

THE EVANGEL – FEBRUARY 2021

FROM THE PASTOR



Are you scared? It seems we have all had to face some fears over the last several months. The words "fear not" are listed in many Bible's 365 times. I guess the Lord knew we needed to hear it. Often, I am with people very near their end of life on earth. And they are often scared. But Jesus would tell you himself that his perfect love can cast out fear. He would also tell us that 1990 years ago He died on the cross so we could be guaranteed a place with Him in Heaven. So why do we fear?

When teenagers are very reckless, we say they are taking this life for granted. And most of us understand they will soon learn the reality that life is short. But why if eternity is ours, do we get so worked up about this life? My problem is trusting in Him. See, God gives me examples of His love every day, but I take them for granted. And because I don't give them each the value Christ does, I miss their importance. That creates in me a false sense that things of this life are more valuable than the next life. Every funeral I read the words of Paul that say "we will not all die but we will all be changed". I do believe those words but I want to be reminded by the Holy Spirit. What I mean is that I want to hear His voice more and more.

This year let's see if we can hear His voice more and cast out the fear in our lives. That starts with the verse in 1 Peter 5:7 - "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

Start tonight and continue often to give our problems to Him and let us prepare our hearts for His peace.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Collier".

Pastor Jason Collier

PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let us know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time; **church answering machine: 319-657-3020** or **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**.



BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 15, 2-7 PM



The Ainsworth Community Church will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 15 from 2-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the South Church at the corner of 4th and Washington. The last date you could give and donate now: **12.21.2020**. For an appointment contact Marcia Wilson at 319.430.6286 or Jan Temple at 319-330-6175. **Bring a photo ID AND wear a mask, please.**

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY

February 7	Raising the Widow's Son 5th Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:1-17; <i>(Psalm 119:105-107)</i> Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain.
February 14	Transfiguration Transfiguration of Our Lord	Like 9:28-45; <i>(Psalm 36: 5-10)</i> Transfiguration, healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction
February 17	Jesus Turns to Jerusalem Ash Wednesday	Luke 9:51-62; <i>(Psalm 5:7-8)</i> Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back.
February 21	Good Samaritan 1st Sunday in Lent	Luke 10:25-42; <i>(Psalm 15)</i> Parable of the Good Samaritan
February 28	Lament over Jerusalem 2nd Sunday in Lent	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35; <i>(Psalm 122)</i> The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH

March 7	Lost Sheep, Coin, Son 3rd Sunday in Lent	Luke 15:1-32; <i>(Psalm 119:167-176)</i> Parables of lost sheep, coin, prodigal son.
March 14	Rich Man and Lazarus 4th Sunday in Lent	Luke 16:19-31; <i>(Psalm 41:1-3)</i> Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.
March 21	Zacchaeus 5th Sunday in Lent	Luke 18:31-19:10; <i>(Psalm 84:1-4; 10-12)</i> Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
March 28	Triumphal Entry Palm/Passion Sunday	Luke 19:29-44; <i>(Psalm 118:19-23)</i> Triumphal entry; Jesus weeps over the city that does not know peace.

CRAWFORDSVILLE LIONS PANCAKE SUPPER

The Crawfordsville Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Saturday, February 20 from 4-7 PM. It will be a Drive-thru at the City Hall. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will go towards a WACO High School Scholarship Fund.



ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES: FEB. 17

Pastor Jason will offer drive-up prayer and ashes Wed., Feb. 17. Everyone is welcome.




Crawfordsville: 7AM to 9AM at UCC.

Ainsworth: 5PM to 7PM at ACC (lower entrance to South Church). Pull up and stay in your car.

MISSION COMMITTEE FOOD PANTRY

They continue to be busy meeting needs of local families. The majority of the food we have received since the pandemic started has been free as a result of our partnership with HACAP Food Reservoir based in Hiawatha. This has greatly increased our ability to supplement our inventory with items that are often requested but have not been available from them. During the 2020 calendar year we received over 12,000 pounds of food.

BUDGET REPORT – 12-31-20

	Income	\$6,409.95	Expenses	\$9,441.15
	General Fund	\$18,311.05	Building Fund	\$14,414.93
	Memorial Fund	\$40,806.85	Need/month for budget	\$7,484.31

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: We are grateful for the opportunity to worship in the sanctuary once again while we exhibit safe practices. Those recovering from illness, procedures and surgery. **Concerns:** Those suffering from illness and loss. **Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country.



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The Parish Council met via Zoom January 11 Following is an overview of the meeting. Note – While officers are usually elected in January and Committees assigned, we are continuing with officers and committees as they were in 2020. **Property:** Steps at the North Church - may only use sand this winter – no ice-melt/rock salt. Power has been disconnected to the old office/garage. In early spring, the Property Committee will attempt to tear down the old building and replace with a reasonably price shed. **Nominating Committee:** Temporary appointment needed to fill Janene Kirk medical leave. **Mission:** – Busy serving local families. **Old Business:** Finance: Apportionments were paid to each denomination. Pay Pal was resolved; bills paid. Snow Removal: Jason arranged for Randy Arthur to clear the parking area and John Ward to clear sidewalks. **New Business: Worship** in the sanctuary will resume Sunday, January 17, 2021. The buildings will be open for use. Outside groups will be encouraged to clean after themselves. Currently TKD is meeting at the Ainsworth School. Jan submitted statistical reports Sunday, Jan. 10. It was agreed to allow Janene Kirk a one-year medical leave from Parish Council. This will be for the 2021 calendar year. It was agreed that anyone making a total contribution to the church of \$250 or more during the calendar year receive a receipt for their records. It was agreed to destroy financial records that exceed retention requirements. **Next regular meeting:** Monday, February 8.

Note: Liz Kaufman has agreed to fill the one-year medical leave vacancy of Janene Kirk on the ACC Parish Council.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1)Robert McCreedy; 4) Diesel Freyenberger; 5) Rhonda Morrison; Drake Brezina; 6) Jim Hansen; 9) Halle Hazelett; 11) Jan Temple; 13) Christine Sands; 14) Gabrielle Dawley, Stan McCreedy, *Kurt & Dawn Stewart; 16) *Jason & Kristen Anderson; 17) Kerra Longbine; 18) Elaine Nicholson; 19) Bruce Temple; 22) George Colthurst; Hannah Hartzler; 24) Dwight Miller; 27) Adam Rees.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1)Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson; 3) Chris Richardson; 5) Molly Klinzman; 8) Stephanie Laverman; 9) *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler; 19) Emma Beemblossom; Dawn Stewart; 20) Noah Mills Entsminger; 21) Jonathan Kruse; Erin Mills; 24) Jason Collier; Janet White-Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk; 27) Ruth Miller, Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Elizabeth (Izie) Collier; Kurt Stewart; 30) Rich Riggan; 31) Jim McCreedy

Happy Birthdays!

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM, South Church – Corner of 4th & Washington

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 657.2387; and Ann: 319.330.0348

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.