

LCC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014

Lindsay Christian Church

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW for FEBRUARY:

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Polly Hembree

FEBUARY DONUTS: Church Board

GOLDEN ACHIEVERS: Thursday, February 6th at 12:00 noon in Memory Hall

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, February 9th at 8:30 A.M. at Church

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: Sunday, February 16th after morning Worship

The GOLDEN ACHIEVERS will meet Thursday, February 6th in Memory Hall at 12:00 noon for Pot-luck and Fellowship. Our January meeting was held at China's Restaurant with 13 seniors present. We enjoyed the fellowship and acknowledged the birthday of Ed Sizemore and the anniversary of Curtis and Hazel.

We are saddened to report the sudden death of one of our members, Jack Owen on January 19th. Jack was with us at China's on January 2nd. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife Janice of Visalia.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! We have had several members that have had the very hard flu this year! Mary Ann Hensley is making progress following her back surgery, but still needs prayers and support. Walter South is some better after a heart procedure and was able to attend church last week! Sam and Doris Hurtado both need prayers for health. Continue to pray for a kidney for Sam. Brenda Anderson and members of her family are in need of God's healing. There are many other prayer needs for health and spiritual healing. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

BAPTISM: Praise God for the life and commitment made by Victoria Lane! She was baptized into Christ on January 19th. Get to know Victoria's children: Violette, Curina, and baby Jace. Her address is: 328 S. Harvard, Bld. 5, #71, Lindsay. Vickie's birthday is February 15th. Welcome to the family of God Victoria!

THANK YOU: The Hensley's thank everyone who generously provided prayers and meals during Mary Ann's recuperation. They have been much appreciated. God Bless each of you! -- Mary Ann and Don.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Zach Atkison placed 2nd in the school Spelling Bee after 22 rounds and will be competing in Visalia on February 26th! Josiah Atkison passed his written drivers test December 31st and will start driving school January 28th, then he can drive! Wow! Another of our teens on the road! We see in the Porterville Recorder newspaper that the Demerath's are busy with wrestling. Arthur (AJ) went 2-2 at 106 for Monache, losing to wrestlers ranked No. 11 and No. 18 in the state on January 18th. Art Demerath is the coach for Monache and Zachary, who is a freshman, is also competing.

Lindsay's Orange Blossom Parade is Saturday, April 12th this year. (Easter Sunday is April 20th). If a group or someone from the church would like to have a float, car, or individual in the parade, Email forms or inquiries to: obfparade@gmail.com

NEW PHONE NUMBERS: Art and Polly Hembree no longer have a house phone. Polly's cell phone is: 280 0041, and Art's cell phone is: 310 4790. Please change your directory.

RECEPTION LUNCHEON: As an outreach to our community and in Christian love, our church will be hosting the Memorial and meal for former Lindsay City Manager, Bill Drennen. The Memorial will be held Saturday, February 15 at 11:00 A.M. at Lindsay Christian Church. Pastor Paul, along with

many others in our congregation, have been long time friends to Bill and his wife Lynn. Bill has been fighting health problems the last few years. Our condolences go out to Lynn.

FEBRUARY MISSION REPORT:

Submitted by Marilyn Snyder

API – Pray for those facing difficult situations in Indonesia. On Sumatra many people are being affected by an active volcano in the north. Pray that the Christians in that area will demonstrate a confidence in God and not return to traditional religious practices. Pray that they will be a witness to unbelievers. On Sulawesi, pray for the flooding that is affecting people near Manado. Smart Point continues to grow. The team expects to open two new community centers in the next few months. They are also planning for the annual training week that will take place in early spring.

PEARL continues to educate women in southeast Asia about human trafficking. The leadership team is working to prevent women from being exploited. Often this happens when the women are promised good jobs in other countries and then end up trapped in difficult situations.

YOSTS – Christmas was a challenging time in Papua. One of the young men who has worked in some of the Yosts' outreach activities was mistakenly killed by local police. The walk to the funeral became violent, but Jim and Joan were able to prevent more violence. Pray that the youth outreaches will not be limited by the tragedy. Thank God for the young people who are following Jesus.

Birthdays

Feb. 1st - Katrina Roberts, Michelle Farias,

Feb 2nd - James Johnson, Wendy Atkison

Feb 5th - Mike Domres

Feb. 6th - Bob Opp

Feb. 11th - Walther South

Feb. 15th - Ted Owens

Feb 26th - Curtis McQueen

Serving in February

COMMUNION

2/2 Sam Hurtado

2/9 Bill Dragt

2/16 Mike Domres

2/23 James Johnson

OFFERING

Bill Dragt

Mike Domres

James Johnson

Paul Leavens

News from Pastor Paul

Luana writes:

Wow! I love my church family. So I found this sweet puppy on my way to church. My sweet husband allowed me to bring her to Sunday school and distract his class. Wayne Bradford rushed to the store and bought puppy chow, Audrey Bradford took her to children's church during the sermon, Polly and Art Hembree babysat the puppy while we had lunch at McDonald's, and our friend James adopted her and gave her a loving home . Hope I didn't miss anyone. What a ton of love was shown today. God Bless our little church family.

Our Church newsletter went out in January in E-Mail. Debbie, Paul, Hazel, and Brenda got it done. Team work at its best!

Victoria Lane – Baptized January 18, 2014. What a great day. Many of her family and friends came.

Jennifer Landers is going to Nicaragua in late February on a mission trip.

Bill Drennen's service will be Saturday, February 15th at 11:00a.m.

Pray for Gene and Katrina Roberts. While they gone over the weekend, their house was broken into. They even took their truck and car, plus a lot other things. The truck and car have been returned.

Dear Friends,

In Jesus' time, Roman law permitted weary foot soldiers to draft any resident of the land to carry the soldier's pack for one mile. The law existed to prevent Caesar's legions from abusing the common people; citizens could be forced to shoulder the equipment for only one mile.

Jesus used this legal limit to illustrate how the Christian spirit differs from the popular cultural attitude, "do as little as you can get away with." Jesus put it like this: "•• and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles" (Matthew 5:41). A person could be required to tote the gear one mile, but could volunteer to carry it a second mile.

Jesus' statement has become part of the terminology of Christian giving today. "Second-mile giving" is the offering we give beyond those that meet minimum responsibilities.

In this regard, I am concerned about a trend I have noticed in our giving patterns. We have generously supported the special projects and voluntary mission funds, but have not kept up our support of the regular operating budget of the church. In other words, we've jumped over the first mile to go the second, which is not exactly what Jesus urged.

Let's be absolutely clear about this. There is no suggestion that we stop supporting the special funds. But as Christians, our goal ought to be to go both miles. We really demonstrate the Christian commitment when we make sure the first mile is taken care of, before we joyously undertake the second!

To help us catch up on the first mile of our budget, please consider placing an extra gift in the offering and including it along with your regular offering this month.

Thank you sincerely,
Pastor Paul Leavens



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