

MESSENGER FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This Sunday is the last Sunday before the season of Lent. It is the tradition of the Church every year on this Sunday to commemorate our Lord's Transfiguration. The Bible tells us that when our Lord went up on the mountain with His closest disciples, His clothes were changed to dazzling white and He conferred with Moses and Elijah. Then a voice came out of a cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him."

Those three words, "Listen to Him" are the basis and title of the churchwide Bible study we are offering during the season of Lent. We will study Jesus' journey from the glory of the Mount of Transfiguration to the ignominy of Jerusalem where He would be delivered over to be crucified. Following are the details of the study and directions for participating.

The study will include daily devotion readings for each of the forty days of Lent. The readings are found in the softback booklet, "Listen To Him" by J. D. Walt. We will have a limited number of the booklets available at the church at a cost of \$11.00 apiece. The booklets should be at the church by this Sunday, or if not then, by the Ash Wednesday service next week. If you need a booklet but cannot pick one up at church, please let me know so that we can get one to you.

Please note that the very same readings that are found in the booklet can be downloaded for free on a phone or tablet. We are hoping that most of you will choose this option, thus the limited number of booklets available. To access the daily readings, download the **Discipleship Bands** app on your device. After you go through the profile process you will be asked for an invite code. Enter 9600 to join the Faith Harbor band. You will then be able to access the daily readings on your device and share messages with other band members.

In addition to the daily devotional readings, we will meet together once a week in small groups to view a video presentation by J.D. Walt and discuss the daily readings and the video. There will be three options for small group meetings, two of which will be in-person at the church (with appropriate safety measures in place) and one Zoom virtual meeting.

One in-person session will be held in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 10:30 am, beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, February 21st. A second in-person session will be held in the Sanctuary on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, beginning February 23rd. The Zoom virtual session will be at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays, beginning February 24th. All sessions will last approximately one hour and will be held weekly for six weeks. Please note that all three sessions will cover the same material; you only need to attend one session per week.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 919-637-2245, or send an email to me at dlking57@gmail.com. I look forward to participating in this study with you as we learn more fully what it means to "Listen to Him" during Lent and always.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Week of 02-15-21 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *Lord, help me to listen to your word.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 25

M James 1:22-25

T John 10:2-4

W Revelation 3:20

T Proverbs 2:1-5

F Romans 10:14-17

S John 8:47

Key Scripture: *Psalm 119:105: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

January 2021 Finance Report and Year to Date Totals

January Contributions \$ 37203.52 (5 Sundays)

Year to date Contributions \$37203.52

Year to Date Budget \$35176.68

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Make every matter of care a matter of prayer.

Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7

There are four answers to prayer: yes, no, if, and wait.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm 27:14

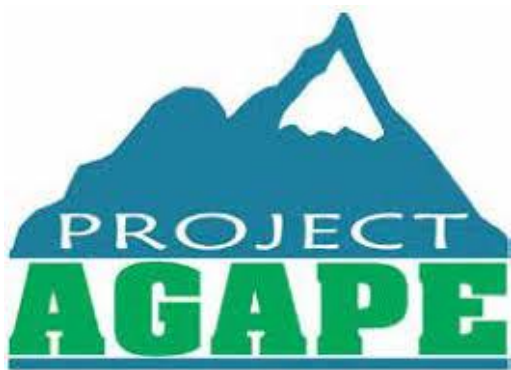
Two answers to prayer are decisive: **yes and no**. One gives us something concrete to do: If. But when God answers by saying "wait", it is perhaps the most difficult for us because we are left in suspense with little to do other than **TRUST**. Often in our impatience, we attempt to create an answer of our own. If we really want God's best, however, perhaps we should give God all the time He needs to prepare us for it!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long, Doug Lowry, Terri Luisi, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Anita Phillips, Judy Paliotti and Jency, JoAnn Rivenbark, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaull, Kelly Wills,

Military: Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

Friends: April, Barbara Rummel's mom and Martha Marlow's mom, Christine, Willie Arnette, Kim Audet, Peggy Barton, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children,** Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, David, Bill Dirk and Teresa, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Suzanne Fussell's mother, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Lisa Godwin, Hugh and Melinda Harrison -covid, Judy Hoopes, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Lea Jones, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Donald Kornegay, Jr.-covid, Otis Ledford, Barbara Lee, Brenda Leonard, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren and Martha, Doreen Luisi, Tim McCart, Sandy McVickers, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Rick Nauss, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, **Parents,** Pastor Stephanie, Jack Parrmar-covid, **Rose and Dick Peters,** Dot Phillips, Bobby Phillip's cousin Tommy and family in death of his wife to covid, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Stanley and Ruby, Tania Roth, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Katrina Seferyn, Jonathan Sloan, Jacob Smith,-covid, **Roxanne Smith,** Family of Patricia Sox, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwirtz, **Teachers,** Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, and Bill Zell.
And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing.



For 26 years, our Conference has supported vulnerable persons in **Armenia.**

After the most recent military conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, Project Agape was forced to shut down its operations. Many of the families we have helped over the years were forced to abandon their property.

Project Agape is now turning our attention to helping these internally displaced persons trying to survive in a bitter cold environment.

We have been asked to help by sending much needed supplies that are very hard to find in Eastern Armenia.

Following is a list of items we will be collecting:

[\(please strictly adhere to the instructions\)](#)

- Kitchen items (utensils and boxes of cookware are very much appreciated)
- New or nearly new in excellent condition bed linens, pillows, and blankets
- New or like-new children's clothing (up to age 16)
- New shoes (old shoes cannot be shipped)



Collection days will be Saturdays from 1-5 and Wednesdays from 7-9 in the warehouse at the church starting February 27th - March 13th .

Please wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and keep socially distant in the process of dropping off the donations.

*Monetary donations will be used to buy other supplies in Armenia. Make check out to NC Conference, noting **Advance #S-00276** on the memo line and send to Conference Treasurer-Raleigh Area, PO Box 890202, Charlotte, NC 28289-0202

*Please pack all items in the smallest box that is appropriate. List contents on the outside of the box. Pack boxes as full and tight as possible.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello all bAsiC youth parents~

Hope this message finds you and yours doing well lately. Happy February! 😊 Please see below for information on Youth meetings for the month of February:

Sun., Feb. 14th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm

- *Younger HS Group
- *Younger MS Group

Sun., Feb.21st~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm

- *Older HS Group
- *Older MS Group


Sun., Feb. 28th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm

- *Younger HS Group
- *Younger MS Group

***Important Local Missions Opportunity~**

In the month of January as a Youth group through our lessons, we have been talking about how individually and as a group we can look at this new year of 2021 more intentionally. With that in mind, we've decided that for each month we would focus on a different spiritual endeavor (for ourselves and for other's in our community or who God may put in our paths). For example, for the month of February we will focus on "Spreading Love & Compassion" and ways we can do this. The youth have had some awesome and creative ideas about the focus for each month and ways we can live out our faith in action. They are quite open to the Spirit of God in our midst, they inspire me! Stay tuned for future news about some of their ideas in the months to come.

For starters, through brainstorming and sharing as a group, we've come up with a local Mission project which our youth have named "**The Gallon Project**" that we will be spearheading for the next several months. As a group, we will purchase and assemble gallon size baggies full of "essential care items" for the homeless. The group came up with a list of useful items to fill the bags up with. I know you may be thinking- how will we distribute these bags? That's where us adults come in. Once we have the bags assembled and ready, any adult/parent that wants to take a few bags to put in their car to hand out to the homeless or needy- please let us know. I don't know about you, but in my local travels to Wilmington, Jacksonville, Hampstead and in the surrounding areas- I see quite a few homeless people needing or asking for help. Having these bags ready and available in our vehicles can allow us to be prepared to help those individuals on the spot. We decided we would start out by making 20 Bags up and go from there. We will have them available after Youth Group on Feb. 14th and ready for pickup for any parent/adult who is interested in participating in handing these out. *Also, if there are any other church members who would like to be a part of this, please feel free to contact me directly. The scripture that comes to mind is~

Matthew 25:40 NIV "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'  The youth, leaders and I are very excited about this new opportunity to show love and compassion to some of the "least of these" in our local areas of reach! Thank you in advance for your support.

A few ongoing reminders about Youth Group Meetings for parents/youth~

Please have youth bring and wear their masks to each meeting.

If your youth doesn't feel well, kindly have them wait until they are better to attend their next scheduled (Group A or B) youth meeting. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

In His Service~
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4 Payton Rice
6 Danielle Smith
8 Jameela Kerr
9 Jim Graziano
10 Anita Phillips
Cecila Watson
12 Samuel Kerr
17 Dawn Ellis
Laura Frazier
Mike Hopper

20 Grace Holmes
22 Tom Fisher
Suzanne Fussell
Lucy Horrell
24 Lisa Colman
26 Jamie Jernigan
27 Avery Joy Harrison
28 John Cain