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From the Pastor's Desk

You may not know who Jesus is as much as you think you do. I am not talking about those ignorant individuals who have never read the Bible, but who nevertheless confidently talk of Jesus as if he were a first-century hippie wise man who was happy with whatever people did and who makes no claims on anyone's life. That caricature is so untethered from Scripture that it says more about the holder of the view than who Jesus really is. Of course, you know better than that. However, you may not know as much about Jesus as you think you do. I know I didn't but thought I did. After all, I had grown up in church and attended a Christian school through the 5th grade! While I am thankful for it, I admit that my understanding of Jesus was once a hodgepodge of lessons from Sunday School, elementary school, and sermons I could barely follow as I doodled in the margins of my church bulletin.

There are so many varied opinions of Jesus that someone who had never heard of Him could be left wondering if we were all talking about the same person. Some of the opinions are so different as to be contradictory. Some of the things believed about Jesus are true and some are patently false. How do we get to the real Jesus? How do we navigate the many different portraits of the One we hold to be our Lord and Savior? By doing our homework.

It is time to have intellectual integrity and read one of our earliest sources devoted to preserving a faithful record of Jesus' life. That source is the Gospel of Matthew, which is the first book of the New Testament. Reading this book will help you answer fundamental questions about Jesus' life: What was Jesus' central message? How did He understand His calling? What did He stand for? What did His opponents think about Him? How did He interact with what we might refer to as "outsiders" and "insiders?" It is time to read and find out for yourself.

My challenge to you is to read one chapter a day of Matthew for each day in February. Conveniently, there are 28 days in February and 28 chapters in Matthew. You will not be on this reading journey by yourself. We will be doing this as a church family. You will also hear a sermon based on something you have read during the previous week that will help illuminate who Jesus was and is. Are you ready to get started?

Pastor Keith



***Ash Wednesday** emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.*



LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th and continues for 40 days before Easter not counting the 5 Sundays. The liturgical color is PURPLE. It is observed as a time of reflection and contemplation on our lives and the impact of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many people feel called to make sacrifices during this time to symbolize the sacrifice of Jesus for us.



Pastor Alan Mears, Benji Rogers, Robert Addington, Anne King, Marshall Enwright, Tyler, Benny Neal, Shelley & Rich Catalano, Violet Cook, Wendy Mann Alyce & Jerry Griffin, Denny Bryson, Pat Harris, Kristin Keener, Kelly Smith, Leah VanNetta, Jerry & Dot Hartis, Holland Walker, Veronica Bachtel, Meg Giddings, Don & Kathy McGinnis, Wayne & Leila Maske, Sandy Strawn, Doris Carpenter, Raymond Helms, Debbie Watkins, Lana Lamkin, James Helms, Barry Roberson, Sue Thornton, Elizabeth & Cramer Phillips, Nell Starnes, Melanie Brennan, Myckle Griffin, Greg Horton, Cindy & Kate Zidanic, Chris Lemmond, Ruby King, Darlene Blackburn, Dale Watts, Erika Perez, Tom Ross, Lisa Cox, Dave Pandoli, Frank Buchannon, Tammy Little, Melinda Fisher, Wilburn (Bud) Cutshaw, David Broome, Father Brad Smith, Kent & Nancy Shoe, Dale Hopkins, Elizabeth Brooks, Joyce Starnes, Toby Holland, Shannon Gray, Cooper Knowles, William Miles, Marsha Cundiff, Brandon Carver, Mark McSheehan, Martha Robinson Kiker, Donald Combs, Claire Howell, Danny Sanders, Marlene Reeck, Jennifer Ross, Anne Carson, David Gordon, Venn Helms, Mary Engler, Annette Fox, Sara Porter, Wyatt Cartertary, Gary Lane, Barbara McKim, Kathy Dublin, Kathy Knight, Larry Bell, Marie Harwood, Rusty Miller, Nancy Tawney, Tom Pope, Johnny Penegar, Jeff Gross, Evelyn Wilson, John Larry Fite, Loretta O'Neal, Doris King, Linda Mosley-Hess, Robin Boehler, Cathy Kalista, Terry Fallick, Peggy Bradley, Melvin Glass, Lynn Stickleather, Betsy Huneycutt, Kevin Smith, Kathy Newman, Donna Flanders, Fred Artibee, June Hornberger, Teresa McGowan, Craig Plummer, Charles Fowler, Alex Hudson Weston Gamble

Please help us keep the prayer list current and updated. Contact the church office to remove or add to the prayer list. Thank you.

METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 5, 2026 in the church office. Fellowship at 9:30 with the regular meeting at 10:00.

After a brief program, Lisa Parker presented an outline of our programs for the year. Sounds great. Join us.

We approved our annual gift to our charities for 2026.

What a happy day! We have learned that our good old DANNY DUZITS are once again available. A big thanks to those who have found them and ordered them again.

Two reminders . Our towel collection for Operation Reachout is the months of January and February. White towels, please. Please remember to bring your paper products for Turning Point.

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching (didn't we just celebrate Christmas?) Once again, we will be having our Ash Wednesday Soup supper before our worship service. Many kinds of homemade soups will be available. Join us for supper and worship.

Blood Drive. Wonderful news! We collected 31 units. The Red Cross will be able to help so many because of your contribution. Big "Thanks" to all the volunteers who gave their time.

**** A reminder....we will now be meeting on the FIRST Thursday of the month.

Donate to the Back Pack Ministry in the FLC or the Sanctuary breezeway. No glass jars, please. We support Parkwood Middle School,

The sale of flavoring and the best knives in the world help support our ministry.

Thank you for your support.

Springer's

Springers: If you are 55 years old or older, come join the Springers on the 4th Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the CLC for an hour or so of Fellowship, Fun, and Food. One exception is February 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the CLC due to canceling the January meeting.

Hope you will join us!

Children's Choir

Sunday's 4-5pm in the CLC

We are working on Spring/Easter music and will continue our devotions about

"There is Nothing That Our God Can't Do."



“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”
John 15:4

We are well into our lessons in the New Testament. The kids are doing so well with working in their groups and getting their worksheets finished for the lesson of the week. Our Teachers are doing a wonderful job keeping the kids engaged and learning the lesson of the week. We will have a couple of fun and interesting lessons this month. February 15th we will have a Valentines lesson and February 22nd we will have an Ash Wednesday/Lent Sunday lesson.

Our memory verses for this month are:

February 1st All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the man of God maybe complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

February 8th “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” Matthew 16:25

February 15th Dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

February 22 My ears have heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes. Job 42:4-6

We have really great teachers and your kiddos love having them teaching every week. I would love to give them a Sunday or two off. If you can help out every once in a while we would greatly appreciate it. Even if you help once every other month. That would be fantastic. We have 3 classes you can choose from. Our age groups are Pre-K which are 2-5 years old, Kindergarten through third grade and fourth and fifth grade. We have a teacher and a helper for each grade except for pre-k; I like having a teacher and 2 helpers in the class. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Our Spring Kids are some of the best kids and they love learning about God. It is a rewarding experience to teach our great kids! So, if you want a rewarding experience, sign up to teach our amazing Kids! You can contact me at 980-721-7162 or email springkidsmsmc@gmail.com.
Love and Prayers always, Miranda

SCOUTS

Monday nights:

Cub Scout Pack 18 meetings at 6:30pm. in EDU.

Troop 18 meets at 7:30pm. in the CLC.

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

AIR FORCE -Jay Connelley, Bradley Little

ARMY - Cody Guion, Marshall Little, Zack Wolfe
Staff Sergeant Ryan Toth, Army National Guard

MARINES - Patrick McCann, Caleb Simpson, Averi Lavoie, Connor McCann, Juan Hidalgo, Sean Summers

COAST GUARD – Jaylen Sullivan

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WELLNESS CIRCLE

As we are still in the early part of this new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the wellness and counseling ministries available in our church. Often the combination of the long winter nights, cold days, and too much indoor time with limited activity can cause us to feel sad or simply out of sorts. If you do find yourself feeling this way and can't seem to shake that feeling, the wellness ministry has resources to help.

Please look at the list of supports below and prayerfully consider if one may be a good fit for you. Sometimes we don't really need counseling, we just need an outside perspective and a listening ear. I am happy to meet anytime to talk through whatever may be impacting your life, and if you would like to discuss any of these further, please contact me through the church office.

- Alcoholics Anonymous: Tuesday & Friday 7pm in the CLC
- Grief Support: Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm in administrative building
- Mental Health/Counseling Screenings: By appointment, contact the church office.
- True North Christian Life Coaching: By appointment with Rodney Little, MHDL (704) 221-4671
- Counseling Services: Full Circle Wellness, by appointment with Tonia Deese, MSW/LCSW (980) 428-9174

Blessings,

Rodney Little, MHDL
Wellness Coordinator

Mineral Springs Preschool

Happy February from Preschool! We are looking forward to a busy month filled with Dental Health week and Valentine's Day and all the fun preschool contains. We will have a visit from the dentist this month and will have a great time learning about how to care for our mouths and teeth.

We are continuing with the Fruit of the Spirit in Chapel. In January, the kids learned about the Fruit of the Spirit by practicing patience with lots of lessons from the Bible. In February, we will continue learning about kindness and goodness through simple stories and songs and classroom activities.

The Preschool will be hosting a yard-sale on Saturday March 28th. Tables will be available for the public to "rent" for \$10 each. Bring your goods to sell. The Preschool will be selling unused equipment and toys also. Proceeds will go to the purchase of new gym equipment for the preschoolers to use when we are in the FLC for recess.

Registration for Fall 2026 is open now. Please continue to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to learn more about our loving, faith-filled learning environment. They can email Ms Tammy at mineralspringspreschool@gmail.com or visit the church website for more information or to register.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for all of these wonderful little people and for our staff!

Blessings!

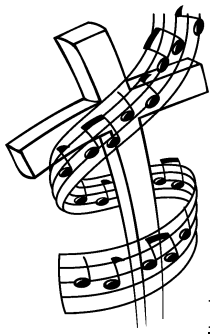


Tammy Boyce

Director

Mineral Springs Preschool

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Note from Chris

Hello All! It's a great time for Mineral Springs MC.

We welcome Keith Lowder to our family.

If you have not been to hear him yet, please do,
you're in for a blessing.

We are still in need of tech volunteers!

Especially need a couple of people to
do lights. No experience needed, we will train you!!

Also, don't forget the Ash Wednesday service
coming up this month.

Hope you all have a warm and blessed month!

See ya on Sunday!!

In His Service,

Chris

*God has given each of you a gift from his great
variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one
another. 1 Peter 4:10*

MINERAL SPRINGS YOUTH

FEB 2026

Open Gym Wednesdays

4th, 11th, 18th & 25th from 6-8pm

Sunday Night Youth Group

Sermon, Games – 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd from 6-8pm

Sunday Feb 8th, Youth Super Bowl potluck

No High School Dinner or Middle School Night
in February

Super Bowl Sunday - Sunday, Feb 8th

The Youth will be hosting a potluck Super Bowl party on
the 8th of Feb from 5:30 until the completion of the
game. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy good
company in a safe environment. Bring your family and
friends out to watch the game in a safe environment for
all.

Open Gym- Wednesdays,

Feb 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th from 6-8 PM

Join us on Wednesday night for open gym. This is a time
where we simply play games and fellowship with one
another. During this time, we play an organized game for
half of the time (volleyball, kickball, dodgeball, etc.) and
the remaining time is your choice. This is a fantastic
opportunity to invite a friend to come check us out! This
is open to ALL 6th-12th graders.

Sunday Night Youth Group,

Feb 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd from 6-8 PM

Join us Sunday nights from 6-8pm in the FLC for a time
of games, Bible study, dinner, and games. This is a good
time to get challenged and uplifted in your walk with
God. This is open to ALL 6th-12th graders.

Camp Tekoa in April,

April 17th-19th

Our Camp Tekoa trip to Hendersonville NC is just a few
months away; paperwork is available during youth hours
and at the church office. We need to secure how many
people are going early so we can ensure proper
transportation to and from Camp. It is an amazing
weekend away to get closer with God and one another.
It is open to all 6th – 12th grade students.
Any questions please contact Josh Hammerstone
at 931-206-2624.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jackson Lee, Dave Nickel
- 3 Braxton Barnett, Tammy McKee
- 4 Nick Brooks, Barry Roberson
- 5 Patsy Ballard, Dylan Catalano, Kristie Metz,
- 6 David Huxford, Cheyenne Hammerstone,
Eleanor Starner, John Wlodkowski
- 7 Taylor Ross
- 10 Liam Eller, Natalie Penegar
- 11 Melody Collins
- 12 John Mohor
- 14 Terri Kettwich, Patrick McCann,
Marcia Searles, Carol Starnes
- 15 Jackson Wlodkowski
- 17 Andrea Linthicum, Drake Starnes
- 19 Cathy Marrow
- 20 George Stone
- 21 Tucker Harrington, Grant Nickel
- 22 Logan Bednarik, Jay Connelley,
Katie Hunsader
- 23 Bryce Clark, Aiden Goodwin
- 25 Mason Franiak
- 26 Tegan Hayes
- 27 Lukas Ganey
- 28 Shannon Winchester



Happy Anniversary!

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Matt Geske & Dawna Daniels
- 19 Tony & Carol Starnes
- 22 Jerry & Leslie Tucker
- 28 Lindsay & Patsy Ballard

If your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked or you know someone whose name needs to be added, please call church office 704-843-5905 or email: mineralspringsmethodistchurch@gmail.com Thank you.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Group meets the fourth Monday night monthly. They will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, February 23rd, in the Asbury Room in the church office.

Bible Study



Ladies Wednesday morning Bible study at 10am in the Wesley room.

Women's 6:30pm Thursday night Lenten Bible study will begin after Ash Wednesday.

Join us as we study "Seven Words, Listening to Christ from the Cross". Books will be available. Questions? Call Shannon Neal 704-219-1632.

Men's Bible Study Thursday, 6:30pm in the CLC.

Missions February 2026 Updates

Our first Common Heart Pantry will be Tuesday, June 9. Mark your calendar and ask a friend to join you at the picnic shelter 8:30 - 12:00. You'll sort and share food brought from Common Heart and Second Harvest to vetted recipients from Union County.



Thank You

Barbara Lemmonds, Christa Lemmonds, and Christina Salyer for serving the first meal of 2026 at Operation ReachOut on January 9. Their meal of chicken pot pies, green beans and pound cakes was enjoyed by 38 guests, and two additional pot pies were served at a later meal.

Missions Plans for 2026

1. Bulletin boards are set up in the sanctuary breezeway and the FLC lobby where you can pick up an **information sheet** explaining how this works.
2. Serving Dates are always on the **2nd Friday** of each month between **11:30 -1:30** on:
Feb. 13 Mar. 13 Apr. 10 May 8 Jun. 12 Jul. 10 Aug. 14
Sep. 11 Oct. 9 Nov. 13 Dec. 11 Jan. 8, 2027 Feb. 12, 2027

Picking your date helps assure our meeting the needs at Operation ReachOut.

How can you get started?

1. You can share your contact information (name, email, phone) with Missions and let us connect you with a group planning to serve a meal.
2. You can get members of your family together and make it a family affair.
3. A Sunday School Class can plan a menu and divide up the cooking and serving.
4. At men's and women's Bible studies, small group home meetings or before and after Sunday services speak up and initiate the first step of forming a team.

How can you reserve a date to serve?

Contact John Worley at worleyjmba@aol.com to get answers to your questions or to reserve a date to serve.

In Romans 12:13, the Apostle Paul wrote:

“Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

Can **YOU** lead the way of sharing more hospitality from Mineral Springs Methodist Church?

The North Carolina Global Methodist Church Difference:

The local church is the root of our ministry in the GMC. We endeavor to keep ministry funds in the hands of the local churches, instead of in the hands of the conference. We partner with our local churches in mission and ministry to make Disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world! We believe in trusting our churches as the Lord provides for their churches in their Connectional Giving, to help support connectional resources, ministries, and missions in the Conference.

We do this by staying grounded in scriptural holiness, the guiding principles that shape our attitudes, behaviors, and decisions.



Our North Carolina Values Are:

Transparency

Trust is rarely achieved without transparency. As good stewards, we will provide financial & administrative information on a timely basis with clarity & conciseness through various available avenues for your access.

Accountability & Integrity

We are accountable to you, the Annual Conference. As servants of Christ and the Conference, we accept the covenant to provide the financial & administrative information you require. We do so to honor Jesus.

Lean "Footprint"

As a Conference, we are good stewards of the funds entrusted us & committed to mission. We aim to minimize expenses where possible, such as not having a conference center or central office building.

Local Church is the Center of Ministry

The Annual Conference can train, guide, & nurture your churches, but we recognize the Conference cannot do the ministry the local church can. Keeping funds in the local church keeps the focus on ministry.



Meetings

February 15th

11am

Trustees|CLC

6pm

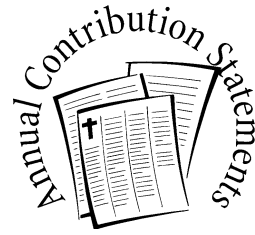
SPRC|Asbury
Finance|CLC

7pm

Administrative Council|CLC

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

February 2026 Challenge
Read One Chapter per day



2025 Giving Statements have been emailed and mailed. In an effort to be good stewards we want to connect through email.

Please make sure we have your updated email address in the church office.

You may update your contact information on our church app at: <https://www.mschurch.life/card/4>

Or use the QR Code below.



You may also email the church office at mineralspringsmethodistchurch@gmail.com to provide your current email address.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through our church. Your giving to our ministry this year has made all the difference!

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
– 2 Corinthians 9:11

As we begin a new year please know we are here to assist in helping you continue to be faithful stewards for the good work we are a part of in the community and around the world.

As always we are here to assist in any needs or questions you might have about your connection, feel free to contact us.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 9:45a Worship 11a Bible study 2p Men's Basketball 4p Children's Choir 6p Youth	2 9a Staff Meeting 5:30p Pickleball 7:30p Troop 18/CLC	3 5p Men's Basketball 7p AA Meeting	4 9a Sew Blessed 10a Ladies Bible Study 1:30p Crafts For Christ 6p Pack Leader Parent Monthly Meeting 6p Open Gym	5 9a Preschool Chapel 9:30a MS Methodist Women 6p Band practice 6p Adult Choir 6:30p Ladies Bible Study 6:30p Men's Bible Study	6 7p AA meeting	7 9:30a Yoga 4p Miranda Young CLC reserved
8 <u>Scout Sunday</u> 9:45a Worship 11a Bible study 2p Men's Basketball 4p Children's Choir 5:30p Youth/Scout Board Sunday	9 9a Staff Meeting 5:30p Pickleball 7:30p Troop 18/CLC	10 5p Men's Basketball 7p AA Meeting	11 9a Sew Blessed 10a Ladies Bible Study 1:30p Crafts For Christ 6p Open Gym	12 9a Preschool Chapel 6p Band practice 6p Adult Choir 6:30p Ladies Bible Study 6:30p Men's Bible Study	13 7p AA meeting	14 9:30a Yoga
15 <u>Transfiguration Sunday</u> 9:45a Worship 11a Bible study 11a Trustees 2p Men's Basketball 4p Children's Choir 6p Youth 6p Finance 6p SPSC 7p Administrative Council	16 9a Staff Meeting 5:30p Pickleball 7:30p Troop 18/CLC	17 5p Men's Basketball 7p AA Meeting	18 9a Sew Blessed 10a Ladies Bible Study 1:30p Crafts For Christ 6p Open Gym 6p Soup Supper before Ash Wed Service 7p Ash Wednesday	19 9a Preschool Chapel 6p Band practice 6p Adult Choir 6:30p Ladies Bible Study 6:30p Men's Bible Study	20 6p Pinewood Derby Set up in FLC 7p AA meeting	21 9a Pinewood Derby 9:30a Yoga
22 1st Sunday in Lent 9:45a Worship 11a Bible study 2p Men's Basketball 4p Children's Choir 6p Serenaders 6p Youth	23 9a Staff Meeting 5:30p Pickleball 6:30p Girl Group 7:30p Troop 18/CLC	24 5p Men's Basketball 7p AA Meeting	25 9a Sew Blessed 10a Ladies Bible Study 1:30p Crafts For Christ 6p Open Gym	26 9a Preschool Chapel 6p Band practice 6p Adult Choir 6:30p Ladies Bible Study 6:30p Men's Bible Study	27 7p AA meeting	28 9:30a Yoga



February 20th is the deadline for the March Pipeline.

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