

## February

Feb 04 Life Groups meet at 6:00 p.m.  
Feb 06 Devotional at Winfield Rest Haven; van leaves at 6:30 p.m.  
Feb 07 Teen supper in the basement at 6:30 p.m.  
Feb 11 Valentine Banquet after morning services  
Feb 11 Life Groups meet at 6:00 p.m.  
Feb 17 Emporia Avenue Ladies Day; Theme: "Deborah"  
Feb 21 Bring Cookies for Winfield Rest Haven  
Feb 25 4th Sunday Luncheon  
Feb 25 All Life Groups meet at the building at 6:00 p.m.  
Feb 25 Elders/Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.

## WHEN FISHERMEN DON'T FISH

When those who are called to fish don't fish, they fight.  
When energy intended to be used outside is used inside,  
the result is explosive.

Instead of casting nets, we cast stones.

Instead of extending helping hands, we point accusing fingers.  
Instead of being fishers of the lost, we become critics of the saved.  
Rather than helping the hurting, we hurt the helpers.

The result? Church scrooges. "Bah humbug" spirituality.  
Beady eyes searching for warts on others while ignoring the warts  
on the nose below. Crooked fingers that bypass strengths and point  
out weaknesses. Split churches. Poor testimonies. Broken hearts.  
Legalistic wars. And, sadly, poor go unfed, confused go uncoun-  
seled, and lost go unreached.

When those who are called to fish don't fish, they fight.  
But note the other side of the fish tale: When those who are called  
to fish, fish—they flourish!  
—Max Lucado

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It  
brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to  
those who are hopeless and defeated.

A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, bor-  
rowed or taken away against your will. You have to be willing to  
give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So, if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile,  
let him have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much  
as the person who has none to give.

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church  
to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet  
in the library for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The following are words of wisdom for a brother in Christ, Terry  
Rush, on how we treat others around us. We are either barkers, or build-  
ers! Rush states:

*"Shall we take this tiny portion of a time-slot in which we live and be  
builders of community and people? Or, shall we spend our slim amount of  
days on earth barking in disapproval of the passers-by? It is a choice, you  
know. Much of the negative speaking is merely done so unconsciously that  
one might hardly catch his or her complaining language. We seem to be-  
lieve that we are just who we are and that's all we can do about it.*

*Yet, I say that one of the blessings of learning from God is that He trans-  
forms us into a new sort. And, within that transformational expanse is the  
truth that we clean up our language; our negative, bummeristic, sloppy  
speech that tears down with little effectivity toward building up. Barking  
has become an accepted trait of routine living.*

*In order to become a builder, we will want to subdue our barking inclina-  
tions. But how? What will help us clean up critical wordage? Consider  
the following as a means of helpful improvement:*

*1. Realize our own sins. The Bible makes this very clear that when we  
berate another, we are guilty of the very same things ourselves. Until we  
get over this, we will merely resent such a statement. Yet, when we realize  
that we are all alike, there seems to be a breeze of hope sweep through the  
room.*

*People all around us, very ordinary and good people, are in dire trouble  
due to their own unwise actions. We do not dismiss such actions. What we  
do, however, to keep from barking at them is to realize we are sinful, just  
as they. Otherwise, if not true of our own sins, why is Jesus' blood cleans-  
ing us day by day?*

*2. Realize the depths of others' struggles. No one needs our critical  
glare. Everyone needs our heartfelt compassion coupled with genuine un-  
derstanding. There are, oh so, many who left church long ago because  
they inwardly determined that they weren't good enough. Good  
enough? Who sitting in church row is? Not one.*

*We are drawn to live in a self-absorbed fallen society. It got so bad years  
ago that Father sent Son down here on a mission. It was a bad as had  
been assumed. Jesus was executed. Barking was to have ended because  
there was no exception as to who was guilty among us. He died for all.*

*May we live in such appreciation and thankfulness that our first move each  
morning and last one each evening is spent calculating just how we may be  
better builders. Society needs our voices to do just that." —Terry Rush*

## PRAYER LIST

Teresa Pierce, Harlan Bay, David Whitley, Richard Wartick, Rita  
Carroll, Tom McReynolds, Dalton Brownlee, Cecil Drinnen, Tim  
Evans, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Norma Gooch, Eliza Con-  
well, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick,  
Crystal Anderson, Jack Edwards. *Shut-In's*: Bertha Brown, Jerry  
Howell, Dorothy Lauterbach, Gene Deffenbaugh, Maxine Cole,  
Georgia Spencer, Bennie Jefferies.

## NEW ADDRESS

Bertha Brown moved last Thursday to Joy Home in Ox-  
ford, Kansas. Her new address is Bertha Brown, c/o Oxford Home,  
419 N. Pacific, Oxford, Kansas 67119

## VALENTINE BANQUET

The annual Valentine Banquet will be held February 11th  
at noon in the Fellowship Room. The banquet is for those who are  
65 years and older. If you have a spouse that is under 65, please  
come and bring them along. If you plan to attend, please write  
your names on the sign up sheet in the foyer so we can get an idea  
for food and seating.

## IS YOUR LIGHT SHINING?

A lady recently being baptized was asked by a co-worker  
what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a  
pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, washes all  
the dirt off you. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the  
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then  
he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside of you to  
shine for all the world to see." Is your light shining?

When given the **CHOICE** between  
being **RIGHT** and being **KIND**,  
**CHOOSE KIND!**

## LOVE

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy,  
it does not boast, it is not proud.  
It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
I Corinthians 13:4-5*



**SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED: LOVE**

1. God's love \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God's love \_\_\_\_\_.

3. God's love \_\_\_\_\_.

4. God's love \_\_\_\_\_.

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Jonah 4:1-3; Hosea 14:4-8; John 3:16-18; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:6-8; Matthew 22:39; Luke 6:31; I Corinthians 11:17-22; I Corinthians 13; I John 4:7-21

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**SUNDAY, 10:30 AM**  
SCRIPTURE READING  
PRAYER  
COMMUNION

**February 4**  
Alan Shields  
Brian Turney  
Levi Turney, Mike Neal  
Wade Pierce, Chris Dillon  
Larry Helton, John Rayl  
Daniel Garver, Easton Newberry  
Marvin Kline

USHERS  
CLIPBOARDS  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM**  
LEAD SINGING  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

**February 7**  
Rex Harris  
Michael Nelson

**ATTENDANCE**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| <b>SUNDAY—January 28</b> |         |
| BIBLE CLASS.....         | 32      |
| A.M. WORSHIP.....        | 113     |
| P.M. WORSHIP.....        | NC      |
| CONTRIBUTION.....        | \$1,861 |

**WEDNESDAY—January 31**  
Fellowship Room—31    Teens—9    Bible Hour—9    **Total—49**

**COMMUNION PREP**

February    Aaron Hines

**COORDINATOR**

February    Aaron Hines

**ELDERS**

Rex Harris    Marvin Kline  
Ed Newberry    Tom Norris

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

*Sunday*

Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.  
Worship.....10:30 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Children's Class.....6:00 P.M.

**DEACONS**

Kevin Dodds    Aaron Hines  
Leroy Lewis    Mike Neal  
David Pierce    Alan Shields

*Wednesday*

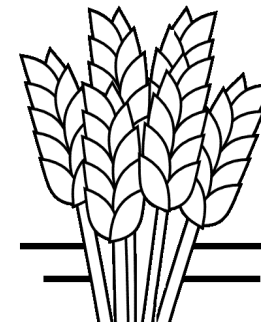
Ladies Bible Class....9:30 A.M.  
Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

**MINISTER**

Michael Nelson

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Upward, Downward"*

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Church of Christ**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 4, 2018

Call to Worship

Song            "Here I Am to Worship"

Song #144      "O Worship the King"

Song #837      "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Prayer

Scripture

Song            "All to Us"

Lord's Supper

Song #719      "Angry Words"

Sermon

Song #930      "Jesus, the Loving Shepherd"

Song            "We are the Body of Christ"