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"This is my commandment, that
you love one another,
as I have loved you."
~John 15:12~

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Barbara & Burr Kannady
(65 Years)

THE CONNECTOR

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

For a number of years, Temple Israel hosted an annual event called Shalom Fest in the late summer or early fall. This delightful event invited all people to tour the Temple, enjoy the authentic food, witness a Torah* reading, experience a Jewish wedding or bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah, and learn about a Seder meal, to name a few. The chopped liver was the bomb! (Just ask Mike!) The event was a significant opportunity to build bridges to those to whom we owe so much. You are probably asking, “Why do we owe them so much?” I am glad you asked!



At the Torah reading, a Temple leader would explain the process and responsibilities of the Scribes in creating a Torah scroll. Writing a Torah scroll is a holy act, and there are many rules and regulations accompanying the task. As we have been learning on Wednesday nights from the Old Testament, the Jews are a people of laws and strictly adherence to the laws. With the writing of a Torah scroll, if *ONE* mistake is made, the whole Torah scroll has to be disposed of in a particular way. No erasing is permitted, no white-out. Period. It takes upwards of a calendar year to create a Torah scroll. A Scribe has an incredibly important job.

We owe the Scribes (and Jews) a great debt for the careful preservation of the Word of God. They are the ones who originated the process. The written Word is a powerful communication tool that I fear we take for granted much too often.

I've asked Sandy Bingaman, our Worship Chair, for her permission to start giving thanks in our service after the scripture is read. It sounds like this: the reader of the scripture says, “This is the Word of God for the people of God.” And all respond, “Thanks be to God.”

Prayer: Thank you, God, for the Scribes who, over the centuries, have dedicated their lives to the preservation of your Word so that we have it today. Amen.

Pastor Sharon

*The Torah is the first five books of the Bible, also called the Pentateuch.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

- "If music be the food of love, play on"-



On Sunday, February 11th we will be having our AB Women's Ministries Project dinner. We will be serving Chicken and Noodles, Green Beans Rolls, and dessert. The theme will be Valentine Day since we are close to that date. Wear your red outfit.

Donations will go to help fund our American Baptist School in Cordova, Alaska with some of their current needs. We will be showing a video about the school during the Worship Service.

Let Vicki Daney or Barbara Kannady know if you plan to attend.

The Bible book of the month is: **JOEL**

When disaster strikes, understanding of God is at risk. Disasters turn men and women, who haven't given God a thought in years, into instant theologians. Rumors fly "God is angry" God is playing favorites and I'm not his favorite. God is holding a grudge from a long time ago and now we are paying for it. It is the task of the prophet to clarify who God is and how he acts. If the prophet is good, which Joel is one of the good ones, he used a current event in Israel as a test to call his people to an immediate awareness that there wasn't a day they weren't dealing with God. We always deal with God. The event that Joel used was a terrible locusts plague that was devastating the crops of Israel, creating an agricultural disaster of major proportions. It was like a massive military invasion. He used it to focus the reality of God in the lives of his people. Then he expanded the tragedy to include everyone everywhere, the whole world waiting for God's verdict This powerful picture has kept God's people alert to the consequences of their decisions for many centuries.

Read the book of Joel for the month of February.

AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2024

The following ladies met at the church at 10:00 a.m. on January 8th for the regular meeting. Cheryl Matlock, Candi Kolteryahn, Mary Solorio, Barbara Kannady, Vicki Daney, Rita Siglin, Pastor Sharon Ball.

Our leader, Cheryl Matlock opened the meeting with a reading. Rita Siglin read the minutes from the previous meeting and one correction was made on the spelling of a ladies name. Approved as corrected.

Vicki Daney passed out the Treasurer's report and explained the different financial figures. Approved for Audit. She had a birthday card for our Scholarship Student, and we all signed it and it is ready to be mailed.

Candi Kolteryahn gave the Bible Book of the month report on Romans. Please read Romans for January.

Barbara Kannady gave a special reading from the Quiet Hour for the Love Gift Offering. The title was "Trust In God's Direction."

Under New Business we discussed the project dinner which will be held on Sunday, February 11th. The Central Region project is to send \$15,000.00 to Cordova Baptist School in Alaska. Vicki read a list of things the school needs from these funds. The menu is Chicken and Noodles, Green Beans, Rolls and Dessert.

Prior to the meeting Candi Kolteryahn had organized our "Hugs Tree" gifts and Barbara Kannady volunteered to take these items to the various organizations, that could use them, especially next week, when temperatures will be so cold. Thank you to Barbara for delivering these gifts.

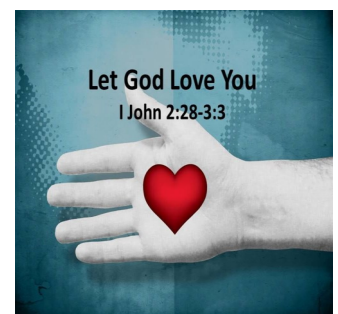
Pastor Sharon led us in the special prayer requests and closing.

We then enjoyed the many snacks that were brought to share.

The next meeting will be held on February, 12th at 1:00 pm with Vicki Daney as our leader and Candi Kolteryahn doing the program.

(A list of the items we received on the "Hug's Tree" is on a separate page.)

Rita Siglin, Secretary



SCHEDULE

Church School Classes

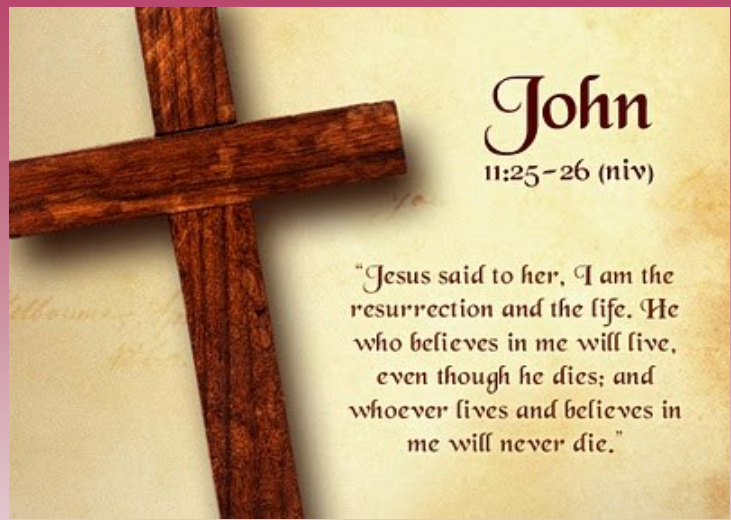
9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM



- Love is life. And if you miss love, you miss life.
- --Leo Buscaglia

ITEMS DONATED TO THE 'HUGS TREE' FOR CHRISTMAS 2023.

1 PR. MEDIUM CHILD'S LEGGINGS

14 THROWS

12 SCARVES

23 HATS

23 PAIRS OF GLOVES

34 PAIRS OF SOCKS

2 SHEETS

6 BLANKETS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

- Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it --**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Prayers for those with immediate needs *(Indicates CBC Member)

Jeannie Jones* is recovering from a stroke. Keith* is at home recovering from neck surgery. Be in prayer for them both.
Larry Matlock Cheryl's* Brother in law needs prayer for his health.
Charles* Brewer's brother Hollis and Hollis' wife need prayer for health issues.
Sandy Bingaman's* brother in law Mark is fighting cancer. Asks for our prayers.
Barbara Price* and her family needs prayers for their health conditions.
Burr* and Barbara* Kannady have some health concerns. Burr's brother Luke and niece Shrie Braden would like our prayers for their health. Wife in care facility.
Kathy* McQuigg has asked for special prayer for some of her family members.
James Hargett #52593 in Omaha facility. Address: P. O. Box 11099, Omaha, Nebraska 68111 Going through a time of depression. Needs prayer.
Christy Cantrell* DOC# 254300 Mabel Bassett Correctional Facility 29501 Kickapoo Road, McLoud, OK. 74851 . PRAYERS
Ken Fringer —Keep in our prayers for health. Jo Owen father.
Teal at St. Jude's. Little girl fighting cancer.
Robert Parris recovering from surgery
Sympathy to the family of Peggy Fisher . Service at church on Feb. 3 at 2:00 pm
Virginia Bigelow and sons. Pray for health and well being

Mark 12:30
And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

1John 3:16
Hereby perceive we the LOVE of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Cancer fighters/ Survivors:

Beverly Claghorn
Charles Brewer
Burr Kannady
Cheryl Matlock

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Ruth Sell
Pat* Hale
Norma* Acree



- Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love- **Albert Einstein**



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

Have you been thinking about joining the Wednesday night Zoom Bible study? With the start of the New Year, we are spending a few weeks discussing the current situation in Israel and the Gaza Strip and how this conflict started centuries ago with Isaac and Ishmael. Please join us for this timely and insightful discussion of current events.

IN THE EVENT Of inclement weather or extreme cold conditions, when services are going to be cancelled, a telephone call will go out on the phone tree. If you missed the call or question whether there will be services, please call Pastor Sharon at 918-704-4967 to verify the schedule. We always want people to be safe.

GOOD

FOOD

GOOD FELLOWSHIP

GREAT PROJECT



The ABW Women met on Circle Day to get the Hugs Tree articles sorted and ready to go before the cold snap hit. We thank Barbara Kannady for delivering these items for us. Thank you to all who donated the articles.

**ABW
PROJECT
LUNCHEON**





FEBRUARY 2024
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 Communion  SS 9:30 am Worship 10:45	5	6	7 Bible Study 6:00 pm on Zoom	8	9	10
11 ABW Project Dinner See Schedule	12 ABW MEETING 1:00 PM	13	14 Bible Study 6:00 pm on Zoom Valentine's	15	16	17
18 SS 9:30 am Worship 10:45	19 President's Day 	20	21 Bible Study 6:00 pm on Zoom	22	23	24
25 SS 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am	26	27	28 Bible Study 6:00 pm on Zoom	29		