

# Bulletin

February 4, 2024

## For The Church



Putting together jigsaw puzzles on cold winter days might be an activity that you have fond memories of. With the weather a bit frigid during the days our grandkids were visiting during Christmas, a puzzle purchase at Dollar General seemed a great option. With limited choices, a 500 piece depicting balls of yarn was chosen simply because it was colorful. Would a 5 and 7 year old be able to tackle this? Surprisingly yes! But, it was hard. It required study of the color and texture nuances, plenty of perseverance, and constant comparison to the picture on the box. The goal of puzzle making is to imitate the picture on the box. Can you imagine attempting a puzzle without the benefit of the picture on the box?

Sometimes our lives might feel like that. Random pieces that don't seem to fit or make sense, or feeling that we're left alone with nothing to guide us. But, as Christians, that's not our story. We've been given the picture on the box. Our goal is one of imitating what God has clearly shown us. Not only has He given us His word, but He sent his only son to dwell among us, living a life that we can strive to imitate. Ephesians 5:1-2 says, "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering, and sacrifice to God."

There's nothing random or out of place about the pieces of our lives. God has a picture on the box, waiting for us to discover. Will it be hard? Will it require intentionality and study? Of course. Will it be worth it? Absolute



## In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton  
Thomas Pruitt  
Shannon Bauer  
Elmer Schuette  
Carol Gingrich  
Madison Cole

Rick Rodness  
Lori Lamar  
Hadley Bright  
Susan Mayer (Chet's sister)  
Truitt Family  
Tanna Martin

Ronnie Harris (Zach's grandpa)  
Audie Thornburg  
Brayden Smith  
Megan Duntz  
Chris Ortego

# Upcoming Events

## Potluck [Today]

Join us for potluck today after services! This should be a great time of fellowship and good food!

## Super Bowl Party [Next Sunday]

Join us next Sunday evening for a Super Bowl Party! The game starts at 5:30, but we will be set up by 5. Please bring an appetizer, snack, vegetable, or dessert to share as we enjoy a time of fellowship together with God's people.

## Mission Trip to Neema Village [April 2024]

Pam Turner and Linda Hamm (Pratt) will be volunteering at Neema Village Newborn Rescue Mission during the month of April 2024. As part of our job as volunteers, we have been asked to spread the word about what this mission does and to raise funds for mission projects. We are not raising funds for our travel expenses. Donations may be given to Pam. If you would like to learn more, talk to Pam, pick up a brochure at the back, or visit the website at: [neemavillage.org](http://neemavillage.org)

## New Babe in Christ [Friday]

Michelle Erichsen (formally Mansel) was baptized Friday into Christ. She is the daughter of Jon and Vicki Mansel and the niece of Lory Willinger. Praise Jesus!

## Save the Date:

March 29-30 - LTC in Kansas City  
April 12-13 - Women Walking with God

## Birthdays this week:

Ashley Reed - February 7

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Lamentations 3:40)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #57 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Song: #364 - Come, Share the Lord

Communion: Jerry Kinnamon

Song: #560 - Living By Faith

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #902 Nothing But the Blood (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell

**Sundays:** Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am  
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am  
**Elders:** Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril  
**Deacons:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril  
**Minister:** Zeborah Carter