



A Word from Our Pastor:

Late Winter Greetings in Jesus Name!

Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? I don't know but I am ready for a break in the cold. We have actually been blessed compared to so many parts of the nation that have experienced record cold temperatures and snow fall. The cold and snow did cost us three services so far in February. We had major plumbing issues due to the week of sub zero temperatures. I would like to say thank you to all of you who helped troubleshoot and repair the broken pipes. Through your help things are actually in better shape than they were before everything froze and broke apart.

I am so thankful for all of those who are being baptized in the Lovely Name of Jesus Christ. This is the way church is supposed to be. There should always be those who are being added into the body of Christ. *The Bible says we are buried with Him through Baptism.* I am so thankful for the Blood of Jesus that was shed for our sins, and can be applied through water baptism. We had to cancel some of the Care Group Meetings in February, hopefully we can get back on track this month. This Tuesday March 3rd Elder Hubert and Becky Fowler will be hosting Care Groups at the church at 7:00 p.m.. Come out and get acquainted with your fellow church members and have some wholesome fellowship and take part in a lively conversation.



Don't forget the Choir will have rehearsals on the first and third Tuesday of every month. For March our Missions service is being moved from the first to the second Wednesday due to Bro. Joe Pauley's schedule. There are many ministry opportunities available, if you would like to be greater involved please see Sis. Vonda or myself. Anyone who would like to have a personal Bible Study with myself and all of our ministers please see me. We would be happy to arrange a time to meet with you and help you with your journey into God's Word. I would like to remind everyone Andrew & Heather Fowler are our Prayer Coordinators. The number is 304-389-8572. If you have an urgent prayer request call and speak with them or leave a message, and they will activate our prayer network to focus prayer on the particular need. If you or a loved one desires someone to come visit or pray with you please call me, or any of our Care Pastors and we will be happy to come and pray with you.

The changes you have noticed in the lobby are taking place to install a wheelchair ramp from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall.

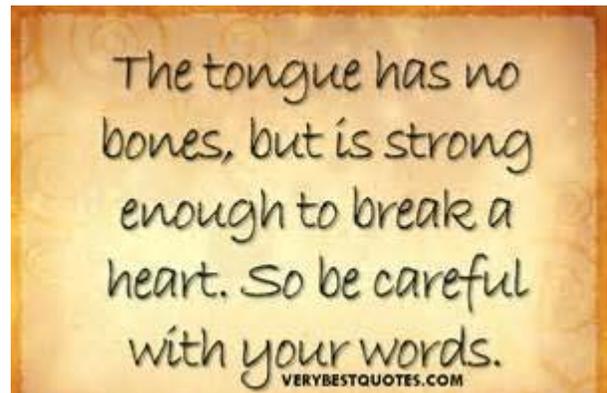
Please forgive the dust and mess while this project takes place. When we are finished you will be able to get from the parking lot in the back all the way to the church kitchen without having to navigate any stairs. This will help all of us to be able to use all of the building.

To every volunteer, thank you for your service to the Kingdom of God. Through your prayers and financial support our church family is able to reach around the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was amused the Sunday Evening we didn't have food after church at the comments I heard from some, as to what were they going to do? Thank you saints for continuing to volunteer, serve, cook, clean and literally FEED GOD'S SHEEP. You are amazing!!!!!! It is your prayers and fasting and love for God and one another that has intensified the atmosphere with conviction. Continue to be faithful and loving, preferring one another. I do believe the Lord could call His church home at any moment. Let's make our calling and Election Sure!

Pastor Chris Sowards

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Just because a person smiles all the time, doesn't mean their life is perfect. That smile is a symbol of hope and strength.



HAVE YOU PRAYED ABOUT IT AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT?



The Bread of life

Monthly Devotional

Remember Whose You Are

[John 1:12 \(NLT\)](#)

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."

Have you ever played the "wonder game" like I do? I wonder who I am and if I am forgivable. Am I lovable or beyond repair? Will I ever be over my past? Am I a good enough person, wife, sister, daughter, or friend? Will I ever measure up in any area of my life? Does my life count for anything beyond responsibilities and obligations?

Who am I *really*? Why is it so difficult for me to talk to people? Does anyone really know me and if they did would they even like me? Why is it I can see myself doing so many things with my life but I feel like I am trapped? Why does my *Self* hold me back? I wonder on a daily basis if any of these questions and more I ask myself are true.

John 1:12 is a reminder these whispers inside my head are from the enemy and are all lies. We are each *royal heirs to God's kingdom*, but sometimes life gets in the way of the truth.

Whether we are the sinner or the victim of a sinner, shame can shape the way we see ourselves. Then it becomes easy for the enemy's deceptive schemes to create a web of lies into our hearts and minds. Gradually, we lose sight of who we are in Christ, which is exactly what the devil wants us to do.

Let today be the first day you see yourself in a new light. Be proud of who you see in the mirror, not because of what you are but because of **Whose** you are.

Questions to ask yourself:

Do I ask myself any of the above or similar questions? Do I doubt how much God loves me and what I am worth? If I believed in all of God's truths how would it change my life?

Sis. Cassandra Jackson

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SWAT

Spiritual Weapons & Tactics

Greetings Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who bought and helped the youth sell peanut butter hearts in February. We had a great time serving at the Valentine's Day Banquet. One thing is for sure about the youth, they always have a good time. It doesn't matter if they are working or playing they make the most of the time they have together. This month they will be selling RADA knives. This is a great fundraiser to support upcoming youth events.

As a church body you are leaving an amazing impression on our young people. We have children who will never forget you were their favorite Sunday School teacher or it was through your praying with them they received the Holy Ghost. You are the one person they know they can always come to for prayer and advice. They feel important when you remember their name, send a smile their way or give them a special treat. You are making a huge, lasting impression on the children at our church, but you can also make impressions at home, school, work or wherever your life takes you.

Along with your fingerprints, know that you are leaving behind impressions to those who are coming up behind you. Pass on the love of God you have received from others. People will never forget it. Matthew 5:16 "Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Love,
Bro. Dave and Sis. Crystal Dean



MISSIONS

KENYA

Pastor Nyakundi in February at the Marongo Open Door Church where the leadership was ordained with the presence of God.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2015

Care Pastor March Schedules

March 3rd- Hubert & Becky Fowler
March 10th- Ted & Susan Sizemore

Choir Rehearsal

March 3rd & March 17th- 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Swat Events for March and April

March 6th-Winter Youth Conference at Spreading Truth Ministries
(Leaving church at 6 p.m.)
March 21st-Hiking at New River Gorge
(Leaving church at 9:30 a.m.)
March 28th-Habitat for Humanity Help Build a Home
(Leaving church at 7:30 a.m.)
April 11th-Make it Shine Statewide Cleanup @ 11 a.m.
April 18th- Kickball at Coonskin Park

Missions Service

Missions Wednesday Night Service will be March 11th
(2nd Wednesday instead of the 1st Wednesday of the month)

Service Times:

Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church @ 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship @ 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Wednesday Worship @ 7:30 p.m.

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