

THE LINK

BE DEVOTED
to one another
IN LOVE.

ROMANS 12:10

FEBRUARY 2023

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Thank You

Dear Prayer Team,

How we thank God for you! We are humbled by your compassionate caring, as you lift others to our creator in times of need. Over the last three months I have felt your prayers, and needed them. God's everlasting Peace and Joy be with each of you.

In Christ's abiding love,

Bill & Mary Edwardson

And now these three remain:

**FAITH, HOPE
AND LOVE.**

*But the greatest of
these is love.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another."

Hebrews 10:24-25

The writer of Hebrews reminds us of the importance of coming together in Christian community, for it is here that believers find encouragement to follow the teachings of Jesus which call us to "acts of love and good works."

We come together in many ways as a congregation. Small home group Bible studies, larger group meetings at the church, ministry teams coming together, children and youth meeting in their groups, and many, many more, are all examples of the importance we place on being together as a church. Further, while we celebrate all these opportunities, we believe that the Sunday morning gathering for Worship is the most important of all, for it is here that we focus our time and energies on giving praise to the God who loves us and calls us into fellowship in order to love one another.

In order to provide diversity in our styles of Worship, we as a church offer two services on Sunday mornings. The 9:00am Worship Service has a contemporary style with the music normally led by a Song Team, while the 11:00am Worship Service has a more traditional style featuring our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. While this offers options for those who worship with us, it does divide us as a family of believers on Sunday morning. It is not unusual to hear someone say something like, "I don't know most of the people who attend the other service." With this reality in mind, we will be trying something new as a congregation for the next several months, a new way of worshipping where ALL of us can come together at the same time on a Sunday morning.

The new Combined Worship Service will meet at 10:00am on the first Sunday of the month beginning in February and going through May. Thus, on February 5, March 5, April 2, and May 7, we will have one service rather than our regular two services. Combining worshippers from the two services, our worship style will be a blend of those services.

Many of you attended the recent January 1 service. Being New Year's Day, we decided to have one service only. Since I was out of town that Sunday, I had asked Kate Nowlin, a member of our church, to share with the congregation how the grace of God had been at work in her life. Following my return from vacation, I received quite a few comments, all positive, about the service, and requests that we do something similar more often in order to bring all of us together on Sunday mornings. The result is this new monthly Combined Service.

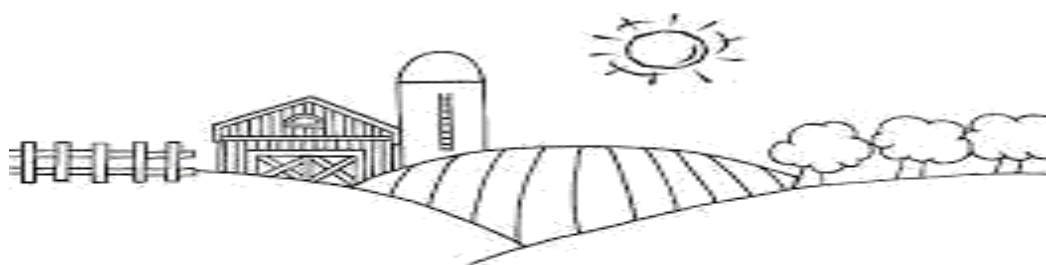
May the Lord continue to bless the worship of our church so that as we gather together, regardless of the time or the style, God will be praised and each one of us will be encouraged to acts of love and good works.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Join Us!

We will have a senior gathering on *February 9th, 11:00 am*, in Fellowship Hall. We will share pie and coffee, and listen to Jack and Andrea Wagner share history of the Wagner family farm.



Fit & Fall Proof

Join us every
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
at 9am
in Fellowship Hall

No Class:
Monday February 13th
Monday February 20th



9:00am Contemporary Service

This worship offers a relaxed way to praise our Lord. Our talented Song Team leads our music. Children's Church is available for kids entering Kindergarten thru 5th grade, with nursery for the younger ones.



11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections and special music offerings. Nursery is available for children 1st grade and younger.



9:00am and 11:00am Livestream

The Worship Services are livestreamed on our website: www.congopres.org, and can be viewed at any time during the following week.



10:00am Combined Service on February 5

We are offering a Combined Worship Service on the first Sunday of February, March, April and May - on these Sundays it will replace the regular 9am and 11am Services. The Service will meet at 10am, combining elements of our 9am and 11am services. Read more about the service in this issue's Pastor's Letter.



Food Bank Sunday

February 19th

This month's needs:

- ♦ Household Cleaner
- ♦ Kleenex
- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Paper Towels
- ♦ Toothbrushes
- ♦ Toothpaste
- ♦ Razors
- ♦ Shaving Cream
- ♦ Feminine Products



These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart. Donations are taken to the Community Action Partnership Food Bank. Thank you!

DIVORCE *Care*®

When: Monday Evenings

Time: 7:30-9pm

Where: The home of John & Loa Vornholt

Go to www.divorcecare.org to register or check out program

The **Women's Association** has been blessed to have Pastor Steve lead us each month in Bible study. We have studied the book of Esther, Hebrews, the Fruit of the Spirit, unnamed women in the Bible and the parables of Jesus to list a few. Come join us on February 13, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall for our meeting and discussion of Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C. S. Lewis. We have been fascinated and educated this year about how C.S. Lewis brings the Word into all of his chronicles. Beth Blake will be giving the devotion and Rona Meske and Susan Mann will be serving refreshments. Our meetings provide refreshment to the spirit as well as the mind.



Coffee Hour



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

The Fellowship committee is looking for coffee hour volunteers to set up before, and serve after each church service. Please look at the volunteer sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for available times to help.

Call Sharon at 509-295-2954 if you have questions about what's involved.

It's a great way to help out your church and meet other church members!

Thank You, Sharon Damon, Fellowship Ministries



CANNED FRUIT
CANNED VEGETABLE
DESSERT MIXES
COFFEE CREAMER
CHOCOLATE POWDER
POWDERED SUGAR
HOT CHOCOLATE PACKETS
BROWN SUGAR
DRY BROTH MIXES
LIQUID BROTH
COOKING OIL
EGG TYPE NOODLES
DRY ONION SOUP MIX
CATSUP
HOT SAUCE
CHIPS
SANDWICH SIZE PLASTIC
BAGS
TOILET PAPER
PAPER TOWELS

SCHOOL IDEAS:

EASY TO PREPARE FOODS

POP TOPS - THAT KIDS CAN GET ON THEIR OWN

TOP RAMEN

CUP 0 NOODLES

MAC AND CHEESE

TUNA FISH

CANNED CHICKEN

INDIVIDUAL FOOD SERVINGS:

FRUIT CUPS

MAC AND CHEESE

NOODLE BOWLS

OATMEAL



Mark your Calendars: February 5th

Join us monthly as we celebrate with cake during Fellowship Hour for a special Happy Birthday Celebration for our Friends and Members! Stop by this month for some cake, coffee & conversation for your special birthday month!

February Birthdays

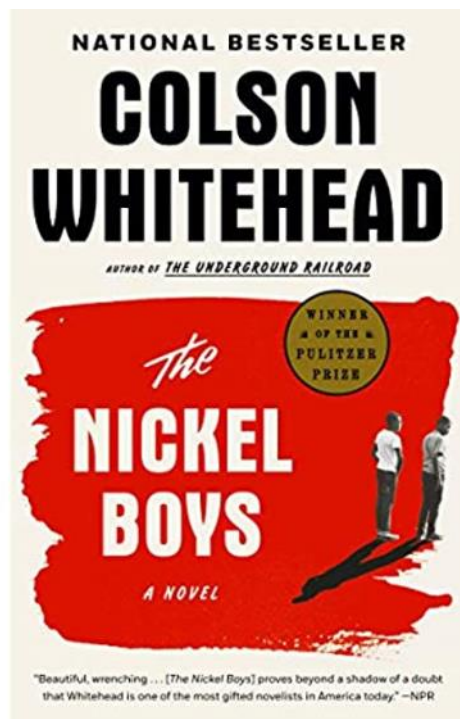
2nd	Liz Rawson
3rd	Kelly Paynter
4th	Marilyn Kidder
5th	Josh Hyndman & Vicki Ryker
7th	Gayle Beck
8th	Dean Jurgens & David Van Buren
9th	Lisa Kaltenbaugh
10th	Jim Campbell
13th	Nancy Poole
14th	Bee Herman & Marilyn Carter
15th	Paul Stewart, Jadon Mader, Shain Dammon & Russell Rudolph
16th	Ashlee Johson
17th	Marcia Barkley, Lori Clarke & Chris Paynter
19th	Rich Goodwin & Kathy Johnson
21st	Jacob Shaw & Max Mills
22nd	Bev Williams & Keesje Mills
23rd	Sydney Jungert & Liz Rudolph
25th	Mark Poe & Tyler Rawson
26th	Gary Gibler, Randy Herman, & Clair Hanson
28th	Nancy Gabby, Kathy McIntosh & Cookie Crane

**I thank my God
every time I
remember you.
In all my prayers for
all of you, I always
pray with joy**

Philippians 1:3-4

February Birthdays

February Picks!



When Elwood Curtis, a black boy growing up in 1960s Tallahassee, is unfairly sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, he finds himself trapped in a grotesque chamber of horrors. Elwood's only salvation is his friendship with fellow "delinquent" Turner, which deepens despite Turner's conviction that Elwood is hopelessly naïve, that the world is crooked, and that the only way to survive is to scheme and avoid trouble. As life at the Academy becomes ever more perilous, the tension between Elwood's ideals and Turner's skepticism leads to a decision whose repercussions will echo down the decades.

Based on the real story of a reform school that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands of children.

CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH
10AM IN THE CHAPEL

THESE BOOKS WERE
RECOMMENDED BY THE
CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB



OTHER GREAT READS

West with Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge



The Longest Ride
by Nicholas Sparks



I am Ireland
by Julianne Koepcke



Destined for You
by Tracie Peterson



New Staff Position

Our church has begun the search for a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. The position description is on our website under "Information." If you know someone for this position, please ask them to contact Pastor Steve at the church.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 22, 6:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

(the service will be live-streamed)

The 40-day season of Lent, which this year begins on February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on April 8 (the day before Easter), is a season of spiritual preparation for the Easter Sunday celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (For those of you who are getting out your calendars and counting the 40 days, Sundays are not included.)

We invite you to attend our Ash Wednesday Worship Service at the church. This is an opportunity to begin the 40 days of Lent with prayer, music, meditation, and the proclamation of God's Word.

(Note: Midweek will not meet on February 22; Child Care is provided during the Service.)



MARCH LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

Articles may be sent via email to annab@congopres.org or brought to the church office. Articles received past the deadline will not be guaranteed submission.

If you would like to Volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please come to the church office on Tuesday, February 21st at 9am.

RECONNECT

Women's Ministry is starting a new group to get ourselves reconnected. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am -12pm. We will be meeting in the basement of the Administration Building. Bring your crafts to work on or just come and visit with the ladies of our church and community.



**BRING A FRIEND AND
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!**



Did you know that childcare is provided at every service at CongoPres? Our nursery is open on Sundays and for all worship services! Loving child care for infants through age four is provided for the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service beginning at 8:50 a.m. Your child is welcome to remain in the nursery until Fellowship Hour ends at 11:00am. Childcare for ages 1st grade and younger is available during the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service.



Hey, Congo-Pres Kids! You're invited to **Children's Church** each Sunday morning! Come to the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and right after the Young Disciples time, all kids who are in **Kindergarten (5 years) through Fifth Grade** are invited upstairs in Pilgrim Hall for Children's Church! Each week has a Bible Lesson and fun activities.

***A note to Parents:** Children's Church concludes at 10:15 a.m. At that time, you may come sign your child(ren) out of Children's Church and take them to the All-Church Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall or allow them to remain upstairs until 10:30 a.m. when our child-care providers will take them to the nursery. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.

In February, we will be talking about Jesus and His Friends. You may read the stories we will be discussing in your book on pages; p.206, 232, 340, and 240 (this is the order of the stories in your book). We encourage you to engage your child in conversation about these exciting lessons. If you need a "Growing in God's Love" book or you would like resources to help you follow along at home, please contact Mollee Dilling at MolleeD@congopres.org.



No Kid's' Club on 2/22 and No Jolt on 2/23 for Winter Break.



Who: Any child in the 1st-3rd grades.
What: Fellowship, games, snacks, and a Bible lesson.
When: Wednesdays from 2:30-5:00 pm. *You may arrive anytime between 2:30 and 3:45 pm. Lessons starts @ 3:45 and Kids' Club ends at 5:00 pm. ***NO Kids' Club 2/22**
Where: South end of the church building. Use outside ramp to enter classroom below the sanctuary.



Who: Anyone in the 4th or 5th grades.
What: Games, snacks, Bible lesson, & having fun!
When: Thursdays from 2:30- 5:00 pm. *You may arrive anytime between 2:30-3:45 pm. Lessons start @ 3:45 and Jolt ends at 5:00 pm.
***NO JOLT 2/23**
Where: Upstairs in Pilgrim Hall...drop off will be in the church parking lot.



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Children's Ministries

Growing in Faith

Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday February 6th at 10am in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.

Men's Bible Study - Pastor Steve leads the Bible study and discussion every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45am - we are currently in the book of First Corinthians. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with men of the church.



The Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly in the chapel at 10am. We are studying the Gospel of Luke and study guides are available for \$5. For more information please contact Gayle Beck.

A new Divorce Care class started January 23rd. If you are interested in the attending Divorce Care class please contact John or Loa Vornholt.

Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study will meet on February 13th and February 27th in the Administration Building Conference room at 6:45pm. All are welcome. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

Women's Association will meet again on February 13th. The meeting will begin at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses for February are Rona Meske and Susan Mann; and Beth Blake will deliver the devotion. Pastor Steve will be continuing his program on The Bible in C.S. Lewis's *The Chronicles of Narnia*. For more information please contact Peggy Fulton.

Deep Roots: Theology for Today This weekly conversation on Tuesdays, 3-4pm in the Chapel, is coordinated by Tom Boubel and facilitated by Tom and other members of the group. All are welcome to join us for the reading of important Christian texts aimed at enriching our lives today.

If you are interested in learning more about the CPC Online Alpha Course please contact Cliff or Bobbi Matousek.





There is a place for you in

The Story

A Weekly Wednesday Evening MidWeek Program
Led by Pastor Steve in Fellowship Hall

We meet from 6pm to 7pm
preceded by a light dinner at 5:30pm

What is *The Story*? *The Story* is a condensed chronological Bible. Through Wednesday evening videos, teaching and conversation, we will see how our story aligns with God's Story. *The Story* was offered to our congregation in the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016. Many picked up copies of *The Story* at that time, and we will be using the same edition as then. If you do not have *The Story*, please pick up your copy from the table in Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Middle School

(6th, 7th & 8th grades)

Sundays 5:00 ~ 6:30pm

Dinner

(Middle School & High School)

Sundays 6:30 ~ 7:00pm



High School

(9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grades)

Sundays 7:00 ~ 8:30pm



Youth Ministries

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Upper Room Devotionals for January-February are still available in Fellowship Hall and the church office. We now have both large and small print copies.

Church office will be closed on February 20th!

you are loved
forever
romans 8:38-39

When using the church please remember to: return thermostat to original settings, turn off lights, and lock up when using the church. Thank you!



February

All Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 2:30p Kids Club 5:30p MidWeek 7p Choir 7p Membership & Evangelism Mtg.	2 10a Reconnect 2:30p JOLT 5:15p Bell Choir	3 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	4
5 Birthday Sunday 10a Combined Worship 10:15a Children's Church 11:15a Fellowship 5p Youth Group	6 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Christian Book Club	7 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 5p Worship Mtg 6p Trustee Mtg	8 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 10:30 Sr. Ministry Mtg 2:30p Kids Club 5:30p MidWeek 7p Choir	9 11a Sr. Ministry Activity 2:30p JOLT 5:15p Bell Choir	10 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	11
12 "Souper Bowl" Sunday 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Fellowship	13 LINK Deadline 10a Women's Association 6p Pastor Search Committee 6:45p Women's Bible Study	14 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots 6:30p Board Meeting	15 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 2:30p Kids Club 5:30p MidWeek 7p Choir	16 10a Reconnect 2:30p JOLT 5:15p Bell Choir	17 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	18
19 Food Bank Sunday 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Fellowship 5p Youth Group	20 Office Closed	21 9a LINK Volunteers 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	22 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 6p Ash Wednesday Worship Service	23 5:15p Bell Choir	24 9a Sr. Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	25
26 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12p Fellowship 5p Youth Group	27 9a Sr. Exercise 1p Service Ministry Mtg 6p Pastor Search Committee 6:45p Women's Bible Study	28 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots				



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