

## February

Feb 09 Devotional at Homestead at 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 12 Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Room; 6:00  
Feb 16 Devotional at Homestead at 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 16 Chili Contest at 5:30  
Feb 19 Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Room; 6:00  
Feb 23 Devotional at Homestead at 3:00 p.m.  
Feb 23 Midwest Youth for Christ in Augusta  
Feb 26 Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Room; 6:00

## CHURCH DECORATION COMMITTEE

If you signed up to be a part of the Church Decoration Committee, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Room immediately after services today.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday night supper is at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person or \$10 per family. If you are interested in making a meal and serving it, or even helping with a meal, please see Wes.

## CHILI COOKOFF

Don't forget to sign up for the Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. See Wes for any questions.

## MIDWEST YOUTH FOR CHRIST

MYC is Sunday February 23 at the Augusta Church of Christ. The van will be leaving the building at 1:50 p.m.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Men of the Church, join us Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a night of great food and fellowship. Please respond to Wes so food can be planned appropriately. Call, text, or email Wes at (918) 607-8489 or [huskerwes1@gmail.com](mailto:huskerwes1@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Day at Emporia Ave Church of Christ on March 15, 2025. Theme: Sister 2 Sister.

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other one up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.*  
—Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

### February

Feb 09—Linda Wartick      Feb 16—**Need Volunteer!**

Feb 23—Darlene Cooney

**If you can volunteer, please see Darlene Cooney!**

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

C.S. Lewis once wrote a great little book called, "Surprised by Joy." This article has nothing to do with that book, but I love the title, so I'm borrowing it.

Jesus warned His Apostles about the persecution they would face because they were His followers and as we've been studying the life of Paul, we see that the Holy Spirit warned him of the same.

But one thing that is not explicitly stated is the joy that the Apostles and Paul experienced *after* they were persecuted.

In Acts 5:40-41 it says,

*"...after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them. So, they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name."*

With Paul, we've seen the same, along with Silas, in Acts 16:22-25 it says,

*"...the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God..."*

It's my belief that the joy they experienced after their persecutions came as a surprise. Why? Because experiencing joy as a result of being persecuted is not what the natural mind would expect. But suffering for the sake of Christ produces joy in those who love and follow Him.

Want to experience the supernatural joy of the Lord? Follow Jesus. There isn't always persecution, but often, there is difficulty. Follow Jesus through the difficulty and you will find yourself, just like those who came before you, surprised by joy.

Much love to you all!

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**If you are visiting today, welcome!**  
**We are glad that you have joined us in worshipping our God.**

**Prayer List:** Perry Wiley, Doris Kendrick, Dianne Jeans, Wynetta Weston, Larry Helton, Mary Ellen Garver, Marilyn Bartlow, Patsy Pierce, Gary Bodine, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Kylie Lock

## YOU'RE INVITED

Sheila Tandy and Tom Norris together with their families request the pleasure of your company at the celebration of their wedding on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at South Emporia Church of Christ, 1144 South Emporia Ave., Wichita, KS. Please RSVP via text message to 402-710-9422. No gifts, please.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes for February is "God Guides His People." Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and Bible Verse.

Feb 09—The People Doubted (Numbers 13-14)

Feb 16—The People Complained (Numbers 16; 20-21)

Feb 23—Moses' Farewell (Deuteronomy 31-34)

Big Picture Question:

Q: Why should we obey God?

A: We should obey God because He made us, He loves us and His plans are good.

*"All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose"*—Romans 8:28

## BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Church family, thank you for your continued support of our Blessing Box Ministry! Our storage shelves are running very low—especially in this colder weather we want to keep our box filled. Please help us refill our storage shelves as we continue to serve our community in Jesus' name! Thanks in advance!

### Priority Needs!!!

#### Non-Perishable Food Items:

Canned goods w/flip top lids/can openers

Boxed Meal/food that only needs water to cook it

Granola Bars/Fruit Cups or other on-the-go snack items that can be divided up easily

Wrapped Plasticware/Sandwich Baggies

#### Hygiene Items:

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner

Body Wash/Body Lotion

Deodorant

Lip Balm/Facial Tissue

#### Seasonal Warm Items:

Gloves

Stocking Caps

Gloves

Scarves

Handwarmers

\*You can also put together individual "kits" in quart or gallon sized baggies with "travel size" basic toiletries or snack bags that are ready for visitors to grab-and-go.

