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| SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE | 9:30 a.m. |
| TUESDAY: Adult Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. |
| THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group | 11:00 a.m. |
| Men's Bible Study | 1:30 p.m. |
| OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday | 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. |





February 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|-----|
| | | | | 1 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship w/Communion | 5 | 6 10:00 am Adult Bible Study | 7 1:00 pm Emmanuel pack lunches for Lunch Is Served | 8 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group NOTE: NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship | 12 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting | 13 10:00 am Adult Bible Study | 14  ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 1:00 pm | 15 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study | 16 2:00 pm Lamplighters | 17 |
| 18 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship |  | 20 10:00 am Adult Bible Study | 21 | 22 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship | 26 | 27 10:00 am Adult Bible Study | 28 | 29 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study | | |

JANUARY REPORT

| | ATTENDANCE | VIEWS | OFFERING* |
|------|---------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1/7 | 32 | 29 | \$2,451.00 |
| 1/14 | No service due to weather | | |
| 1/21 | 30 | 22 | \$8,765.00 |
| 1/28 | 38 | 22 | \$4,486.29 |

2024 Year to Date received: *\$15,702.00

2023 Budgeted Amount: *\$8,381.04

Amount Needed Per Sunday: *\$2,794.00

*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Jake Hawkins & Brad Thoreson

GREETERS - Brad & Beth Thoreson



JANUARY LAMPLIGHTERS MEETING

February 16 - 2:00 p.m.

Eastside Lutheran Church

1300 E 10th - Sioux Falls, SD



"SHORT NOTICE" BAND

WILL BE IN CONCERT

AT OUR CHURCH

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7.

MORE INFORMATION

TO FOLLOW.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Pam Scovell
- 6 Kelly Lindstrom
- 12 Andrew Rogers
- 13 Marlene Kriech
- 14 Steve Stutson
- 15 Alyssa Johnson (Rogers)
- 20 Skip Sherman
- 20 Julia Paul
- 25 Lynne Talbert

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIE

- 1 Steve & Val Thompson
- 8 Bob & Marj Sanborn



What: Camp Judson Banquet

When: April 20, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Cost: \$50 per person

First Baptist Church is graciously hosting this banquet for the Camp Judson fundraising campaign along with the camp's 100th anniversary! Please save this date on your calendar, and more information will be coming out soon.



Emmanuel Friends of Camp Judson update since December 2021 the Emmanuel Friends of Camp Judson has raised \$7,328.00 folding and bagging apparel items.

A big "THANK YOU" to those Friends who have donated their time to raise funds to rebuild the Roger Williams Lodge at the camp. To date the campaign has raised about \$2.7 million of the goal of \$4 million. -Al Parliament -



Delores Williams had the winning ticket to receive the quilt from the Church of Hope Quilt Raffle. Proceeds were \$4,575.00.

Thank you for your support.

Being “Nice”

Take a moment to read the following Scriptures and see if you can detect the common theme.

Exodus 18:21; Psalms 26:5; 31:6; 45:7; 97:10; 101:3; 119:104, 128, 158, 163; 139:21-22; Proverbs 8:13; 13:5; 15:27; 24:9; 29:27; Ezekiel 35:6; Amos 5:15; Romans 2:22; 7:15; 12:9; Hebrews 1:9; Jude 1:23; Revelation 2:6

Don't have time to try, or you tried and can't pick it out? Let's take one of those verses and see if we can identify the theme.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. - Romans 12:9, emphasis added.

Notice what is identified as genuine, not hypocritical love: hating evil AND clinging to good. To assert that clinging to good alone is what true love does is just plain wrong.

It is an insipid, dispiriting, unbiblical, even sinful notion that we can love by not hating anything. It is an aspect of the idolatry of self to assert that each individual is so autonomous that they get to have their own truth. If we love them - so the false teaching goes - we accept their “truth” as true. We must “be nice” and use their pronouns, let them choose their restrooms, allow them to decide when life begins, and respect their victimhood, however they choose to identify themselves.

That is “loving” someone to Hell. God does not love in that way, neither should His people. God hates sin and those who pursue it. (He is a jealous God; His love for us is fierce - Exodus 20:5.) Love without justice and holiness is not His will for us.

“Hate the sin but love the sinner” is a cliché in church-

es, a manifestation of the kind of love we've identified as false. That is not a biblical expression, but a quote from Mahatma Ghandi's 1929 autobiography. Let us be done with it.

True love requires hatred of evil and evil doers, while at the same time, having compassion for them, seeking to save them. What does this mean for daily living? First, it does not excuse disrespect, arrogance, prejudice, or unkindness. Love achieves a balance between hating evil and loving good. It flows from an uncompromising but never rude devotion to the truth.

Second, this is an unusually nuanced and difficult way to live. Here's where we start: we love God so much we want to displace every competitor for His affection. We love the truth so much we want everyone to see it and share it. We want the best for everyone and the best for all of us is God.

(My source for the list of verses was <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Hating-Evil>, retrieved on 31 January 2024.)

- Pastor Brett

ROMANS 12:9 WEB

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