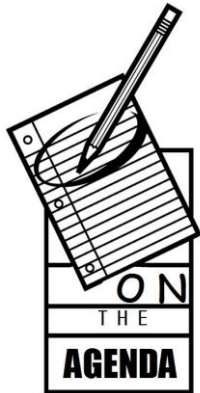


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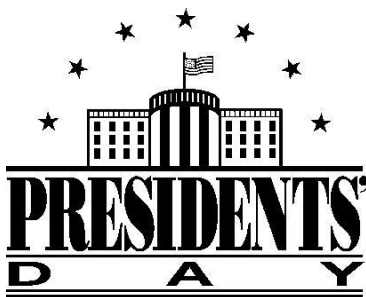
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Session
Meeting
February 7th
12:00PM



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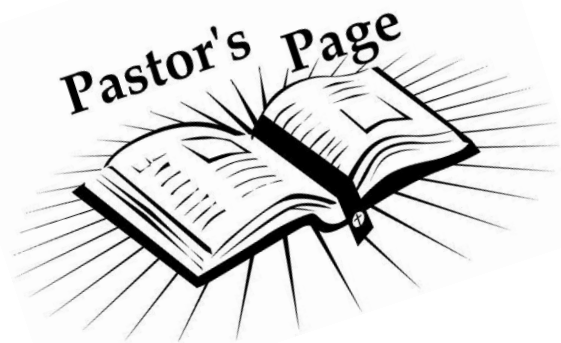
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Oasis
PARTY
February 21st!



**Let's Go
BOWLING**

Just Say No To a New Year's Resolution!



I used to cave under all the hype around New Year's resolutions - not anymore!! Why expose myself to all those feelings of guilt when I break that resolve the second day into the year, because it was so depressing the first day when I couldn't stay in my 'resolve' for 24 hours!!

As I was reading Colossians 3:12-17, it occurred to me that these few, but powerful verses could be a 'way of living' for me. A goal I would endeavor to live by for the rest of my life as I am able, and as I learn to live in the joy of Jesus' presence. It's one thing to live happily ever after in my own home surrounded by friends and family, but the 'happily ever after' gets challenged when I engage in life with others in the culture around me.

Eugene Peterson in the *Message*, writes in Colossians 3 to 'dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: Compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense.' These evoke such beautiful pictures of harmony and understanding, especially, dressing in quiet strength – I love that!

My husband has gone into a store and picked out the most perfect outfit for me to wear - something I would never have tried on. And he also has missed it completely, picking out something he likes, but it's not

really *my style*. I want to be in style - in sync - with the creator of the universe, who holds the world in the palm of His hands and has the number of hairs on my head numbered.

I believe quiet strength, kindness, compassion, even-tempered and humility look good on everyone, in any culture, any age at any time of any day of the week. It's not a New Year's resolution, but a new way of life. And when I don't make the mark in every situation, I know that I can start all over again tomorrow, living in the joy and forgiveness of the One who made me whole and complete.

Blessings,

Pastor Andria Helm

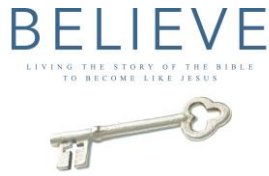


Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Sunday School

It's not too late to join the adult Sunday School class. We are enjoying the video and discussion using the "Believe" Bible Study resources. Join us any Sunday at 9AM in the dining room.



Oasis

Annual Bowling Party

We will be going to Myers Sport Bowl in Logansport on Sunday, February 21st. The bowling alley allows us to bring snacks to save on the cost of concessions. If you would like to donate packaged snacks for us to take to the bowling alley, please bring them to church on or before Feb 21st and mark them for this purpose.



We need your help!

We are in great need for volunteers to prepare meals for Oasis on Wednesday evenings. This is a huge blessing to the leaders and children who participate. Resources are available to cover the food cost. Please sign up in the Fellowship Room to help. Speak to Laurie Brower or Donna Sholty if you have any questions or need ideas for what to serve.



Thank you again to all who help faithfully, prepare meals, donate funds, and pray for this ministry! We can't do it without you.

VOLUNTEERS
change lives

February Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan

Welcome back to our Oasis children! The library was still on break for January - our first get together with Oasis is in February.



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



We will not meet until March, but will need volunteers for the Thrift Shop.

Thrift Shop Schedule for February

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thurs. Feb 4.....Donna Sholty Sort & Mark
Thurs. Feb 11.....Jane Kearns..... Sort & Mark
Sat. Feb 20Donna Sholty Cashier
Sat. Feb 27.....Jane KearnsSacker

Only one volunteer for February 12 is needed for the Food Pantry--the other seventeen volunteers are in place, thank you so much.

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

After prayers and discussion, the session came to an agreement with Pastor Andria Helm. Pastor Andria, as of January will fill the pulpit each week for worship. At this time, communion dates have not been chosen due to protocol by the Presbytery.



The choir will continue until May. If you have the desire to join us, we meet at 9:30 every Sunday morning.

We have a need for every inch of available space in the church. A piano in the fellowship room has been sitting there without being played for years! It needs a home that will enjoy the beautiful music that can be played on it. If your family donated the piano and you know of someone that would like to have it, please let me know. Also, the piano



and organ downstairs will have a limited time before they are taken away (we have to pay to have them removed).

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

The next Session Meeting will be February 7 at 12PM.

Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield

"Aren't you glad the Blizzard of 2016 missed us?"

Every February we collect items for the Food Pantry, and this year they gave us a list of items they that need. I am including that list in this article in to help you in your shopping. This list was a bulletin insert on January 24th, and will be the next couple of weeks.



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| Canned Fruit | Peanut Butter |
| Soups | Cereal |
| Boxed Meals | Rice |
| Canned Vegetables | Dried Pasta |
| Canned Meats | Instant Potatoes |
| 100% Fruit Juice | Toothbrushes |
| Paper Products | Laundry Products |

Thanks so much for helping!

Our "New Refrigerator" Fund currently contains 311 dollars. If you have missed hearing about it, I will give a quick review here. One of our refrigerators in the kitchen has died, so we started a fund to replace it. With Oasis every week, we really use both refrigerators! Laurie Brower and Donna Sholty have been tasked with finding a new one. Thank you all!

Continue to pray for our PNC, for our Oasis kids, for our community, and for the world. May we make a difference.



May God Bless each of you in the month of February.

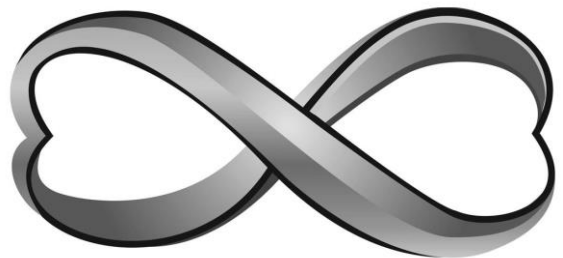
Additional Thoughts.....

Love all you do

Blogger Rachel Macy Stafford gained a following by admitting she'd acquired the "disease of distraction." Her children and family paid the price for her dependence on technology and a super-packed schedule.

In *Hands Free Mama* (Zondervan), Stafford describes how she made room to live, breathe and appreciate each day. One step involved changing the slogan on the front of her planner from "Do It All" to "Love All I Do."

Now Stafford encourages others to take a Hands Free Pledge, "letting go of distraction, disconnection and perfection to live a life that simply, so very simply, consists of what really matters."



Love Never Ends

Knowing God

God cares about how we live. And a relationship with God naturally will flow out in daily attitudes and actions. So if you look good, you are good, right? Well, maybe not.

Knowing God can lead to a positive lifestyle, but the reverse isn't true. Our outward actions alone don't prove that we enjoy an inward relationship with God. Just because we do good doesn't mean we know the One who is good.

—Craig Groeschel, *The Christian Athiest: Believing in God But Living As If He Doesn't Exist*

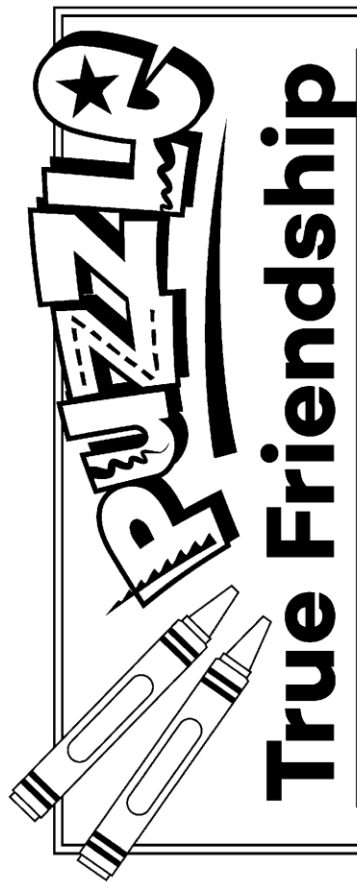
Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced

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B=Birthday N=Nursery SR=Scripture Readers U=Ushers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 B=Lola Snavely  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 6:00 PM Oasis Library Visit B=Reagan Catron	4	5 B=Laraine MacLauchlan B=Joe Moss	6
7 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Susan Hollis SR=Kevin Clark SR=Laraine MacLauchlan U=Terry Langston, Barbara Wilkinson	8	9	10 6:00 PM Oasis Ash  Wednesday	11 B=Donna Sholty	12	13
14 1 st Sunday of Lent Valentine's Day 9AM Adult Sunday School B=Dale Snipes N=Susan Hollis SR=Angie Austin SR=Jay McMillin U=Joe & Tammy Moss	15 B=Abby Cox  President's Day	16	17 6:00 PM Oasis	18	19 B=Melissa Bishop	20
21 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Susan Hollis SR=Marlene Smith SR=Joe Mayfield U= Bob & Ann Brown Oasis Bowling Party in Logansport	22	23	24 6:00 PM Oasis FUN Night	25 B=Gerry Hollis	26	27
28 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Susan Hollis SR=Ann Brown SR=Gerry Hollis U= Joe & Barb Mayfield	29  Leap Day	Mar 1	Mar 2 6:00 PM Oasis Library Visit	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5



What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV. pleasant

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Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

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