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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.





# FEBRUARY 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	3	4
5 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	6	7 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	8	9 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	10	11
12 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship Installation of Officers	13 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting	14 10:00 am Adult Bible Study  Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	17 2:00 Lamplighters	18 6:00 pm C.O.G.S.
19 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship	20 	21 10:00 am Adult Bible Study  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	22  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  Worship Service 12:00 Noon	23 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	24	25
26 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship	27	28 10:00 am Adult Bible Study				

## JANUARY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
1/1	40	26	\$2,305.54
1/8	33	21	\$1,354.00
1/15	33	18	\$7,942.00
1/22	35	10	\$ 990.00
1/29	34	15	\$3,920.56

2023 Year to Date received: \*\$16,512.10

2023 Budgeted Amount: \*\$13,570.20

Amount Needed Per Sunday: \*\$2,714.04

\*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.

### USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Rick & Demitrius Hepp

*Women*  
IN THE  
WORD

Ladies, the book of the month for  
**FEBRUARY** is **ESTHER**.



**C.O.G.S. IS BACK!** C.O.G.S. will meet on **Saturday, February 18 at 6:00 pm at the church.** The main course will be provided.

Please bring a salad or dessert

to share. Call Marlene Kriech @605-366-6323 with how many will attend, what dish you plan to bring, and any questions you may have. All are welcome! Join us for food and fellowship!

## 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 ANNIVERSARIES

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



## BAPTIST CAMP JUDSON SUMMER 2023 CAMP DATES

PROJECT CAMP: May 21-25

JUNE HIGH SCHOOL CAMP: June 18-23

JULY HIGH SCHOOL CAMP: July 9-15

JUNIOR CAMP: July 16-21

TRAIL CAMP: July 16-22

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP: July 23-29

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT CAMP: May 21-25

FAMILY CAMP #1: July 2-8

ADULT BIBLE CONFERENCE: July 2-8

FAMILY CAMP #2: July 30-August 5

Register online for these camps @ [www.campjudson.org](http://www.campjudson.org)

It's Partly Up To You

*Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.*

(Hebrews 6:11-12, NLT)

A question that comes up in church conversations about Scripture and theology is how a believer can know they are saved. Let me attempt to simplify the discussion.

“Eternal Security” is a term that assures us, “once saved, always saved.” We need to be careful. This term describes the power of God to save people. When He bestows eternal life, no one can take it away from them. You can be secure in the knowledge that God will keep all His promises, especially the promises of salvation.

Let's look at John 10:27-29 as an example. Jesus promised that He would give His “sheep” eternal life. He said twice that NO ONE can snatch them out of His hand. When the gift of salvation is bestowed, it cannot be taken away. The greatest portion of the gift of salvation is God's prior work on our behalf; we can be assured we are secure for eternity because of Him.

I call the other side of this issue “Temporary Insecurity.” This is uncertainty that we've received salvation. This insecurity comes from different things but never comes from the word of God or the Holy Spirit.

God does not want us to live our lives feeling uncertain about our salvation. Since the problem is ours, the cure for Temporary Insecurity lies with us.

First, focus on God and His complete reliability, not on yourself. Learn and trust the unconditional promises of Scripture.

Second, choose to live in a way that proves to yourself first, then others, that you have received salvation. This is where our text in Hebrews 6 comes in. Read it again. It plainly says a purpose for LOVING OTHERS is to MAKE CERTAIN your HOPE will come true. Being assured of your salvation by your own experiences, you avoid being SPIRITUALLY DULL AND INDIFFERENT. Those words describe someone who's lost HOPE, not confirmed it. Having hope leads to greater FAITH AND ENDURANCE.

Occasional doubts or worries are normal (Paul had them; see 1 Corinthians 9:27). Recurring uncertainty about salvation is a situation needing healing. Take the two steps outlined above to journey toward the spiritual confidence God wants you to have.

## **RECESS**

by Helen Peters

Recess was a fun time  
A toboggan ride for four,  
Racing fast down the hill  
Walking back, what a chore.

Fox and goose was our game  
A circle we would make,  
We would run around and round  
Never thinking of a break.

How we liked snow angels  
All lying in a row.  
Oh, what fun it was for us  
We'd make a dozen or so.

Our mittens and our clothes were wet  
We didn't care a bit,  
We were having so much fun  
No time for us to sit.

Soon the bell was ringing  
Time for us to go,  
Our recess time was over  
We'd line up in a row.

