

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of your generous donations, we were able to provide over 70 new blankets for Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach to help keep people warm this winter!

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th, at 10 AM. If you are unable to make it to the service, but would like to receive ashes, please contact the church office to arrange a time to meet with the pastor.

LENTEN PRAYER

Once again this year, we will offer a time of prayer on Fridays during Lent at 9:00 in the Sanctuary. We will have a short word of encouragement and/or scripture about prayer, spend time privately in prayer, and then give the opportunity to share prayer concerns. A group time of prayer will follow, with participation by anyone desiring to pray. The total prayer time is usually around 45 minutes.

The Lenten Prayer group will meet on Fridays at 9:00, beginning on February 16th and ending on March 15th.

From the Pastor



The photograph above was taken this week in our Fellowship Hall. These are the blankets you donated for Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach to help people in need. We collect so many different things throughout the year- Thanksgiving food items, Angel tree gifts, Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes, that I call this corner of the Fellowship Hall "collection corner."

Yes, it often looks untidy in this corner, but there is beauty amidst the untidiness. For we are being the church, putting into practice the words of the book of James:

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-17, ESV)

Responding to those in need with visible acts of kindness displays true, active faith in Jesus. The One who gave himself for our sakes, gives us the grace to give to others!

keep collecting and giving away,

Kevin

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**"Letters of Love and Friendship"
Soup & Salad Potluck Luncheon/
Fellowship
Tuesday, February 27th
11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall**

All ladies are invited to bring a potluck dish and join us as we celebrate the blessings of love and friendship. Beverages and bread will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to RSVP and to select what you'd like to bring.

COFFEE FOR VETERANS

Meets Thursday, February 8th at
10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
All veterans are welcome!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Our Children Need You! The Chapel's Sunday school ministry is in need of volunteers to facilitate a preplanned lesson each week. If you are interested in engaging in this rewarding ministry by volunteering for an upcoming Sunday school date, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or contact Laura Cruz at 828-980-5662 or laura-kathryne2003@gmail.com for more information.

FEBRUARY 2024



Upcoming Events

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, February 10th
9 AM, Fellowship Hall

All men are invited! Sign up in the Fellowship or call the church office to attend.

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14th, 10 AM

Lenten Bible Study and Lunch
Wednesdays, 10 AM
Fellowship Hall
February 21 – March 20
Come join us as we study
the Old Testament book of Jonah
followed by a light lunch each Wednesday