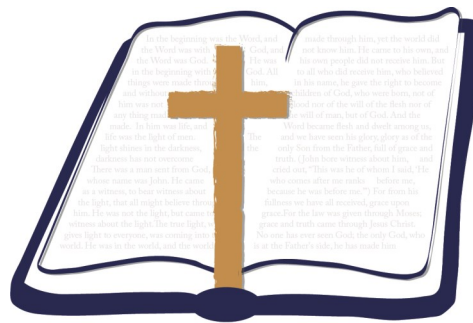


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FEBRUARY 2025

Sun, Feb 2nd

- 8:30 am - WMU Breakfast
- 3:00 pm - Visitation (Every Sunday)
- 3:45 pm - Deacon Meeting
- 5:00 pm - Hymn Singing followed by Refreshments

Wed, Feb 12th

- 6:00 pm - Business Meeting

Sun, Feb 16th

- 4:30 pm - Church Council

Thurs, Feb 20th

- SonShiners

Sun, Feb 23rd

- 11:00 am - Lord's Supper



**FEBRUARY**  
 Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Brown  
 (Missionary)
- 7 Cecil Terpo



Budget Report (through January 31, 2025)

<u>Receipts</u>	Month - \$12,452.56 YTD - \$12,452.56
<u>Budget</u>	Month - \$18,670.35 YTD - \$18,670.35

Giving Thanks For and Rejoicing Over the Evidences of God's Saving Grace in Our Church

Having just finished our January Bible Study in Philemon, one thing that particularly stood out to me was Paul's thanksgiving to God and feelings of joy over the evidence of God's grace in Philemon's life, particularly his love and faith.

As I reflected on this, I give thanks to God for the evidences of love and faith that I have had the joy of witnessing in our local body of believers. I have witnessed believers continue to gather at every opportunity, eager to hear the Word of God. I have the joy of each week looking out on a crowd of believers that has no earthly reason to gather together, but are gathered for the glory of God and the building up of the body. I have witnessed believers bringing friends with them to church. I have witnessed the faith of multiple fellow saints remain steadfast in the midst of physical pain and suffering. I have seen a believer grow immensely in their hunger for God's word in their personal Bible study. I have seen multiple saints asking what scriptures the upcoming lesson will be on so that they can study ahead of time. I have witnessed a saint give evidence of a decisive turn away from the world and its desires and turn to seek the Lord. I've witnessed fellow saints commit themselves to evangelism in our community through Discovery Clubs and door to door evangelism. I have witnessed the Lord flinging wide open unexpected doors for evangelism with people in our community. I have witnessed compassion and empathy and a desire to see them follow Christ continually demonstrated by saints toward others of a different, age, race, and social status. I've witnessed multiple believers develop a heart for building relationships with children and youth in our church to show them the love of Christ. I have witnessed believers reiterating their love and support for other believers, knowing the trials they are going through.

Time would fail me to keep listing the evidences of the Lord's saving grace at work among his people to conform us to the image of Christ. I am confident that we as a church will continue to witness evidences like these. My confidence lies not in any inherent good-heartedness in us, for we have none. My confidence lies in the Spirit of Christ, who not only gave us new life, but is yet at work in us to fulfill in us the righteous requirement of the law, to love God and to love one another. My confidence lies in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that has saved us and will be with us to keep us faithful until we are presented holy and blameless before him.  
 Pastor Landon

