

**"I will be your God throughout your lifetime — until your hair is white with age," Isaiah 46:4**

That verse truly states God promises to stay with us from birth until our final days, and the promise He will carry us along and save us – "You are never alone, even when you feel weary or anxious".

We are looking forward to our first luncheon of the year on March 16th, at 1100am. We are moving back into Kenny's classroom in the Family Life Center for this event, so praying for a special time of fellowship and good food. We will ask everyone to bring their favorite dish and the meat will be furnished. Here is reminder of our schedule:

Senior Adult Luncheon Schedule – 2023

March 16th – (June 15th-September 14th-December 7th (Christmas Party)

Remember that change is a regular part of life even for senior adults, be it in personal physical health, a loved one's health or in friendships. Pray they find comfort in friends and family, but also in the strength and peace of the Lord. Pray this: "Pray seniors and all of God's followers, have the peace they need to handle change."

Hope to see you all at our luncheon – God Bless  
~Donna and Ron

*Senior Adult Ministry*

## March Reminders

03-04 Men of the Rock

06 Refresh Women's Ministry @ 6:30pm

12 Men's Breakfast @ 7am

14 Men of Iron @ 6:30pm (at Union Congregational)

16 Senior Adult Lunch @ 11am

21-23 Youth Camp-Out

26 Business Meeting @ 5pm

28 Men's Rally @ 6:30pm



# March Newsletter

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### Sunday Schedule

8am Men's Prayer  
8:45am Sunday School  
10am Worship  
5pm Men/Women's  
Bible Studies

### Wednesday Schedule

5:45pm Dinner  
6pm Bible Studies

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## More On The Way!

Have you ever considered how much noise there is in the world? I often struggle to sift through all the noise in a room; I get tense, nervous, and in every way overwhelmed in a room of noisy busyness. Sounds strange, right? A person who enjoys gathering with the church, going to conferences, and all sorts of things like that gets nervous and anxious in crowds, to the point of what I call “shorting out.” I’ve come to realize that it is not the size of the group, as it were, but rather it is the focus of that assembly. If all are gathered with one focus, I do fine; when a host of pin-balls (different conversations, kids, etc.) fly around the room in the chaos, my tension flares. I think it is because I attempt to process it all at once and struggle to focus on one thing for the distraction of the many. Oh, look, a squirrel. Can anyone else relate?

As I think about that, it brings me back to the thought of this article. How much noise do you try to filter through to find answers to your questions? It is most productive when I can find one source that offers most of my needs. Primarily, of course, it is the word of God (I felt obliged to include that since many of you know that I am a pastor, so God’s word is the rule); second is a few trusted sources that I have studied along with for years and have settled that we are like-minded. These men have become lighthouses for me every season, from the mountaintop to the valley below. They have been challenged and endured. Do you have such resources? Would you like to have it?

Your Pastor has the heart to provide that, but I feel Sunday mornings are not enough; Wednesday evenings certainly help, but attendance seems challenging. So, other means may be needed. Many of you are familiar with the term “podcast,” for those who aren’t, it is a digital platform you can watch or listen to. I am in the process, along with Randy Bush and Haze Hyche, of putting together this type of resource for you to access at your convenience. As many know, Randy has been a massive part of my spiritual development. We have numerous conversations that have real value that any believer would benefit from hearing, and that is the heart behind the upcoming product. We intend to address biblical questions, Christ-like worldview, and just ordinary conversation to aid the body of Christ. Sure, there are many offerings, but finding the one you can relate to may be more of a challenge than climbing Everest. Interested? Please let me know your thoughts. I have the info if you want to help launch our podcast. *Matt Nixon*

**“Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” Psalms 51:14-17**

As we say goodbye to February and look forward to Spring time the weather here has been a bit warmer. New growth is right around the corner, and we all look forward to it.

As I think about this today, I can't help but think about the young ones who have just stepped from death to life in Christ. Their new life is just beginning, and we need to all have a hand in guiding them. All too often we look at the celebration of new life as an arrival point instead of the beginning of a journey. It requires a different direction than they are used to. It requires disciplines and focus that are new to them. And that takes the whole church to teach. They need to see this new life lived out as examples before them.

As we continue to hear about revival in the coming days I wonder if March will be the month for it to affect us. Not a planned one, but one that just happens. One that is born out of a hunger for God's Word. One that is born out of a desire to worship every moment we have. One that is born out of a need to repent and stand before a righteous and holy God with a broken and contrite heart.

Will March be the month that our Sunday School classes, our Men's rallies, our Women's Refresh, and Bible studies are filled to capacity with a desire to be in God's presence and in His word as often as we can? Will March be the month we spread the gospel like wildfire?

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family! God Bless. **Steve Spivey Youth Ministry**

The Bible encourages us to be patient, and faithful to our only God. Here are a few examples of the Word:

**“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!” Psalm 27:14**

**“It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:26**

**“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.” 1 Thessalonians 1:10**

Over 100 verses in Scriptures encourage us to “wait for the Lord” BUT... I have this tee shirt (below) that should make you think. While God may urge us to have patience, and to wait for His time His plan for us, we must guard against the “Do It Tomorrows” mind set when it involves having a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. So as you go through March 2023 remember there is no guarantee for tomorrow, get to know Jesus today and accept him and the Lord and Savior He is. He will bless you in many ways!

Remember if there is anything the deacon body can do for you or your family please don't hesitate to contact any of us. We pray for you all the time and hope that you have a great and blessed month. God Bless and keep 1 Chronicles 16:11 in your heart and mind.

**“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!” 1 Chronicles 16:11**

**Ron Stoner**



**Deacon's Ministry**