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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

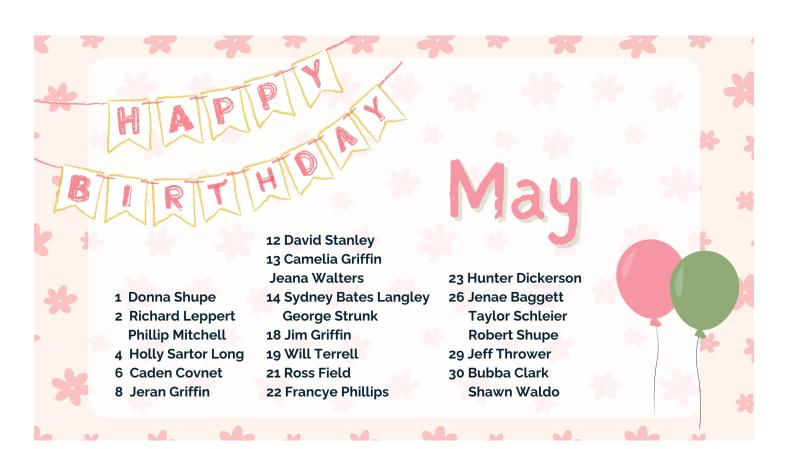
KISD School Supplies





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.

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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

Stewart White
Julie Whitt
Larry Willis

Henry Thompson

Jimmy Thrower

Joe Weinberg

George Weinberg

Jacob Conner
Robert Gray
Stone Smith



























