

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2023** 

# A Word From the Pastor

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." – Romans 5:8

Romans 5:8 clearly communicates the Gospel  $\rightarrow$  It is driven by God's love for us and not conditional on anything we do or become, but totally dependent on Him. The Gospel, as seen in God's love, is the truth that can save us when we receive it and that can guide and sustain us when we obey it. God's love drives our mission  $\rightarrow$  *Intentionally engaging the world with the love of Christ.* It guides our actions and decisions; it is why we exist. May we consistently work out of that mindset.

Engaging the world takes intentional action, and I appreciate what we are doing in that regard. On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, a group of our folks were intentionally out cleaning up in areas of our neighborhood to show our love for the place we live. Throughout January a large group of our folks showed up several Saturdays to demolish the inside of our old sanctuary/fellowship hall so that it can be remodeled and updated for effective ministry to our church and community. Every Sunday and Wednesday we see the intentional actions of teachers and leaders arriving to minister to preschool, children, students, and adults because of their love for Christ. Engaging a world with the Gospel does not happen by hope, it happens by intentional action. What do you need to do to be intentional in your walk with Christ and engage the world on His behalf?

We continue forward with several initiatives: The old sanctuary/fellowship hall remodel, a capital campaign to raise funds to support various endeavors, a February 8<sup>th</sup> vote on partnering with *Ella Rose Child Care Services, LLC* to provide a Monday through Friday Day Care at our facility, and then the day-day and week-week consistent ministries we have. As we move forward, please remember that prayer and unity need to buttress all we do, so please pray for what God is doing and be part of what He is doing.

In Christ, Pastor Albert

#### A Capital Campaign to continue our journey of ministry to future generations



**Purpose:** Raise capital funds to pay off existing sanctuary mortgage (\$135,000) and enable facility upgrades

**Goal:** \$300,000

The Capital Campaign Team will share the process and details as we move into February and the months to follow

### Worship With Us

#### Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Team Rehearsal 9:00 am

> Community Groups 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Embers Ministry 5:00 pm

#### Wednesday Services

All Ministries Begin at 6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study

**Embers Bible Study** 

Youth Bible Study 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Children's Ministry Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Preschool Ministry Birth through Pre-K

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**Engage Team Meeting** Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm

**Deacon's Meeting** Thursday, February 9, 6:30 pm

Neighborhood Prayer Walk Saturday, February 11



WOW Memory Verse (Psalm 9:14) Tee Shirt Winners: Gracie | Happy Birthday to: Leonardo (Feb 25)



SUNDAY Kidz Church - 11:00 am Wonder Women of the Bible

Hannah, Prayer Warrior Mary, Favored One Deborah, Warrior Leader No Kidz Ćhurch - Sit with parents or another adult

W.O.W. - 6:30pm (Worship on Wednesday) Out in the Wild - Arctic Chill

- 2/1: 2/8: I Can Keep My Word
- I Can Ask for Forgiveness
- When I Am Wrong
- 2/15: My Words Can Forgive
- My Words Can Honor God 2/22:



March Preview:

Kidz Church: Finishing up our Wonder Women of the Bible Series.

W.O.W.: Beginning a new series called Kid Flix 3. We're having a backyard movie party where we'll be singing songs, playing games and watching clips from five of our favorite flix! Each week we'll learn a new lesson about being good friends from these movies and different Bible stories. "Afriend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17 (NIrV)

Parents: Thank you for the opportunity to teach your amazing kiddos from God's Word. It is an honor and a privilege that we, in the Children's Department, do not take lightly.

## Josh's World

Happy February, everyone! Super Bowls, Valentines, and Dessert Auctions abound! February is also the month of Esther's birthday. It's right next to Valentine's Day. This makes getting flowers for her on her special day almost impossible. If she wanted flowers for her birthday, she should have thought about that before being born right near Valentine's Day. Do you have loved ones who have birthdays on or near major holidays? Do you utilize the two-for-one strategy (the "two-fer")? What do you do?

Super Bowl Shenanigans. For those of you who love not watching the big game alone, the youth will have a watch party in the youth room on Sunday, February 12. Bring \$5 to help offset the cost of food. Bring your mom, bring your dad. We will cheer, hate on the Jags not being there, and make fun of commercials and halftime performances. Hope to see you there.

Dessert Auction. Our annual youth dessert auction takes place on Sunday, February 26. The set up is simple. Make a delicious dessert to donate. Show up and bring money. Spend money on the smorgasbord of sweets we will have available. All the proceeds go to our youth department in getting to our summer event (and back). This event is a fun one to experience. It's energetic. It's happy. It's sometimes bonkers. You do not want to miss this.

It's always a pleasure serving you. Take care and have a wonderful February.

In Him, Josh Slocum Micah 6:8



#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 6:00 PM



All proceeds benefit the Youth Summer Camp Fund.

Arlington Community Services

Canned meats Tuna in pouches Canned pasta Canned fruit Pork & beans

Peanut butter crackers

Dry potatoes

Saltine crackers

Ritz crackers

Snacks

Peanut butter

Small toiletries

Clean white t-shirts

Gently used Bibles