

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2 Linda Hawkins, Henry Lee
- 5 Beverly Windell, Chace Klein
- 6 Joann Soderlund
- 8 Shirley Matzeder
- 9 Shirley Cordell, Larry Elliott
- 10 Mary Seifert
- 11 Debbie Redford
- 14 Joslyn Creighton, Glynn Smith
- 20 Tim Cune, Lisa Terrill, Anna Lee
- 21 Nevaeh Farmer, Carey Wells
- 22 Mark Hadsall
- 23 Andrew Lee
- 24 Bob Adkins
- 25 Juanita Gnip
- 27 Patty Willmeth, Keith Butterfield
- 28 Suzanne Manthe
- 29 Betty Wise, Jerry Wells, Vincent Wheeler
- 30 Fred Kelley, Elijah Terrill
- 31 Darla Gwartney

Anniversaries

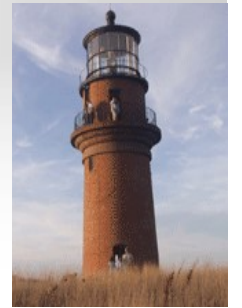
- 18 M/M Phil Chiles
- 21 M/M Joe Slavens
- 26 M/M Alan Brugman

Attendance Record	2/2	2/9	2/16	2/23
10:30 am Worship Service	146	254	131	141
6:00 pm Worship Service	-	17	13	17
Wednesday Evening Services	52	-	46	65

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Guest Rev It Up!

In 1936, American Baptists in the Central Region made a strong statement that institutions with American Baptist connections are very important to us. We formed the Kansas Plan where 28.69% of United Missions giving is divided between our institutions. This plan began during the financial hardships created by the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, but has continued through times of want and plenty. Did you know that in recent years, your giving to United Mission has resulted in between 1/2 and 3/4 of a million dollars to our American Baptist institutions? God's blessings to us and your faithfulness to giving has made the Kansas Plan work!

For those of you who may be newer to how all this works, when a church gives to United Mission, 42.29% goes to the Central Region, 29.02% goes to ABC USA denominational support, and 28.69% goes to our Central Region institutions through the Kansas Plan. This 28.69% is divided among our institutions as follows: Ottawa University 11.75%, Central Baptist Theological Seminary 10.75%, Homestead Health Care 5.0%, Bacone College 3.19%, Sunset Home 1%, Murrow Indian Children's Home 0.5%, and Prairie Homestead 0.5%.

As I've been out among you the past year, the Kansas Plan has come up in a number of conversations. People wonder what the Kansas Plan is, how it works, and who get what. Another question that has come up frequently is, "How are changes made to the Kansas Plan? If there were to be any changes to the Kansas Plan, the Roundtable would have to unanimously agree to any adjustments. The Roundtable is made up of representatives (either the Presidents or Development Officers) of the member institutions. This group is supposed to get together three times a year to share ideas, and in January, I

wrote to our institutions to convene them in the first quarter of 2020. I look forward to this time together to celebrate God's provision through the Kansas Plan, and work on plans for the plan being viable for all in the future.

Families make every effort to take care of one another. American Baptists don't agree on everything, but the Kansas Plan has been a tangible demonstration of how we take care of our family. Thank you for being part of the Kansas Plan and the Central Regions!

- Gregg L. J. Hemmen

Parent's Night Out

The next Parent's Night Out will take place March 6th at 6:00 p.m. If you plan on bringing your children please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center.

Easter Egg Hunt Needs

Easter is coming! The Evangelism Team is asking for the following donations for the Community Easter Egg Hunt: individually wrapped candy, plastic Easter eggs, and 12 count egg cartons. We appreciate your help in making this event a success. Thank you!

America for Christ Offering

The America for Christ Offering will be received throughout the month of March. Special offering envelopes are located in the pew racks. See additional information about this offering on the bulletin insert. This year's goal is \$1,000.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: jelly, powdered milk and Ziploc sandwich bags. However, any other non-perishable items are always welcome. Items for the Food Pantry can be deposited in the basket in the foyer.

Community Blood Drive

The Community Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood for local hospitals and has been serving Missouri and Kansas hospitals for more than 60 years. The Community Blood Center needs nearly 600 pints of blood every day to meet the needs of our local hospitals. An individual within the area that Community Blood Center serves, needs a blood transfusion every 4 minutes. Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive. The blood drive will be held here at the church on March 17th from 11am – 5pm. Book an appointment at savealifenow.org/group, enter group code: BD. Walk ins are welcome.

Silent Basket Auction

American Baptist Women are hosting a Silent Auction Fundraiser. The silent auction baskets are available for bidding in the foyer. Bidding will be open through Sunday, March 22nd. On Monday, March 23rd the bidders who have the highest bids will be contacted to let you know you have won. All funds raised will go to support the ABCCR "Project". This year's "project" will go to AMOS Health & Hope, Nicaragua (Dr. Laura Parajon) – A Ministry of Sharing. The goal is \$35,000 for the development of a series of replicable and scalable training materials to empower local volunteer mother leaders to facilitate breastfeeding, parent-child bonding, and early childhood stimulation, thereby decreasing the long term impact of the crisis on their children and families. Please consider supporting this worthy region-wide endeavor.

Torah Study

If you don't know what the "Torah" is, it's the first 5 books of the Bible. This study is lead by Dan Holmes. This is a continuation study which will resume on Monday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at 522B Idaho St. (Hillcrest Manor Apartments). Everyone is welcome to join. Lesson 3 (Archaeology) will be a continuation on Abraham.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - Creative Worship	2 10 am - Pickleball 7 pm - Pickleball	3 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 5 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Group 6 pm - Deacon Mtg. 6 pm - Trustee Mtg.	4 9:00 am - Morning Bible Hour 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 5:45 pm - Evangelism Team Mtg. 6:15pm - Kids Club 6:30 pm - Bible Study/Prayer 7 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30 am - Lenten Prayer Study 7 pm - Pickleball	6 9 am - White Cross Women's Sewing Group 6:00 pm - Parent's Night Out	7
8 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - Creative Worship	9 10 am - Pickleball 7 pm - Pickleball	10 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 4:00 pm - Grief Support Grp 5 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Group 6 pm - Finance Committee Mtg.	11 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 5:45 pm - Deaconess Mtg. 6:15pm - Kids Club 6:30 pm - Bible Study/Prayer 7 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 am - Lenten Prayer Study 7 pm - Pickleball	13	14
15 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - Creative Worship	16 10 am - Pickleball 7 pm - Pickleball	17 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 11 am - Community Blood Drive 5 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Grp	18 10:30 am - La Leche League 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 6:15pm - Kids Club 6:30 pm - Bible Study/Prayer 7 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30 am - Lenten Prayer Study 7 pm - Pickleball	20 9 am - White Cross Women's Sewing Group	21 8 am - Men's Breakfast/Service Project 2 pm - Game Day Group
22 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - Creative Worship	23 10 am - Pickleball 7 pm - Pickleball	24 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 1:30 pm - Heart for Mission 4:00 pm - Grief Support Grp 5 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Group	25 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 5:45 pm - Discipleship Mtg. 6:15pm - Kids Club 6:30 pm - Bible Study/Prayer 7 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	26 9:30 am - Lenten Prayer Study 7 pm - Pickleball	27 9:30 am - Grounds for Discussion Grp.	28 1:30 pm - Movie Matinee
29 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - Creative Worship	30 10 am - Pickleball 7 pm - Pickleball	31 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 5 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Group				