

# THE BRIDGE

FEBRUARY 2024

## OUR CORE VALUES AND DEFINITION

### 1. Follow Jesus

To follow Jesus is to accept the gifts of salvation and grace and to demonstrate the love of God through service to our community and the world by witnessing to the abundant life shared by the children of God. (Reference scripture: Mark 12: 29-31)

### 2. Grow Spiritually

To grow spiritually is to be receptive to the Holy Spirit working in us and transforming the Body of Christ through the renewing gifts of prayer, study, and Christian fellowship (Reference scripture: Romans 12: 1-2)

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers welcoming all to worship, pray, grow spiritually and to passionately pursue God's work.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Spreading God's way of life through spiritual growth and passionate service.

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## "The Paper Pulpit"



What a great month February is. There are so many events happening in this month that anyone can find something to celebrate.

1. For those people who like suspense, there is Groundhog day. February 2<sup>nd</sup> when all the world waits with baited breath to see whether a large rodent emerges from his burrow, looks around at his environment, (full of gawking humans staring down at him) and either returns to his burrow or stays out to gawk back. This highly scientific ritual determines whether or not we will have 6 more weeks of winter. Stay Tuned...
2. For those of you who are lovers there is of course Valentines Day on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. That wonderful day when people in love (or who want to be) celebrate one calendar day to tell someone special what they feel. It is almost as meaningful to lovers as it is to those who market greeting cards, chocolates, flowers and tissues. Not to mention all the fine dining establishments that honor the couples with special two for one deals on entrées. Ah, love!
3. For those history buffs it offers the birthdays of several special people: Rosa Parks, Thomas Edison, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Susan B. Anthony and Stephen Austin.
4. There are days that honor many causes like, Boy Scouts of America, Black History, Battle of the Alamo, remember that? There is World Cancer Day, international Epilepsy Day, International Childhood Cancer Day, Safer Internet Day, and more, but I think I'll pass on National Toothache and Rare Disease Day.
5. If you are a food lover this month is for you with National Tater Tot Day, Nat'l. Carrot Cake Day, Nat'l. Frozen Yogurt Day, Nat'l. Fettuccine Alfredo Day, Nat'l. Pizza Day, Nat'l. Almond Day, Nat'l. Sticky Bun Day, Nat'l. Chili Day, Nat'l. Banana Bread Day and Nat'l. Pancake Day.
6. For sport's fans it is a mixed bag. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the Super Bowl so you either celebrate the biggest contest of football as a highlight or you celebrate that football season is over. But then Nascar cranks up with its first event, the Running of the Daytona 500 on the 18th.
7. And not to be outdone, for Christianity, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> will usher in the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We will begin our Wednesday Night Lenten Study on that day as we prepare ourselves for the time when the ministry of Jesus Christ builds up to his death and resurrection and our salvation. 40 days of examining His life...and ours!

So, mark your calendars, visit the stores, buy or bake your sweets, honor your cause and maybe, just maybe find time to study what God has done for you through the life and sacrifice of our Lord and Savior. Maybe that will swell our hearts more than good causes and chocolates. After all, what could be more meaningful than the reality of God's love and the grace of our salvation?

Blessings,

*Steve*



**Thank you to all of our generous donors.**  
Items that we need most for February are:

Our biggest need is for small (1 pound or less) bags/boxes of rice. Please do not buy huge bags/boxes for us. Most of our households are 1-2 people, so we need small packages. We would also appreciate donations of Canned Pasta (such as Spaghetti-Os or Chef Boyardee), Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Grits, Oatmeal and Cereal. .

You can send your Tithes through  
PayPal or Mail  
[paypal.me/dbpchurch](https://paypal.me/dbpchurch)  
Mail to:

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**If you have a prayer request** or would like to be added to the DBPC prayer chain, please contact Heather Ford at [bhford@comporium.net](mailto:bhford@comporium.net)  
Call/text Heather at 803-627-0352

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary

"in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or to remember a special occasion, you may reserve a Sunday by emailing

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# PRAYER list

Sonya Helms, Brenda Mason, Karen Costea, John Windle, Pat Fields, Bill Thrower, Gary Kidd, Tonya Griffin, Davey Lambert, Dot Wallace, Joan Gettys, Dorothy Kerr, Pam Houston, Ashton Rogers, Nancy Jenkins, Jesse Jacobs, Sarah Deason, Jennie Fisher, Dana Ward, Tony James, Laura Kimbrell, Tony, Lisa Varney, Mary Wilke, Petersen and Billie Metellas, Louise Blondo, Doris Williamson, Renae Farqua, Ariel Crabtree, Bob Lanum, Judy Mast, Claude Phillips, Debbie James, Karen Fronk and her husband Bob, Cathy Kerber, Sam Piaz, Kimberly Godfrey, Ronda Frazee, Jeff Pittman, Marty Lanum, Jan Flayerty, Kennedy Grace, Mary Anne Caputo, Dale Williams, Doug DeVoe, Brenda Shoda, Lisa Davis, Tyler Johnston, Matthew Combs, Robert, Shirley Stegall, Carolyn McMinn, Aunt Francis, Declan Wilford, Tom Merritt, Patsy Kimbrell, Dean Hughes, Gayle Dean, Jeannie Kidd, Kylie, Michael Monteith, Linda Kaylor, Edwin, Scott Williams, Peggy Mills, Ruth Gragg, Arlene Blondo, Frances Duerr, Tonya Bailey, Pat Whitley, Cecil Reavis, Patsy Kimbrell, Kathy Kerber, Mike Blondo, Chuck Stuart, and Tim Gray.

## FEBRUARY Birthdays

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1	HANNAH SILVERS
3	JESSE JACOBS, JR
6	MICHAEL BURANICH
6	CYRUS SUMNER
7	AARON MCKONE
9	TOM MERRITT
14	RENEE JENKINS
15	LAURIE STEGALL
21	STEVE AUSTIN
28	SIS SILVERS
29	TIM WILLIAMS

## FEBRUARY Anniversaries

14	JEFF & BETH HAYES
22	BRANDON & MEGAN SILVERS

### Special dates

- African American History Month
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 11, 2024*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 14, 2024*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2024*
- Presidents Day, *February 19, 2024*
- Leap Day, *February 29, 2024*



# FEBRUARY

2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> <b>Communion</b> 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Pack 157	<b>7</b> 8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10am Myra Bryant Circle	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>2nd Sunday Potluck</b> <b>Scout Sunday</b> <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Pack 157	<b>14</b> Ash Wednesday  8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts <b>7pm Lenten study</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved for Baby Shower
<b>18</b> 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship <b>Dimes for Hunger</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	<b>20</b> 6:30pm Pack 157	<b>21</b> 8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts <b>7pm Lenten study</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Session 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Pack 157	<b>28</b> 8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts <b>7pm Lenten study</b>	<b>29</b>		

## Elder of the Month

### Acolyte

2/4-Charlie Jackson  
 2/11-Troop 157  
 2/18-Wesley Combs  
 2/25-Andrew Blondo

### Reader/ Usher

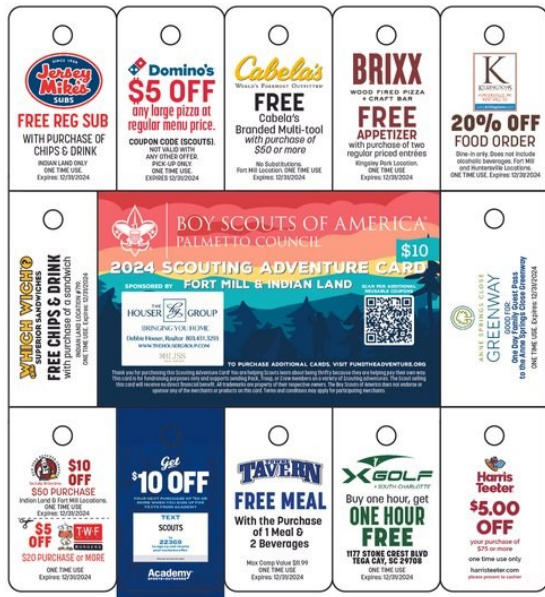
2/4- Dan Cockerill  
 2/11-Troop 157  
 2/18- Dale Richardson  
 2/25- Linda Roche



DBPC Youth Group will be collecting money on 2/11/24 for Souper Bowl of Caring.



We will be welcoming our Scout BSA Troop 157 and Pack 157 on 2/11/24 to celebrate Scout Sunday.



Scouts are selling Adventure Discount cards for \$10 to go to summer camp. If you would like to purchase a card please see a scout or leader for more info.



**The Myra Bryant Women's Circle will meet Friday, February 9 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study with Chapter 7, Knockin' on Heaven's Door from the book, Bad Girls of the Bible. All ladies are invited to attend.**

## **2024 Lenten Study Series 7pm each Wednesday 2/14-3/20**

Starting on Ash Wednesday we will have our programs on Lent. We will begin looking at the "Small Items of a Big Story" We will study the simple elements that were a part of the story, without which its meaning may not be as powerful. From palms to nails and wood we will look at how Jesus went through so much for us.



**So, come and join us as we examine more closely just how much the little things matter.**

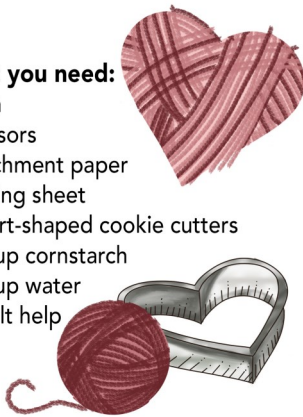
# FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY

## HEART strings

Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

### What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.



## CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

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| <p>a. We</p> <p>b. Above all,</p> <p>c. My command is this:</p> <p>d. And over all these virtues put on</p> <p>e. Greater</p> <p>f. See what great</p> <p>g. There is no fear in</p> |  | <p>1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12</p> <p>2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13</p> <p>3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18</p> <p>4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8</p> <p>5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1</p> <p>6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19</p> <p>7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14</p> |
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Answers: a, b, c, d, e, f, g

# Christian Symbol



## CROSS OF ASHES


On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

### Bible Quiz

Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage:

"Dear friends, let us \_\_\_\_ one another, for \_\_\_\_ comes from God. Everyone who \_\_\_\_ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not \_\_\_\_ does not know God, because God is \_\_\_\_."

- A. believe
- B. help
- C. love
- D. forgive



Answer: C (See 1 John 4:7-8, NIV.)







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