



February 2026

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Faith family, did you know you're rich? Some of you just checked your bank account and you're thinking I'm a liar. But, no seriously, you ... are ... rich! In 1 Corinthians 4 the Apostle Paul is trying to give the Corinthian Christians some perspective and he declares, "Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have become kings!" (1 Cor. 4:8). What is Paul talking about?! Obviously, he isn't talking about physical wealth. Paul is talking about the richness we possess in Christ. In Christ we have the things that really matter: life, freedom, purpose, joy, forgiveness. Peter even puts it this way in his epistle: "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence" (2 Peter 1:3). Sure, if we stand next to an earthly king we're not going to seem like much. But, the deeper truth is that The King of Kings has made you royalty. If 2026 is already leaving you wanting ... If this year has already reminded you of all that you don't have, look to Christ, look at all that you DO HAVE. Lift up your head, Christian, remember your calling, remember your reward. If you have Christ, you have everything that matters. God bless!

- Pastor John

Mission of the Month

The mission of the month for February is The Refuge Center in Rockdale County. The Refuge Center is committed to serving our clients with compassion in a non-judgmental environment. We offer support, guidance, and education in times of physical, emotional, and spiritual need for promoting a healthy pregnancy, birth, and lifestyle.

Our goal is to meet each client where they are, emotionally and physically. Our team of compassionate volunteers and experienced staff includes trained and licensed medical professionals, some trained counselors, and those who have been where you are.

We will be collecting size 4 & 5 diapers, baby wash & baby shampoo. Please place your donations in the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of the Pregnancy Resource Center.



Church Happenings

Congregational Meeting 2026

**Following Worship
February 8**

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday's 10am &
Thursday's 7pm

The Women of the church will be diving into Ruth & Esther.
Study guides are available in the Narthex.

Mens Bible Study

Thursdays @ 7pm

Join the men of the Church every Thursday evening as
they continue studying the book of Acts.



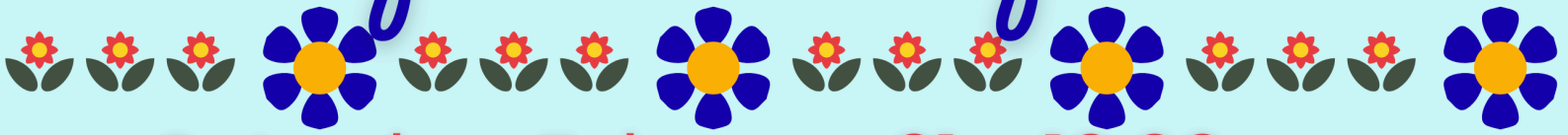
Youth Hangout

February 14th

February 28th

6pm - 7:30pm

Girlfriends of Faith



Saturday, February 21 – 10:00 a.m.

We will be filling Grace Bags for Homeless of Henry County. Grace Bags are portable zip bags that are filled with food and hygiene supplies that will serve their needs on a short-term basis. If you volunteered to purchase supplies, please remember to bring them on February 21.

Women's Fun Day

February 26, 2026

1:30pm – 3:00pm



VBS is coming!
Sign-up to
volunteer now!

February

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship & Communion
2	3 10 am Ladies Bible Study	4	5 7 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Mens Bible Study	6	7	8 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Congregational Meeting following Worship
9	10 10 am Ladies Bible Study	11	12 7 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Mens Bible Study	13	14 6 pm Youth Hangout	15 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship
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Prayer Requests & Praises



Roman Gau - healing from pneumonia

Gray Brannan - healing from Covid

Bonnie Turners - cancer treatment

Nancy Phillips for their cancer treatment

Belinda Bell, in her cancer treatment (Chevinie Echols' mother)

The Elliott and Patterson families - the passing of Paula's sister, Kathy

Prayers for the Ellington family as they grieve the loss of Jimmy, especially for Mary Ellington

Charlie - healing from neuropathy

Donna - pain from an oral surgery

Bob and Sandra Riddle, who are both in hospice. Bob's cancer is very serious

Prayers for Conner - obstructed bowels and is in severe pain

Jeanie Roberson - as she recovers from shoulder surgery

Bob and Ellen Brown - health and pain management

Susan and Aleck Jones - continuing to recover from surgery

Sandy Jo Hilgefurd - recovering from surgery

Joy Cook - battling with Alzheimer's

Terry and Laura Clotfelter - Terry begins his battle with Alzheimer's

Kay and John Horvath - Kay struggles with her Alzheimer's

Kristin Burch - birth of baby girl, Elsie

Heather Skelton - birth of baby girl, Abigail

Keith Lovern - recovering from heart surgery

Kathryn Maskell - pre op testing to remove brain tumor

Ariana Donaldson - recovering from a stroke, beginning PT. For her family as well

Cannon Smith - healing from staph infection and cellulitis

Faith Strickland - more chemotherapy before PET scan to see if any other cancers are present

Kathy Rewerts - dermatology scalp surgery successful, waiting for biopsy report

Katherine Wheatley - major stroke

Robin DePalio - living with and battling MS

Bonnie Turner and Nancy Phillips - both fighting a return of cancer.

Angela Russ - is having a biopsy of suspicious cells.

Myra Echols - still battling multiple myeloma

Jordan Israel - healing

Wade Bledsoe - cancer

The Browns are praising our Lord for a successful lumpectomy with no additional radiation. We are asking for His guidance in making a difficult treatment decision. We are also hoping for good results on a biopsy of a spot Bob had removed from his shin.

Session News

The 2026 church budget meeting was held on January 5 at 5:30 pm in the home of RE Keith Lovern. In attendance were all members of the Session, Deacons Alan Dennis and Cameron Dennis, and Financial Secretary Brooke Echols. Details of the church budget for 2026 were discussed and will be presented to the church membership for approval at the congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026. (Rescheduled to February 1, 2026, due to inclement weather)

The January Session meeting was held on January 12 at the church at 5:30 pm. For the devotion, the Session read and discussed parts 4-6 of Chapter 15 of the Westminster Confession. The Session then considered ideas for the next pastor's Bible study scheduled for late winter/early spring of 2026. The Session also reviewed the final details of the 2026 church budget as well as the final draft of the new church bylaws in preparation for their presentation to the church membership for approval at the congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 25 (February 1). The Session then concluded discussions for nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Frank Fraticelli and Bill Herndon will be presented for the office of ruling elder, and Jake Skelton will be presented for the office of deacon at the congregational meeting. Lastly, in light of consistent high attendance at Sunday morning worship, the Session discussed possible ideas to accommodate overflow should the sanctuary exceed capacity in the near future.

Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the February Session meeting has been scheduled for February 2.

John Cleveland (Moderator), Jeremy Evans (Clerk),
Gregg Coniglio, Keith Lovern, Andy Martin



January General Fund
Income \$13,903.29
January POP \$300.00
January Expenses
\$35,251.73

Missionary Update

Living in Lebanon

Happy New Year!

I want to thank all of you that gave towards Balassan at the end of the year as part of your normal giving, or as part of the matching gift. We ended well and this puts us in a solid position for this year. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me! Thank you!



Christmas Day at the beach

We start out the new year at Balassan with a new doctor! A cardiologist who has recently returned from a neighboring country with her family has graciously offered to join our team and donate a couple days a month. She is highly respected from her time in Lebanon before, and personally I know her as an intelligent, caring, compassionate person and believer who will be a huge blessing to our team and our patients. Many people are unable to afford consultation fees for cardiologists, much less any further tests or medications so this will be a huge help for many.

Our Alpha group has restarted after the holidays, and we had a special time of individual prayer for each of the women. One of our ladies opened up with some deep wounds from the past, another shared how she is praying that her husband will join Alpha (!!), and another shared how she prayed to God when reading the Quran to change her heart and ever since that prayer she feels she is a different person and is having a better relationship with her mom and husband. Please continue to keep these ladies in your prayers as we wrap up the last few sessions this next month.



SNOW hike!!!

I know I mentioned possible new ministry opportunities in Syr@a last month, but you will have to wait another month to hear more! Still developing....

As always, I am incredibly thankful for each of your prayers, support, and encouragement that allows me to continue to serve my patients and lead Balassan. None of this is possible without you!

With gratitude,
Jenny