

Mid Week Letter 1-31-24

Happy “first spring” y’all! Isn’t this weather lovely! But of course, we’re bound to some more winter weather...probably just when the trees have been tricked into budding/blooming!

Here’s what’s coming up at church:

**THIS SABBATH:**

- Breakfast With the Family – Join us for breakfast (on us) from 9:15-10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Our student pastor, Alan Diaz, will be bringing us the Message of Hope titled, “Excuse Me, Where Can I Find Him?”
- The offering emphasis is for the Local Church Budget
- Choir rehearsal is at 2:00 in the sanctuary. It’s not too late to join!

**HELP NEEDED:**

We will be voting in our new Sabbath School Secretary, Kysha Lucas, this Sabbath, and she is looking for some assistants to help with duties on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> Sabbaths. I believe that duties include distributing the Sabbath School materials and distributing/collecting the Sabbath School offering envelopes. If you are willing to help with this, please see Kysha at church, reply to this email, or contact the church office. Thank you.

**DO IT TOGETHER:**

And speaking of Sabbath School... Are you a Sabbath School leader/teacher looking to take your teaching skills to the next level? Look no further! The NAD is hosting a VIRTUAL “Do It Together” Sabbath School Conference on February 2-3. This event aims to bring Sabbath School leaders together for in-service, getting the most up-to-date teaching techniques to re-energize classrooms and connect students and teachers. Registration is open (and free) [HERE](https://www.oneteamplaybook.org). Can’t make it on the day? Register to receive a link to watch the seminar recordings after the event. The opening session is Friday evening at 7:00 and sessions resume Sabbath afternoon at 4:30.



## WOMEN'S WINTER EVENT / SECRET SISTERS:

By now you are well aware that our Women's Ministry Winter Event is THIS SABBATH at 3:30pm. We're going to have a great time together and also get signed up for Secret Sisters at this event. If you can't make it this Sabbath, 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.



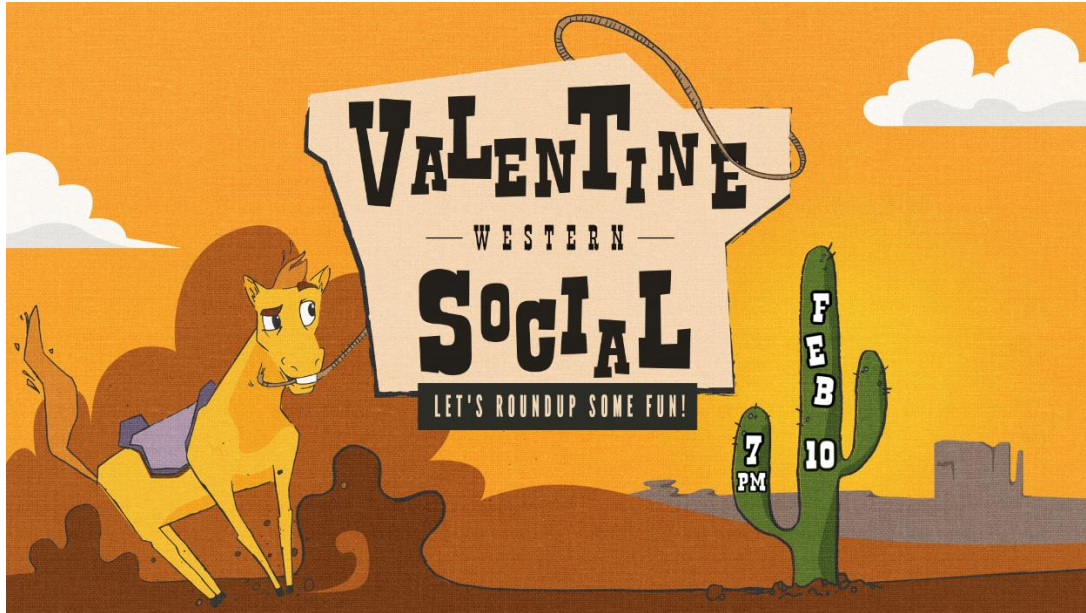
## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

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.



## ROUNDIN' UP SOME FUN!

Immediately following the Business Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Valentine Social in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a western theme with plenty of good grub (provided by the Pathfinder Club), games, and a heap of fun! Come in your best western "git up" if you got it! And if you have any western/rustic barn décor we could use to decorate, please let Michelle Lizardi or myself know.



## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:

2024 is an election year and the Texas primary election is Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Early voting starts February 20<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register is February 5<sup>th</sup>. If you're not sure if you are registered or need help getting registered, text or call Ken Fritz (who is certified to help with this) at 817-558-1420. Ken can also answer questions about voting times and polling places.





And that's it for now. Have a blessed week, friends, as you continue to wear His yoke, (which fits perfectly), learn from Him, and find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28-30) ~ Liz ~



When all our boasts are at an end; when no one's left we might impress; when all our tales of make believe have not made anyone believe—we stare into the mirror that reveals our brokenness and pain.

Hard as it is, this is the moment richer life begins. Reduced by circumstance and time to being honest with ourselves, we reach for help we cannot give ourselves. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa 53:6).

We fear such honesty will leave us lonely, loveless, miserable. But God sees in our honesty the genesis of life renewed. "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool" Isa 1:18).

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). The honesty that seemed to seal our doom is actually the doorway to restored and joyful life.

Grace changes our reality, not only our self-image. Made right with God through Jesus Christ, we grow into the kinder, wiser, honest souls whom we were always meant to be.

The mirror doesn't lie. And neither does the Lord.

So stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:



Pre internet chat room using an old version of windows...



Controlling my tongue is no problem,  
it's my face that needs deliverance

