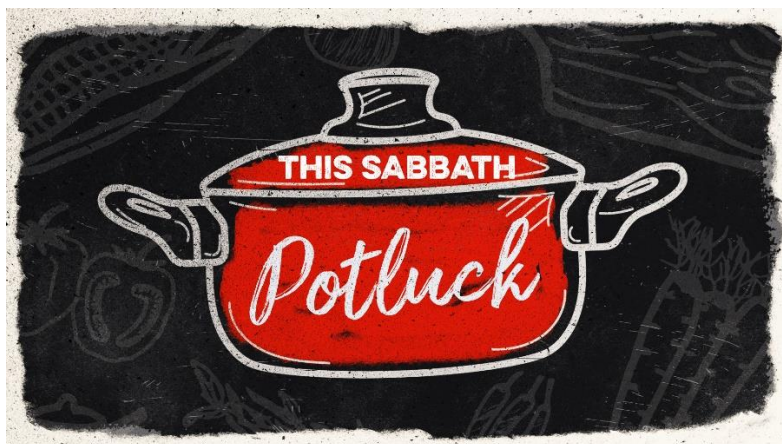


I hope we've made it through the worst of the cold weather now! And as it gets above freezing today, I pray none of you discover burst pipes!

Here's what you can look forward to:

### THIS SABBATH

- **JEFFERSON ACADEMY** will be blessing us with a musical program for church that includes a vocal choir, a handbell choir, and a brass band. We were so impressed with their skill and passion last year; they can really put out the volume, too! So, if you have sensitive hearing, you may not want to sit directly in front of the bells. 😊
- The **OFFERING EMPHASIS** is for the Local Church Budget. Did you notice the YTD financial numbers in the bulletin last week? It's so exciting to see how faithful our members have been in supporting the ministries and needs of this church!
- It's time for **POTLUCK** and we will have at least 25 guests to feed. So please plan to bring a little extra food for those hungry teenagers. The Seeker Sabbath School Class will be hosting.



- **CHOIR REHEARSAL** will follow potluck (about 2pm if you're not staying for potluck), and all who love to sing are invited to join us as we begin preparing for Easter. Talk to Rick Beaulieu, our director, if you have any questions.



## WOMEN'S WINTER EVENT

Our next Women's Event is just a few weeks away, February 3rd at 3:30. This is geared for women of all ages and stages of life, including moms who have kids meeting in Adventurers at the same time. Rest assured that the dads/pastors will cover for you so you can have a chance to connect with your church sisters. If you've never attended one of these events, consider this a personal invitation! Even if you're more on the introvert side, I think you'll receive a blessing!



## SECRET SISTERS

Have you ever participated in Secret Sisters? I have, and it's a great way to connect with another "sister" in our church that you might not otherwise get to know. Here's what it involves:

- Each participant fills out a Personal Profile Sheet at the Women's Winter Event on February 3. Participants should be college age and above and part of our Burleson Church family.
- You will be given a random profile of your new secret sister.
- From February through May you will be her silent prayer partner and secret encourager. Personal notes, cards, and small gifts are a nice way to let her know you are lifting her up.

If you can't make it to the Women's Event on Feb 3, just contact Auri Powell at [auri1517@gmail.com](mailto:auri1517@gmail.com) and she'll get a profile sheet to you. The deadline to sign up is Feb 10.



## CHRUCH BUSINESS MEETING

It is our custom to be transparent and informative with our members when it comes to finances and other church business. That being said, we will have a short Church Business Meeting on February 10 (beginning with vespers at 6pm) to present and approve the Church Budget for 2024, receive a report from BAS, and any other business the Church Board has to share.



## VALENTINE SOCIAL

Immediately following the Business Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Valentine Social in the Fellowship Hall. I'm not privy to the details yet but will share them as I know more. In the meantime, save the date in your calendar!

Okay, now you're up to date.

As you go through your week, let the truth of James 1:17 (so eloquently unpacked in this week's GraceNotes) cause you to praise God for His steadfast love.

Blessings, ~ Liz ~

# Grace is the face God turns toward us.



GraceNotes

The finest things that we can say are sometimes framed as negatives. Here's one: "Love never gives up, never loses faith" (1 Cor 13:8).

That's why we celebrate what the Bible so often calls God's "steadfast love"—His unchanging, unyielding, untiring affection for every human being.

He doesn't warm to us when we are nice on sunny Tuesdays—or grow remote and cold when we stay home from church. He doesn't offer, like some parents, affection earned by good behavior. He doesn't icily withdraw into the vastness of His universe when we play gossip, doubter, thief, or prodigal.

He pledges His good will toward us with an unshakeable tenacity we can't begin to grasp, never mind reciprocate. In Him, "there is never the slightest variation or shadow of inconsistency" (James 1:17).

"As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12).

Grace is the face God turns toward us when in our shame we cannot bear to look at Him. And still He urges, "Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth" (Isa 45:22).

Look now, and be amazed. You'll never be the same.

Then stay in grace.

—Bill Knott



## FUNNIES

Me yelling "REPRESENTATIVE!!!"  
to the automated customer service



@thebestcleanmemes

Me trying to monitor the thing I  
"left in God's hands"



GodOverMe.com

hey, it's me again just  
checking up on the status

"Being a Christian is boring."

Lamb of God: Hang on Brenda

@thebestchristianmemes

