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Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in
man
And makes flesh his strength,
Whose heart departs from the Lord.
For he shall be like a shrub in the
desert,
And shall not see when good comes,
But shall inhabit the parched places
in the wilderness,
In a salt land which is not inhabited.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in
the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.
For he shall be like a tree planted by
the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the
river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year
of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Blessed Are those Who Trust In The Lord

February 16, 2025
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #455 - I Am Thine, O Lord

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship - from Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed is the person whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on
His law, he meditates day and night.

People: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its
fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

Leader: Whatever he does prospers.

People: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way
of the wicked will perish.

ALL: Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the
wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of
mockers.

Opening Prayer

*Creator God, we come into your house this morning to worship you in Spirit and
in Truth. Guide us by your Holy Spirit. Teach us your will and your ways. Thank
you for the great gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We offer
our hopes and concerns to you. Give us that peace that passes all understanding
that only comes from you. The world cannot give that kind of peace. Thank you
for loving us and teaching us to love others in the same way. We praise you in
the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Prayer Hymn - #468 – Be Thou My Vision

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Jim Phegley	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Larry & Betty Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Jerry & Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood		

Scripture Text: Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10 (NRSV)

5 Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

7 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

8 They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

9 The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

10 I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Scripture Readings - Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10 (NRSV)

Sermon - *Blessed Are those Who Trust In The Lord* — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #469 - Higher Ground

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

The bread and the cup are distributed together.

Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Closing Song - #256 - The Old Rugged Cross

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.

And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger.

11:00 p.m. - Board Meeting

Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, February 19th

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, February 23rd

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Beginning Balance As Of 2-9-25	5156.38
Expenses/Payroll	2059.86
Weekly Offering	1365.00
Difference	+ \$694.86
Ending Balance	4461.52

Announcements:

Week of February 9th - Attendance: 30 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 0, YouTube: 11 Approx. Views: 11-41

Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Meal provided by Viana Lewis & George Cover. Thank you Viana & George!

A Conversation of Hope and Resilience: An evening with artist and community organizer, Rev. Shawna Bowman, will be Friday, February 21st. It will be at Eleventh House @ 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Lattes and hymns at 6:30 p.m. A light meal will also be provided. Hosted by: A Work In Progress-Faith Community, Bethany Presbyterian, and First Christian Church of Lafayette. See flier in narthex.

Youth Group Meal Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for our youth on Wacky Wednesday nights for 2025. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, a reminder card will be sent out a week prior to the date you choose. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

Hope Community is hosting Ladies Day: March 1st. It is a day of encouragement and refreshment for all ladies out of high school in our area. Brunch will be served at 10:30 and a program of fun, music and inspiration to follow at 11:30. Jill Kohlhagen is a full time Christian lady who specializes in being a wife, mom, friend and hospice chaplain. She has an incredible testimony of God's guidance and grace to share on this day. Miriam Rust, another wonderful Christian lady, will serve as your hostess for the day. She will add another friendly face and warm welcome to the day. Tickets for the event are free, but tickets will be required to attend. Please reserve your place at Hope Community at 219-866-5665 or hopecommunity08@gmail.com. Reservations are first come first serve with a limit of 80 people. See flier in narthex.

JCEFA Pork Chop or Chicken Dinner: is Sunday, March 16th at Jasper County Fair Grounds. Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Carry out are available. Sponsored by: Jasper County Fair Association. Profits to benefit Jasper County Fair. Dinner by Remington Poultry & Catering. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Flier in narthex.

Lenten Luncheon Schedule:

- 3/05 — Church of the Nazarene
- 3/12 — St. Augustine Church
- 3/19 — First Christian Church
- 3/26 — Brushwood
- 4/2 — St. Luke's
- 4/9 — Trinity UMC
- 4/16 —

February Birthdays

- 1 - Rick Williams, Dick Wiseman
- 2 - David Lintner
- 5 - Sarah Bailey, Susie Smith, Sarah Sutton
- 6 - Cole Dunlap
- 7 - Brandon Roberts
- 9 - Kolton Ploughe
- 10 - Katie Saylor
- 11 - Bob Wiseman, Conrad Smith
- 13 - Stan Bailey, Steve Bailey
- 14 - Rhonda Murphy
- 19 - Matt Phillips
- 21 - Bailey Craig
- 23 - Jim Lintner, Jim Donnelly
- 28 - Dinah Todd



Happy Birthday



February Anniversaries

NONE

