

The Lord's Day

February 12, 2023

Call to Worship: Choir
Welcome/Announcements: Pastor Jordan Wright
Invocation: Pastor Jordan Wright
Worship:
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" #3
Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Danny Janes
Special Music: Jennifer Jordan
Sermon: Pastor Danny Janes
"A Prayer of CONNECTION"
Matthew 6:5-13
Closing Prayer: Pastor Danny Janes

Prayer Requests

Willie Cockerham, James Durham, Rick Durham, Nancy Friddle, Herb Gibson, Charles Hennis, Angela Holt, Edward Jordan, Jennifer Jordan, Rosemary Kenchel, Julie McCormick, Jessie Nicholson, Anthony Pegram, Mark Ransom, Mike Rash, Ed Sebastian, Ron Simpson, Kay Tingen, Willa Wilson

YOUNG at HEART: On Wednesday, February 15, the Young at Heart will be going to **The Milk Bar in Walnut Cove**. The church bus will leave at **10:45 a.m.** Please sign-up in the front or back entryways, or let **Barbara McCormick (336-643-9380)** know if you are planning to attend.

BABY SHOWER: Please join us for a Baby Shower honoring **Taylor and Blake (& Everly) Corum** on **February 25** from **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** (floating). They are registered at babylist.com/baby-corum-registry. Please contact **Christi Shropshire (336-908-3497)** with any questions.



LENT SERMON SERIES: In **Matthew 6:9-13**



is contained the greatest model for our prayers that has ever been spoken. We call it "**The Lord's Prayer**." Jesus first taught this prayer to

His disciples in response to the request, "*Lord, teach us to pray, just as John (the Baptist) taught his disciples.*" (Luke 11:1). Jesus then taught His followers to pray a prayer that included a Prayer for CONNECTION. . . RECOGNITION. . . SURRENDER. . . DEPENDENCE. . . CLEANSING. . . RELEASE. . . PROTECTION. . . and BLESSING. Beginning **Today, February 12**, and continuing through **Palm Sunday, April 2**, Pastor Danny will be preaching an eight week Lent Sermon Series on "**The Lord's Prayer: Path to Inner-Peace**." It's been over a decade since Pastor Danny devoted a multi-week series to this subject. We hope you will join us each week as we explore what Jesus wanted us to know and learn about prayer.

YOUNG at HEART NARROWAY TRIP: On



April 22, the Young at Heart are planning a trip to **Narrowsay** to see the production of "**The 4th Cross**". The cost is \$41 per person, If you are

interested in going or have any questions, please let **Barbara McCormick (336-643-9380)** know. Payment is due by March 19.

NEW ARRIVAL: Our congratulations are



extended to **Jason & Emily Kehr**, on the birth of their new baby girl! On Wednesday, February 1, they welcomed their new daughter, **Miriam Joy**, into their family. She was a couple weeks early, but weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz., and was 19" long. The proud grandparents are **David & Candy Kehr!**



Saint Valentine was a priest who conducted marriage ceremonies (and other services) in

third-century Rome. The emperor at the time was Claudius II. He briefly banned marriage for all young men – believing single soldiers in the Roman army were better. Valentine strongly disagreed with him – and continued uniting couples in marriage.

Of course, Claudius II was enraged by this act of defiance and ordered the execution of Valentine. Two centuries after Valentine’s death, Pope Gelasius became the head of the Catholic Church, and decreed that February 14th should be St. Valentine’s Day. It is commonly believed that the reason Valentine’s Day is celebrated in February is because that was the month he was martyred.

Valentine’s Day messages become increasingly popular after the year 1400 – and he became synonymous with the “Priest of Love.” Valentine’s Day cards first started being mass-produced in America during the 1840’s.

Today, there are around *one billion* Valentine’s Day cards purchased each year (along with flowers, candy, and other merchandise) - with 85% of cards being bought by women!

MISSIONARY UPDATE: Recently, I taught a



group of students from a country ruled by a dictatorship. We met through Zoom for two days of learning. These students faced possible

arrest for attending class. Together, we studied philosophy and ethics. Afterwards, students sent their evaluations, which were very positive. One person said that after living in that country for so many years, he was unaccustomed to hearing such direct talk about ideologies. I had discussed

Marxism and its effect on countries around the world in the past two centuries. We studied how important it is to understand the ideologies shaping our world today, so we can effectively minister to people in our countries.

Two students from this country want to come to the Philippines to study theology at the seminary. Their country strictly controls peoples' lives, so they need a reason to come to the Philippines. Currently, they are applying for visas to travel. Because Becky and I teach at the seminary, we can offer such students full academic scholarships. They will need to cover the other costs (e.g., housing, fees, etc.), but the academic scholarship helps.

Throughout Southeast Asia, missionary works are in their infancy. In many places, the work would stop if the missionaries left. Thank you for helping train pastors, lay leaders, professors, and scholars. The students we teach today will help fill this leadership vacuum well into the future. Phil and Becky Davis

Offering for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Sunday School	\$25.00
Missions	\$110.00
Offering	\$4,108.00
Online	<u>\$1,036.56</u>
Total Received	\$5,279.56

Children	\$100.00
Memorial	\$25.00

Budget Conf. Year 2022-2023	\$294,999.00
February 2023 - Budget Assigned	\$22,264.08
Weekly Budget Assigned	\$5,566.02
Amount Rec 1 Sunday(s) in Feb.	\$5,279.56
Amt Rec'd as of Feb. 5, 2023	\$244,046.77
Budgeted amount for week 41	\$228,206.77

Tellers: Tim Belford and Larry Rierson

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 The church received a Memorial Contribution in **Memory of Linda Ward** from Irene Clodfelter.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## Our Father

### "A Prayer of CONNECTION"



**Date: Feb. 12, 2023**

**Text: Matt. 6:5-13**

***"Our Father which art in heaven. . ."***

*(Matthew 6:9)*

**1. God is a \_\_\_\_\_ Father**

*"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who honor Him." (Psalm 103:13)*

*"Cast all of your cares (anxiety) on Him because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)*

**2. God is a \_\_\_\_\_ Father**

*"Every good and perfect gift is from the Father who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17)*

**3. God is a \_\_\_\_\_ Father**

*"God did this so people would. . .reach out for Him and find Him since He is not far from each of us." (Acts 17:27)*

- God is never too \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
- God loves to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 7:11)
- God is \_\_\_\_\_ to your hurts

*(Psalm 34:18)*

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