

THE EVANGEL – FEBRUARY 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WRITING YOUR LIFE CHAPTER INTO THE STORY OF LIFE

If you think Genesis is just a band from the '80's . . .

If you think it was Dr. Doolittle who took two of each animal into a big boat . .

If you think an epistle is a woman married to an apostle . . .

. . . you may need to know more of *The Story*.

You may be a bit intimidated by the Bible. You're not alone; many people are. And no wonder, its pages mention odd names like Jehoshaphat and Nebuchadnezzar. It contains accounts from places you probably never heard of, like Sinai and Samaria. And it seems to be made up of a lot of different, seemingly unrelated stories. But it really is one big, exciting story.

You can see it easily if you open your Bible to the beginning and then flip all the way to the end.

The first words found in Genesis 1:1 read: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Then, if you turn all the way to the back of the book, Revelation 21:1, you find, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away . . ."

In the beginning God is creating the heavens and the earth. At the end he is creating a new heaven and a new earth. So the big question is this: "What on earth happened between the beginning and the end of the Bible?" If you can answer that question you will have uncovered the one seamless story of God.

Why not read God's story with your family this year? Studies indicate if the extent of your child's exposure to things of the faith is a only weekly visit to church or Sunday School, the likelihood is very great that when she graduates and leaves home her relationship with the Lord will turn cold.

However, if you as a parent engage your children in the experience of reading and discussing the Bible, chances go up astronomically that they will remain strong in their faith after leaving home. You don't have to be an expert or have all the answers. You just have to be willing to experience it with them.

Get involved in The Story of God. It will forever transform your life and your family's life. Every day God is seeking to guide you, forming sentences that flow into paragraphs that over time write the chapter of your life—a life committed to knowing him better.

Will you choose today to take your life chapter and make it a part of the Big Story of what God is doing on earth?



In Christ,

Pastor Jason Collier

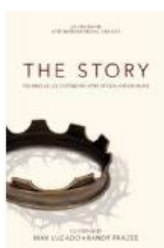
ACC MISSION COMMITTEE GARAGE SALE: FEBRUARY 5, 6, AND 7

To earn money so they can keep helping local families, the ACC Mission Committee will host a Garage Sale. Kathi says “We can use anything we can just go in and set down (dishes, pots & pans, small appliances etc.) We do **not** need any more clothing at this time). We **must** receive your donated items by Sunday, February 1ST. Dates to shop:



- Thursday, February 5th: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 6th: 9 AM to 3 PM
- Saturday, February 7th: 9 AM to Noon

“THE STORY” ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Wynne and Oscar Steele are facilitating a Bible Study group using “The Story” materials. The classes will be offered at two different times each week. You may attend either or both. All classes will be held at the South Church. (Sometime if there is a conflict, the Monday group will meet in the sanctuary rather than the Fellowship Hall). The classes will coincide with the sermon series by the same name that Jason will use in 2015-16.

Dates for February:

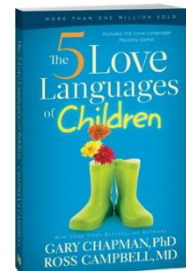
- Sunday, February 1, 8 and 15 – 9:15 to 10:15 AM
- Monday, February 1, 9, and 16 – 6:30-8 PM

We will then take a break for Lent resuming classes again in April.

THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN

Children need to feel loved to best succeed. But if you and your children speak different love languages, your display of love might get lost in translation—affecting your child’s attitude, behavior, and development.

Our own Sherrie Hazen is facilitating a small group sharing and conversation based on the book, “The 5 Love Languages of Children,” by Gary Chapman. It meets on Wednesday’s from 6:30 to 7:30 PM running through March 11 (same dates as Kids’ Club). ALL ADULTS involved with educating children of ALL AGES – infant to teenagers – are most welcome to participate. All sessions will be held at Ainsworth Community Church, Fellowship Hall. ACC is providing the materials. For more information contact Sherrie Hazen at 319-657-3782 or sherrie@iowatelecom.net



KIDS’ CLUB



Kids’ Club resumed Wednesday, January 21. The program will meet on Wednesday’s for 8 weeks at the North Church from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. A parent/adult must come to the classrooms at 7:30 PM to pick up the students. The final meeting of the spring session will be held Wednesday, March 11th.

BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 16, 2-7PM



The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in conjunction with the Ainsworth Sacha Club will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 16th from 2-7 PM. You must be 17 years of age to donate or 16 years with a signed consent form from your parents. You must be at least 110 pounds and in good health the day of the donations. You need to eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products. Please consider donating. For more information, call Kathi Bean at 319-657-2387 or 319-461-1339.

“SON” SEEKERS RESUMES

“Son” Seekers will resume meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at 7 PM. Jim and Penny McCreedy will host.



ASH WEDNESDAY: PANCAKES & WORSHIP



Ash Wednesday is February 18. **Everyone** (all Kids' Club participants and families, ACC and UCC Church Family) is invited to the ACC Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for a pancake supper. At 7 PM, everyone is invited to join in the ACC Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Worship service conducted by Pastor Jason.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study Group has resumed. Their meetings in February, March and April will be on the 1st and 4th Thursday at the United Church of Crawfordsville starting at 7 PM.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



The Ainsworth Community Church Women will host this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6 at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **ALL** women AND men are welcome to attend. The 2015 theme is “Jesus said, ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’” A few interesting facts about WDP:

- The motto of the organization is: “informed prayer leads to prayerful action.
- It is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.
- It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which all people are welcome.
- It is a movement which brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

THE ACC MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee would like to say "Thank you" for all the support you have given us in 2014. We have received meat from three different places. We put out our grocery bags and you bring them back filled. We've purchased food for the pantry because of your donations of money and items you have donated for the garage sale. You supported us when we had our Spud-tacular for the Society of St. Andrews. (By the way, we received 100 pounds of potatoes before Thanksgiving). Several of you have given furniture, beds, dressers, pots and pans, etc. to families who have had fires or other special needs. People have volunteered to drive us to Hiawatha to pick up food from HACAP. Others have volunteered to carry the groceries into the church for us. (We really appreciate those muscles). Many women and youth have helped prepare for the garage sale and we thank you for that too.



For Christmas this year we served 62 men, women, and children with food; 50 of them also got clothing and toys or a gift of some kind. Those helping us at this busy time of year were Sacha Club, Teresa Hazelett, and the Highland 4-H Club. Others who have sent us donations do not even go to our church. One lady, who has never gone to our church and moved away many years ago, still remembers us at Christmas. Thank you to those of you who find clothes and toys on sale after Christmas and give them to us for next year.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts of Washington and KCII for their donations. The Salem Church of God communicates every month to see what we need. That church has been very generous with the Mission Committee. Thank you!

We have begun getting lunch meat for sandwiches from West Liberty Foods in Mt. Pleasant. They are a great help. They offered us 12 cases of lunch meat, but we only took 6 which is still a lot of meat. They said to call whenever we need more.



Lastly we thank our families who help whenever there is a need. Husbands, children, and grandchildren all help and we couldn't do it without them. If we have missed someone, I'm sorry. Please know that keeping the Mission Committee in your prayers along with the families we help is appreciated.

The ACC Mission Committee - Kathi, Judy, Brenda, and Stacy

HACAP FOOD RESERVOIR DONATIONS

The HACAP Food Reservoir in Hiawatha (which helps ACC and other Eastern Iowa organizations), is accepting financial contributions. If you wish to donate, please see Kathi Bean or Jan Temple.



SALVATION ARMY KETTLE REPORT



In 2014, \$14,174 was raised in total at all 3 locations; 70% of that stays in the local community. **THANK YOU** to those participating/donating.

JOURNEY WITH CHRIST: EMMAUS/CHRYSLIS

Emmaus is a 3 day experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation for adults. The next 'Walk to Emmaus' will be held at Marshalltown UMC. **Men's Walk: February 19-22, 2015;**



Women's Walk: March 5-8, 2015

Chrysalis is a 3 day experience for teens 10th grade through sophomore in college. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The next flight will be held in Grinnell



April 17-20, 2015.

Please let Amysara, Jan, or Pastor Jason know if you wish to participate.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Ainsworth Community Church received a nice thank you for the Christmas cards for the service member project. Thank you to all who took time to write the cards. AND, thank you for your leadership, Stacy Klinzman!



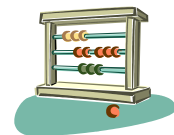
CRAWFORDSVILLE LIONS PANCAKE SUPPER



The Crawfordsville Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Saturday, February 14 at the Crawfordsville Elementary School. Serving will be from 4-7 PM Cost: Advance tickets are \$7; at the door \$8; Children 12 and under \$5; Preschool free.

DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY '15 ATTENDANCE

Month	Last Year	Present
December	464	531
January	228	220



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE




Joys: Babies, Grandchildren, and Great grandchildren have been born recently to the members of our church family. Ron Ornduff and family extend thanks for the healing prayers. **Concerns:** Those recovering from recent surgery and those adjusting to new body parts; those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life. **Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

1) George Lord, Robert McCreedy; 5) Rhonda Morrison; 6) Jim Hansen; 9) Halle Hazelett; 11) Jan Temple; 13) Christine Sands; 14) Gabrielle Dawley, Stan McCreedy, *Kurt & Dawn Stewart; *Herb Yoder & Dorothy Koehler; 16) *Jason & Kristen Anderson; 17) Kerra Longbine; 18) Elaine Nicholson; 19) Bruce Temple; 21) Michael Castillo; 22) George Colthurst; Hannah Mae Hartzler; 24) Dwight Miller; 26) Molly Koehler; 27) Adam Rees.



BUDGET REPORT – 12-31-14

	Income	\$12,008.44	Expenses	\$5,061.35
	General Fund	\$11,590.41	Building Fund	\$9,382.94
	Memorial Fund	\$4,757.71	Need/month for budget	\$6,923.42

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the December meeting (there was no meeting in January), these were the highlights:

Council Members volunteered to serve as a liaison with the various committees of the church as follows:



Christian Education – Kris Anderson	Nominating – Open
Worship – Laura Temple	Finance – Myron Rees
Property – Dwight Miller	Mission – Jenny Yoder
Staff/Parish – Dan Klinzman	Memorial – Liz Kaufman
Membership – Jan Temple	

Christian Education – Children’s Christmas Program was attended by 163 persons. Kids’ Club will resume January 21 and run through March 11. The Ash Wednesday Service and Pancake Supper will be held in conjunction with Kids’ Club. **Worship Committee:** Plans are underway for “The Story” and “The 5 Love Languages of Children” study groups. **Mission Committee** reported assisting over 85 persons during the holidays. **Property Committee** Jan reported that Bruty’s will come Dec. 19 to make a temporary repair on the carpet at the back of the sanctuary. **New Business:** Pastor Jason suggested applying for credit cards for him and Jan to use on behalf of the church. Rita had checked and there is no cost as long as the balance is paid in full. PC agreed; Rita will pursue it. The Christian Education committee recommends that the PC offer Amysara Richardson the position of Youth Leader at ACC for 5 hours a week at the rate of \$10/hour. Approved. The regular meeting date for Parish Council meetings was changed to the 2nd Thursday of each month. There will be no January meeting.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 (4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111 (UMH 832)
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



FEBRUARY 8 (5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859)
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

FEBRUARY 15 (TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY)

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6 (UMH 783)
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

FEBRUARY 22 (FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT)

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Please note: If you are not able to serve as a worship assistant, ***please find a substitute***. If you would like to be a worship assistant, PLEASE tell Jan!!

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Refreshments	AV
Feb. 1	Colton Bean, Dennis Bean	Larry & Kathy Bean	Ellie Anderson	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Jan Temple
8	Myron Rees, Nick Yoder	Jim & Penny McCreedy	Graycn Anderson	Jan Temple, Laura Temple	Dan Klinzman
15	Jason Anderson, Neal Megchelsen	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Lexi Collier	Liz Kaufman, Juanita Dawley	Jan Temple
22	Joe Skubal, Dave Kaufman	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Gabby Dawley	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Jan Temple
Mar. 1	Ben Bean, Brian Bean	Jan Temple, Colleen Bean	Shalyn Kirk	Janet Rees, Pat Jenkins	Jan Temple

FEBRUARY – MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday, February 1: Communion Sunday; ACC Youth Group, Noon-1:30 PM – includes lunch, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Feb. 1, 8, and 15: “The Story” Bible Study, 9:15-10:15 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 8, 15, and 22: ACC Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM

Monday, Feb. 2, 9, and 16: “The Story” Bible Study, 6:30-8 PM, South Church

Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, and 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24: Praise Band Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, UCC

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 11, and 25; March 4 and 11: Kids’ Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church; The 5 Love Languages of Children Study Group, 6:30-7:30 PM, South Church

Thursday, Feb. 5: ACC Mission Committee Garage Sale, 1-5 PM, North Church

Thursday, February 5 and March 5: Men’s Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

Thursday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26; March 5, 12, 19, & 26: TKD, 6 PM, South Church

Friday, Feb. 6: ACC Mission Committee Garage Sale, 9 AM to 3 PM, North Church

Saturday, Feb. 7: ACC Mission Committee Garage Sale, 9 AM to Noon, North Church

Sunday, February 8 and 22; March 8 and 22: Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM, UCC

Thursday, February 12 and March 12: ACC Parish Council, North Church, 7 PM

Monday, Feb. 16: Blood Drive, 2-7 P, Fellowship Hall, FMI: Kathi Bean – 657-2387

Tuesday, February 17: “Card” Club, Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; “Son” Seekers, 7 PM, Jim and Penny McCreedy hosts

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper & Worship for Kids’ Club participants & families plus everyone in ACC and UCC Church Family, 6:30-7:30 PM. Supper - 6:30PM, ACC South Church Fellowship Hall; Ash Wednesday Service - 7 PM, Sanctuary. (This takes the place of Kids’ Club and ‘Love Languages’ class this week)

Monday, February 23 and March 23: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

Thursday, February 26 and March 26: Men’s Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

Sunday, March 1: Communion Sunday, Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM

Friday, March 6: World Day of Prayer Observation, ACCW hosting, 1:30 PM

Sunday, March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Tuesday, March 17: “Card” Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; “Son” Seekers, Mike and Mary Lou Koehler, 7 PM

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday

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WORSHIP TIME

Worship Service: 10:30 AM; Kids' Club & Adult Study Group:
Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30 PM

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Megchelsen, 3206 265th St.,
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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 657.2387; Judy: 657.2157;
And Stacv: 319.930.0291

Ainsworth Community Church is a United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA) union congregation, together since 1973. Aligned with United Church of Crawfordsville since April 1, 2013.

We are the community church. We hope you will come and join us in one or more of these activities: Morning Worship Service, Youth Fellowship, Bible Studies, Women's Group, and much more.