#### March

- Mar 13 Carpenter Place Grocery Pick-up
- Mar 15 Ladies Day at Emporia Ave Church of Christ
- Mar 22 Tandy/Norris Wedding
- Mar 23 Midwest Youth for Christ in Wellington
- Mar 27 Men's Fellowship & Bible Study
- Mar 30 5th Sunday Fellowship after morning services

## **HELP REQUESTED!**

We are requesting help with our hosting of Midwest Youth for Christ on March 23. We will need desserts for around 75 people and we will need other adults present to help manage the event. Please let Wes know if you can assist in either way.

## 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.

#### LADIES DAY

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

#### **5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

We have 5th Sunday Fellowship on March 30. Please mark your calendars as a reminder. We will meet after morning services for lunch. Please bring enough food for your family plus extras.

#### **BLESSING BOX MINISTRY**

Thank you Church family for your continued support of our Blessing Box ministry! We are gladly accepting donations of any kind at this time: non-perishable boxed or canned food items, toiletries, snack bags or anything else you can dream up! Praise God for all the wonderful ways he is working through this ministry in our community! "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall Love your neighbor as yourself:"" Galatians 5:14 ESV

# **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:** Seasonal Warm Items:

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste Gloves Shampoo/Conditioner Stocking Caps

Body Wash/Body Lotion Gloves

Deodorant/Facial Tissue Scarves/Handwarmers

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

How Do You Choose?

I am often asked the question, "How do you choose what to preach?" Frankly, after prayerful consideration, I preach what I want to preach, but with a very serious caveat; I don't skip any verses.

I have no issue with different styles of preaching and I won't make a big fuss or argue about what I believe to be the best style, but style aside, I think the "why" behind what is preached, and more importantly, what is NOT preached, should be explained.

Too many preachers today are only picking topics and passages that they believe will be most pleasing to the congregation. A few years ago, I was eating lunch with a preacher and he asked me what I taught in my Sunday school class the past Sunday. I explained to him that I had just finished a three-week series on the topic of divorce. He then said something that was shocking to me when he said, "I would never preach about divorce." I asked him why. He responded, "I'm afraid of what the reaction would be."

I didn't know what to say exactly. I shared with him that our class was studying the sermon on the mount and I taught the passage on divorce because it was the next scripture and I couldn't justify skipping it. I admitted that teaching that text did cause me some anxiety, but explained that it was the best attended series I ever taught and even though there were some tense moments, I received only positive feedback and thanks for not avoiding the passage.

I favor the expositional style of preaching because I believe that all of the verses are important and none should be neglected. I understand that I will not please everyone, but that has never been the point of preaching. Paul didn't skip any teaching because he didn't want to be found guilty of people dying in their sins:

Acts 20:26-27 - <sup>26</sup> Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.<sup>27</sup> For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

I think you'll find it interesting and encouraging to know that a few months after my preacher friend told me he would never preach about divorce, he preached about divorce, and the reaction he received was positive. Even if the reaction to the proper teaching of God's word is not positive, it should not deter preachers from preaching all of the purposes of God.

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**Prayer List:** Chuck Cole, Sunnye Robinson, Doris Kendrick, Dianne Jeans, Wynetta Weston, Larry Helton, Marilyn Bartlow, Patsy Pierce, Gary Bodine, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Kylie Lock

## 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ARLEY BENNETT

Join us in celebrating the 90th birthday of Arley Bennett on Saturday, March 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 at Diamond Springs, 112 S Osborn Rd. (on HWY 160) Milan. No gifts please!

## 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 March is "God is Powerful." Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and Bible Verse.

March 09—Conquering Jericho

March 16—Achan's Sin and the Defeat of Ai

March 23—Taking the Land

March 30—Joshua's Farewell

Big Picture Question:

Q: Why can we trust God?

A: We can trust God because he is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good.

"Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!"—Psalm 24:8 ESV

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

March

Mar 09—Linda Wartick

Mar 16—Need Volunteer! Mar 30—Need Volunteer!

Mar 23—Need Volunteer!
April

Apr 06—Need Volunteer!

If you can volunteer, please see Darlene Cooney!

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don't always try so hard to fit in. Remember, God made you the way you are so you could stand out and glorify him.

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As we continue to study all of the verses in the Book of Acts, let us all remember that these teachings do not belong to Wes LeFlore or the church in Wellington. They belong to Jesus and they are all wonderful and beneficial to those who put their faith in Him. God bless!

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# Opportunity Knocks, Part 3: Testimony Acts 22:16

## **Scripture References:**

- Romans 10:13
- Matthew 7:21
- Joel 2:28-32
- Acts 2:17-21
- Romans 10:12
- Romans 10:9-10
- Matthew 10:32-33
- Mark 1:23-24
- Mark 5:6-7
- James 2:19

Notes:	

#### THOSE WHO SERVE **SUNDAY, 10:30 AM** Mar 9 **Mar 16 Mar 23** Mar 30 Opening Prayer A. Shields L. Turney B. Turney C. Francisco Song Leader R. Harris R. Harris R. Harris R. Harris Communion Talk & Prayer K. Dodds J. DeJarnett D. Pierce Levi T. Contribution Prayer, P. Dodds P. Dodds P. Dodds P. Dodds Collection & Count E. Newberry E. Newberry E. Newberry N. Bradbury D. Clark Greeters D. Carroll J. Muhl C. Bradbury J. Clark Jill DeJarnett Lynette T. Closing Prayer N. Bradbury N. Bradbury N. Bradbury Deacon in Charge K. Dodds K. Dodds K. Dodds K. Dodds **ATTENDANCE** SUNDAY—March 2 Bible Class......72 Contribution.....\$2,677 WEDNESDAY—March 5 Auditorium—21 Teens—6

<b>ELDERS</b>		SCHEDULE OF SERVICE
Rex Harris		Sunday
Tom Norris		Bible Classes9:30 a.m.
Nathan Bradbury	7	Worship10:30 a.m.
DEACONS		Wednesday
Kevin Dodds	Aaron Hines	Bible Class7:00 p.m.
Leroy Lewis	David Pierce	Bible Class7:00 p.m
Wade Pierce		1
MINISTER		
Wes LeFlore		

Total—46

Bible Hour—19



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# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

March 9, 2025

Call to Worship

Song "How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place"

Song #6 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer

Song #318 "O Sacred Head"

**Communion Prayers** 

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Song #646 "Onward Christians Soldiers"

Lesson

Song 935 "Sinners Jesus Will Receive"

Prayer

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 study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.