

February CALENDAR

Feb 2	Sunday School	9:45am
	Morning Worship	11:00am
	Youth Luncheon	12:15pm
	Small Groups*	6:00pm
Feb 4	Young at Heart	10:30am
Feb 5	Family Dinner	5:30pm
	AWANA	6:15pm
	Youth	6:45pm
	OASIS	6:45pm
	Adult Choir	7:40pm
Feb 9	Sunday School	9:45am
	Morning Worship	11:00am
	Missions Luncheon	12:15pm
	Small Groups*	6:00pm
Feb 12	Family Dinner	5:30pm
	AWANA	6:15pm
	Youth	6:45pm
	OASIS	6:45pm
	Adult Choir	7:40pm
Feb 13	Sweetheart Banquet	6:30pm
Feb 16	Men's Prayer Breakfast	8:00am
	Sunday School	9:45am
	Morning Worship	11:00am
	Debt Reduction Luncheon	12:15pm
	Small Groups*	6:00pm
Feb 18	Garden City Missions	5:00pm
Feb 19	Family Dinner	5:30pm
	AWANA	6:15pm
	Youth	6:45pm
	OASIS	6:45pm
	Adult Choir	7:40pm
Feb 21-22	Hearts for Harlem	
Feb 23	Sunday School	9:45am
	Morning Worship	11:00am
	Men's Ministry Luncheon	12:15pm
Feb 26	Family Dinner	5:30pm
	AWANA	6:15pm
	Youth	6:45pm
	OASIS	6:45pm
	Adult Choir	7:40pm



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Evan Powell
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Happy Anniversary

02-02	Trisha & Jim Laughery	02-08	Becky & Ted Windham
02-03	Linda & John Eckenroth	02-23	Joy & Don Ray

* Please call the Church Office if your anniversary is not listed.

Happy Birthday

02-02	Kevin Bailey	02-17	Gary Holley
02-02	Trisha Laughery	02-27	Sara Sillings
02-03	Jeremy Davis	02-28	Tammy Allen
02-07	Carter Adams		
02-07	Alicia Fitzgerald		
02-12	Anita Abbott		
02-14	Dynasti Rivera		

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Deacon of the Month

John McClellan
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FINANCIALS
as of January 26, 2020

Actual Expenses YTD \$26,514
Actual Received YTD \$ 34,961

CONNECTIONS

February 2020

HEARTS for HARLEM

giving back to the community

February 21-22

Cost \$25

(for more information see church staff)

Our Vision:

To glorify God through loving Him and serving others

Our Mission Statement:

A Faith Family helping to make and develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ

THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we begin the month of February, a month that is often associated with love, it only seems fitting that we stop and consider how well we love one another. Jesus told us that the second greatest commandment is to "love your neighbor as yourself." But I often wonder how well we, the Church, are doing at loving others. When people think about Christ followers do they automatically think about love? Unfortunately I think the overwhelming answer would be "no." From a corporate standpoint, the Church has a long way to go in our efforts to love all people. But, if we are to ever succeed in these efforts it must start at an individual level. That is, we need to make a personal decision to intentionally extend love to our neighbors daily.

But what prevents us from loving our neighbors? Sure, there are likely a lot of reasons, but I would imagine that one of the main reasons we fail to adequately love our neighbors is because we don't have time. We leave our homes early each morning and often return well into the evening and our weekends are filled with all kinds of activities. We barely have time to extend love to our family let alone our neighbors. For many of us, our failure to love our neighbors is not a reflection of disinterest or a hateful heart; rather, it is merely a reflection of our fast paced life. Still, no matter the reason, when we fail to love our neighbor as Christ has called us to, we fail to obediently follow Jesus' commands. So how can we remedy this problem?

The most effective way to remedy this situation is to be intentional about loving others. You can start by putting forth the effort to get to know your neighbors. Maybe you need to set aside a couple hours each weekend to sit on your front porch and talk with those who walk by. Or, perhaps you need to take cookies to the new family that moved in down the street or go visit the widow who spends most of her days alone. If we are going to "love our neighbor as ourselves" we must learn to make time for our neighbors.

In just a few weeks we will have a great opportunity to show the love that we have for our neighbors. *Hearts for Harlem* is a local mission event where we will go into our community and serve those who are in need. I hope and pray that you will participate in this event! I look forward to serving and loving our neighbors together throughout the month.

Press on!
Carson



February 4th
10:30 am



We now have Small Groups meeting on each Sunday night. To find out when your small group meets contact the church staff.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

February 16th
8:00 AM



Garden City Missions

February 18th
5:00 PM

Church News

UPCOMING EVENTS

D-Now
March 13-15

Easter Cantata
March 29th

Sunday

February 2 (Youth)	Mexican Buffet
February 9 (Missions)	Pork Chops & Fixings
February 16 (Debt Reduction)	Pot Roast & Fixings
February 23 (Small Groups Nursery Fund)	Greek Chicken & Fixings

Wednesday

February 5	Fried Chicken & Fixings
February 12	Hamburger/Hot Dogs & Fries
February 19	BBQ, Hash, & Fixings
February 26	Pizza & Salads



Thursday, February 13th

The annual Sweetheart Banquet, sponsored by the Men's Ministry, will be held at the Family Life Center at 6:30 pm. The cost for each couple will be \$40. A surf and turf menu will be served and entertainment will be provided by Tanner Duckworth. All widows and widowers are encouraged to attend as guests of the Men's Ministry. Be sure to sign up at the IC at church or online.

Women's Ministry:

February is the month we think about showing love to others. This month ladies I'd like to challenge you in being a part of HEARTS TO HARLEM (2/21-2/22). Leslie Arnold is heading up a project to help ATTIC TREASURES. This is an awesome way for us to reach out & help. Even if you only have one hour to give contact Leslie or the church office and put your name in the hat. Speaking of a hat, put your THINKING CAP on & be thinking about a way our group can minister or serve in a way we haven't done before. The first 3 good ideas I receive will get \$10 gift cards to Yoder's Ice Cream or the Java House (your choice). Please join me in making Missions our goal for 2020!

Blessings,
Kathy

Peter. 4: 10 (NIV)
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



It's only February but I am already excited about Easter. This year, we will celebrate Easter on April 12th – just a little over two months from now.

We live in a world that is saturated with myths, legends, epic tales, and superhero stories. If you don't believe me, look at the entertainment industry. The "Marvel" universe is cranking out movies left and right and are making millions as folks flock to the theaters to watch Hulk, Iron Man, Captain America and the rest of the Avengers. In the DC cinematic world, there's been about a billion Batman movies. And let's not even begin to count the many iterations of Spider-man.

We love a good superhero story. A story of rescue. A distressed person/group helpless to get out of some terrible situation, and a larger-than-life force that saves the day. Sound familiar?

This is the story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and what He – through the power of God the Father working in Him – accomplished for us on the cross. He was our rescue. Consider the following two passages:

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly..." Romans 5:6a

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

Scripture makes it very clear that we are the benefactors of extreme grace, love and mercy on display. We were on the receiving end of the most heroic rescue of all time. We were rescued from death itself. And in its place, we were given an undeserved gift of eternal life. When compared to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, all other superhero stories fall short.

As a society... we get so excited about Captain America and Wonder Woman. As Christians, we should have an incomparable enthusiasm and excitement about Christ's saving work – a rescue that we can claim as our own. It should ever be on our tongues. Our lives should be a living testimony of the gratitude we feel towards God divinely providing for us – reconciling us to Himself when we were absolutely powerless to do anything about our sinful nature.

IMPORTANT YOUTH REMINDER: Please register NOW for both DiscipleNow Weekend (March 13th-March 15th) and MissionFuge Summer Camp (June 7th-12th). Do not wait for the deadline. Go ahead and give me your deposit and sign up as soon as possible. It makes things much more difficult when you wait until the last minute! Thanks!

-Evan



Mark your calendars!



Sunday, May 30th
through
Wednesday, June 3rd



In the coming months our Children's choir will be working on a spring musical called "Kidz Under Construction." We are super excited about it and are proud of the kids for their attitudes and efforts so far as we have been rehearsing. The musical will be Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm – so mark your calendars! We will also be sending out a list in a couple of weeks of needed items for donating/borrow to use as props/sets/etc. Be on the lookout for that email!

The Adult Choir is gearing up for our Easter Cantata as well! We will be performing it on Sunday, March 29th during the 11am worship service. If you love to worship and feel this is a way you can serve the church with your voice – please join us! We practice on Wednesday nights at 7:45pm. Right now our ladies outnumber our men - so we would love to see more lower register voices join!!!!

John Ortberg said, "I need worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on." As we go about our lives, we need to open our eyes to all that God is doing – in our homes, in our church, in our community, and in our world. And when we do, we will be transfixed by all He is accomplishing – and our instinctive and complete response will be gratitude and worship! Let us take off our "blinders" and glorify Him every day!

-Rebekah