron & Carol Schupp

Financial Secretary- Ken Bryant

Office Admin.- Hope Richards

Music Director- Hope Richards

Pianists- Hope Richards, Kay Wise

FCC Praise Band- Kevin Dwyer, Lori Layton, Joe Palen, Hope Richards and Kay Wise



A Message from our Pastor...

Our next General Board meeting will be February 12 at 6:00 PM



February, finally that crazy January with all that snow, cold and changeable weather is about to be gone.

Superbowl is on its way. And it is our own Kansas City Chiefs. The only way this gets better is when (we hope) the Chiefs do a threepeat.

It is also the time of year that things get back to normal. Well, just usual and maybe not necessarily normal. Any way things begin to get back to usual.

All those pesky New Year's resolutions have been pretty strong and fairly well kept throughout January. But the closer we get to February, the more they tend to fade.

Soon now that membership at the "Y" will go back on pause, the treadmill or equivalent can go back to being a place to hang clothing, the special diet can begin to include Chocolate and Ice cream again, and the car may be driven in any way that is wanted. Words not to be used during the resolution faze while driving can be used if one is alone. Could be hitting a hand with the hammer, hitting the wrong key on the computer or giving someone advice on how to drive correctly. (with or without hand gestures)

Pretty soon everything will be back to the way it was. This is also how some people view the church community. It isn't Christmas anymore and Easter is still a few months away. Back to normal. We can sleep in and

relax with the thought that someone else will carry the load. This became even more popular during the Covid19 experience, and it lasted so much longer without any resolutions to get in the way.

The times are changing. There are wars and rumors of wars. There are strange things in the air and weather patterns not seen for years if forever. People in general are scared, confused and easily led astray from the Lord. Depression of a clinical level is now being diagnosed in grade school and throughout society. People need the Lord more now than they have needed him for as long time.

The First Christian Church of Marshall is so good about helping in so many ways. We feed the hungry and clothe without an adequate coat or other clothing. It seems to me we have not put much energy into proclaiming the Year of the Lord's favor. The salvation which Jesus provided.

I believe that there is a real need and desire to help others relieve their fears, depression, and anger. There is a longing to be loved and counted by someone or something greater than ourselves.

As we can let us put in a few more minutes every day to help others and to enlarge the Kingdom of God. The work of God is its own blessing.

Blessings, Rev. Randal