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## Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

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### FOR FELLOWSHIP

*We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3*

*So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. 1 John 1:6*

*So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us. 1 John 2:24-25*

Maybe if you're like me, every once in a while when you're reading the Bible, a passage you have read a many times suddenly catches your attention in a way it had not before. 1 John 1:3 did that for me recently. The only reason John is telling people about his experience with Jesus is so that they can have fellowship with the disciples, who happen to be in fellowship with God.

But that is not all! The problem was not in the Bible, it was in my shallow understanding of the word "fellowship." What is fellowship? Well, it is talking together with Christian friends after church, or perhaps in a little more extended way at a church supper. As a matter of fact, while we need not dismiss those, fellowship as John and the rest of the New Testament uses it, is much more than that. The NLT effectively captures that when it translates the older versions, "abide" (e.g., 1 John 2:24-25) with "remain in fellowship."

What are we talking about? Salvation is not finally about having our sins forgiven and going to heaven. It is about coming to be "in" God: to live in Him, to experience Him through the real presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and as a result to be bound in the same way to Christian brothers and sisters. We will go to heaven together or not at all. To "abide" in God is to have a living relationship with Him that changes everything. John wants us to have the eternal life that Jesus's Cross and Resurrection makes possible. But that eternal life is found in no longer living in lonely selfish isolation, but in coming to be "joined at the hip" with God. **That** is fellowship. Do you have that fellowship?

Blessings, Pastor Manish

# Hello, FEBRUARY

May this month  
bring you more  
love, beautiful  
blessings and  
fulfilled dreams  
that bring you  
closer to God.

Minnie Roiles   
FB/COME OUT AND SHINE



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If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, you may call Ruth or the Church Office, to be added to the email list.

Please be in prayer for each of these listed on our continuing prayer list below. And, if you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth or the church office, 865-9334.



**PRAYER WARRIORS**

**Our Freedom** Abundant Grace Free Store **Rev. Manish Shiralay**

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**Ruth Romero** Lynn Schultz **Erma Ward** Mike Heppler **Cheryl Huber**

Dan McCarty

**Bill Lynch** **Don Gleichman** Lois Meadors Daniel Gurule **Conrad Joseph Hughes** Cure for Cancer

**Donna Duke** J'Amy Creel Diego **Joleen Baughman** Karen Fastnacht **Nate Meyer**

USA Leaders **Larry & Melodie Huff** Michael Garrison **Richard & Linda Darnell** Lori Buvinghausen

**All Caregivers** Anne Cassidy-Vigil **Beth Barnett** **All military & their families** **Marilyn Smith**

Don Taylor **Ted George** **Bruce Walters** **John Dutil** **Veronica Garcia** **Krista Storch**

**Arlene Kochis** Jeremy Gray **David Martinez** Cliff Steuben **Jim Kubisak**

# AfterShock Youth Group

Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other. **Haggai 2:6-7**

And just like that, January is over, 2025 is in full swing, Ignite youth conference, Superbowl Sunday, and the busy-ness gets busier and busier. 1 Peter 5:8 warns us to be alert and of sober mind, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

What better way to keep people from being effective for God, than to keep them busy with so many other types of activities in the world. And we are happy to support sports on Sunday with club sports tournaments, and keep our youth and children occupied with all sorts of competitive things that ultimately take them away from the opportunity to worship and study God's word. Parents seem more than happy to fall into this same habit of doing everything else first and allowing God to be second. There really are two rules that we should all be better at following.

#1 Don't make God

#2.

The Aftershock Youth group will be attending the Valencia County Ignite Student led conference on Saturday February 1, at the First Baptist Church of Bosque Farms. Please continue to pray for the youth of this county as we come together to worship, pray, and learn from the youth who lead workshop presentations. Pray for those youth who, due to the business of this world are not going to be at the conference, that they may find the time and place to better hear and understand the word of our Lord. And that they may develop a passion to know Christ on a deep and personal level.

We will have a presentation from Christians United for Israel and hope to develop a better understanding of how we may offer our support to God's people around the world.

The Aftershock Youth are meeting on Wednesday evenings in the Community Building from 6pm to 8pm. We start with a meal, some game time, and then Bible study from 7 to 8. Last week we studied how our words have the power of life or death depending on how you speak to or about others. We utilized the scriptures from Proverbs 18:21; James 3:3-6; and Ephesians 4:29. If you know of a youth who could benefit from this fellowship and study please get them our information or give us their info and we will contact them to invite them to join us.

## **Our next two studies will be:**

Humility- Matthew 26:36-39; Philippians 2:5-8 Humility means trusting God more than you trust yourself.

Peer Pressure- Matthew 26:69-75; Galatians 1:10; Daniel 3

Following the Crowd may be easy, but its not always the best way to go.



**Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle**  
*Mary Circle will meet in February  
on Tuesday, February 11, at 9:30 am  
in the Fellowship Hall.*  
*Join us for Prayer, Devotion, Fellowship  
and sending valentines to shut ins and others*



***All women at are cordially invited!***

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GriefShare is designed to help people during a time of grief. Anyone is welcome to join us at anytime. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month in the Conference Room at 1:00 pm. February dates are the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. If you want to know more about GriefShare you may look online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or contact one of the coordinators leading the group. Coordinators are Carol Smith, Diana Ward and Phyllis Graham.

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## **CRAFTY LADIES MEETING DATES IN FEBRUARY**

**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

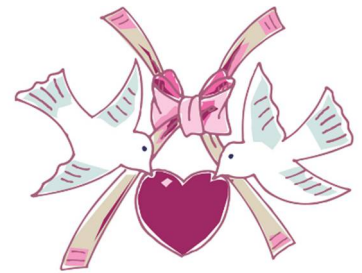
**Beginning at 9 am until about 1:30 pm, in**

**Fellowship Hall. Please join us!!!**



February - John Dutil  
February 5 - Jane Owensby  
February 5 - Carole Caswell  
February 7 - Don Jensen  
February 14 - Dorothy York  
February 15 - Danielle Meyer  
February 17 - Roberta de la Rosa  
February 17 - Jeremy Smith  
February 24 - James Phillips  
February 26 - Bobby Green  
February 27 - Wendy Honeyfield  
February 27 - Amy Valigura  
February 27 - Jess Davis

February 14 - Larry & Melodie Huff  
February 16 - Gustavo & Renee Garcia



Happy  
ANNIVERSARY

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Youth IGNITE @ First Baptist  Auditorium reserved 1-6 pm Court of Honor  G. S. Svc Unit, Conf Room, 8-6 pm
<b>2</b> 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship  3 pm – Bell Choir	<b>3</b> 9:30 -12 noon Food Pantry 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conf Rm  Office open from 12 noon – 3:30 pm  5:00– Cub Scouts Auditorium & K 5:30 – Emmaus Prayer, #101 7 – Scouts, Education Bldg.	<b>4</b> Office closed in the morning, open at 12 noon  Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9-2  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15  <b>Trustees’            meeting 6:30 pm</b>	<b>5</b> Crafty Ladies Fell Hall 9-2  5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible study #101 6 pm – Choir 6 pm AfterShock Youth	<b>6</b>  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15	<b>7</b>  Emmaus, Fell Hall & Kitchen 6:00 pm	<b>8</b> Auditorium & Kitchen reserved, NMSU 8 am-1 pm  Threads of Love, Fellowship Hall 10:30 am  Fell Hall reserved, 1 pm -6 pm, Baby Shower
<b>9</b> 7 am – Men’s Breakfast Study, Fellowship Hall  8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship  3 pm – Bell Choir	<b>10</b> 9:30 am – Food Pantry  5:30 – Emmaus Prayer, #101 5:30 – Cub Scouts Educ Bldg 6:15 Auditorium, VB 7 pm Scouts, Educ. Bldg	<b>11</b> Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 9:30 am  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15	<b>12</b>  5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible study #101 6 pm – Choir 6 pm –AfterShock Youth	<b>13</b> Study group, Fell Hall K 9:30 am  1:00 pm GriefShare, Conf. Room  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> Auditorium & Kitchen reserved, NMSU 8 am-1 pm  Sanctuary & Fell Hall reserved
<b>16</b> 8:45–Sunday School 10 am Worship  3 pm – Bell Choir	<b>17–Presidents’            Day holiday</b> 9:30 – Food Pantry OPEN 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conf Rm 5:30 – Emmaus prayer #101 6:15 Auditorium, VB No Cub Scouts 7 pm – Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	<b>18</b>  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15	<b>19</b> 5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible study #101 6 pm – Choir 6 pm –AfterShock Youth	<b>20</b>  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Auditorium & Kitchen reserved, NMSU 8 am-1 pm
<b>23</b> 7 am – Men’s Breakfast Study, Fellowship Hall  8:45 –Sunday School 10 am – Worship  3 pm – Bell Choir	<b>24</b> 9:30 am – Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus prayer, #101 5:30 – Cub Scouts Educ Bldg 6:15 Auditorium, VB 7 pm Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>25</b>  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15  Order of Arrow 7 pm, Fell Hall	<b>26</b> 5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible study #101 6 pm – Choir 6 pm –AfterShock Youth	<b>27</b> Study, F.H. K 9:30 am  1:00 pm GriefShare, Conf. Room  Auditorium reserved,VB 6:15	<b>28</b>	<b>March<sup>st</sup></b> Auditorium & Kitchen reserved, NMSU 8 am-1 pm