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A Note from our Pastor

"Easter People, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter People let us sing." (William M. James, 1979)

Many people do not realize that Easter is a season, not just a single day. It is true that Easter Sunday is the major event of the Easter Season but the season begins on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost, which happens on June 8 this year. It is seven weeks long and each Sunday during the season we hear stories from the Bible that remind us of Jesus' resurrection appearances or his attributes. You will want to be present in worship each Sunday during the Easter Season to celebrate the Risen Lord and to hear these parts of the scripture story.

One of my favorite biblical stories is from John 21. The sermon for May 4 will come from this passage and the sermon is entitled, "The Man Who Came to Breakfast". Jesus appears to the disciples who have returned to their former professions as fishermen in the early morning hours as they are trying to bring in a catch of fish. Jesus prepares breakfast for them and they have a conversation that is emotional and challenging. I hope you will join us to worship and learn from this stirring story.

The Easter Season will continue until June 8 and we will glean much from all we share together as we meet weekly. We appreciate our choir and our organist Gala Eubank Strunk who provide the music of the season that inspires and delights us. Thanks to all who participate in our weekly services to make them uplifting.

Our church handbell choir will share a special concert with us on Sunday, May 4 at 4 pm. Following their concert, we will be treated to Taco Night in the fellowship hall. Plan to attend to hear this wonderful music and to share in fellowship afterwards.

Each Sunday in May promises to offer reasons to gather with others in the Christian family to celebrate our risen Lord and to renew the friendship we share. We are glad for our visitors who join us weekly and hope that feel as much at home in our church as those who have deep roots in our congregation.

As always, let me know if there is a way that I can be in ministry to you however you may need me. I am here to be your pastor, teacher, and friend and am thankful for this church and its' many ministries.

Jerry

Monthly Mission



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FIRST
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Kilgore, Texas

COME ENJOY MUSIC, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!

Grace Notes End of Year Program

Men of the Church
FISH FRY to follow

LET'S HELP THE GRACE NOTES
KICK OFF SUMMER TOGETHER!

May 14, 2025

6 p.m.
Chapel





The Night Circle will meet at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, **May 7** at the home of Jan Wylie.

The Noon Circle will meet Tuesday, **May 13**, at 12:00 p.m. in the parlor for lunch.



Stewardship Report

Monthly Glance: March	
Anticipated Tithes & Offerings	\$34,083
Actual Tithes and Offerings	\$23,239
Actual Expenses	\$70,330
Overage (deficit)	(\$47,091)

Yearly Glance: 2025	
Anticipated Tithes & Offerings	\$409,000
Actual Tithes and Offerings	\$127,702
Actual Expenses	\$179,091
Overage (deficit)	(\$51,389)

Thank you for your tithes and offerings! Without your faithful giving, ministry and missions would not be possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

1 Donna Shupe

2 Richard Leppert

Phillip Mitchell

4 Holly Sartor Long

6 Caden Covnet

8 Jeran Griffin

12 David Stanley

13 Camelia Griffin

Jeana Walters

14 Sydney Bates Langley

George Strunk

18 Jim Griffin

19 Will Terrell

21 Ross Field

22 Francye Phillips

23 Hunter Dickerson

26 Jenae Baggett

Taylor Schleier

Robert Shupe

29 Jeff Thrower

30 Bubba Clark

Shawn Waldo

Thoughts and Prayers

Frank Baggett
Regina Baker
Becky Barker
Raymond Bazinet
Velma Beaglehole
Mac Blackstone
Gary Boyd
Randy Brogoitti
Curtis Brown
Jody Brown
Joe Brown
Allen Camp
Calan Castles
K Castles
Tara Castles
Elizabeth Collins
Linda Curkan
Susie Pelham Davis

Marcia Dean
Jack Florence
John Michael Florey
John Fout
Elise Smith Grusendorf
Laura Guzman
Ashley Haden
Chester Hardy
Kenzie Hyatt
Kathy Johnson
Zoe Kelt
Cheyenne Kirkpatrick
Rita Knox
Shirley G Latham
Michelle Lemming
John Lewis
Dianne Lyle
Donna Marshall

Mike McCollum
Ward McCollum
David McElroy
Carla McKnight
Abbi Melton
Matt Mitchell
Rick Murphy
Dayne Neal
Larry Perkins
Amanda Presley
Margaret Roberts
Jon Rowe
Ken Rucker
Vivian Sharp
Christa Atchley Shepard
Katie Wylie Stovall
Carol Camp Terwilliger
David Theriot

Henry Thompson
Jimmy Thrower
George Weinberg
Joe Weinberg
Stewart White
Julie Whitt
Larry Willis

**In Service to
our Country**
Jacob Conner
Robert Gray
Stone Smith



LAST MONTH'S PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

