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# WELCOME

### Week of February 5, 2023 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Prayer Meeting	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	7:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday: Dennis Ledford

**PAIRS & SPARES VALENTINE BANQUET** next Sunday night at 6:00 P.M. at the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the youth. This is a Valentine dinner for everyone and not specifically for couples so please make plans to attend and enjoy the fun, fellowship, & God's Love!

**CHURCH NOTE FOR THE LADIES:** Our ladies will begin a Bible Study on Tuesday, February 21, in the downstairs fellowship room. The class will be instructed by Lisa Jones. Each participant will need their own workbook for the study. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule. **Please sign up by Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** so that books can be ordered and received in time.

We will study five ordinary Old Testament people whose lives were used for God's Glory and the good of God's people. The study will include video presentations from "the Faithful" Bible Study, featuring 5 different Women's speakers.

## We Win!...

*We see the signs that show the end of time is very near.  
It's often hard to face each day without a sense of fear.  
A heavy cloud of darkness tries to cast its sinful hue  
upon all those who love the Lord and everything they do.  
So many live to please themselves, rejecting God's desires;  
with no concern or conscious thought of what God's law requires.  
Deception and betrayal run rampant day by day...  
the "sign's of time's" is evident...the end's not far away!  
And yet, we need not live in fear of what tomorrow brings  
We shouldn't be discouraged for He said, "In all these things  
...be strong and be courageous" and with Christ, make a stand  
to fight the up-hill battle while resting in God's hands  
Although the world around us is crumbling in sin...  
All those in Christ can rest, assured, that in the end... We Win!*

*By Rhonda S. Hapke*

## Heart Prints

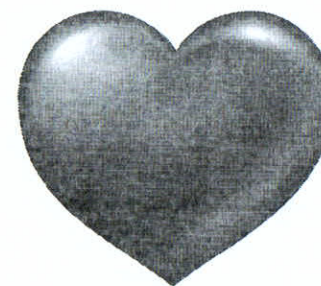
Whatever our hands touch –  
We leave fingerprints!  
On walls, on furniture  
On doorknobs, dishes, books.  
There's no escape.  
As we touch we leave our identity.

Oh God, wherever I go today  
Help me leave heart prints!  
Heart prints of compassion  
Of understanding and love.

Heart prints of kindness  
And genuine concern.  
May my heart touch a lonely neighbor  
Or a runaway daughter  
Or an anxious mother  
Or perhaps an aged grandfather.

Lord send me out today  
To leave heart prints.  
And if someone should say,  
"I felt your touch,"  
May that one sense YOUR LOVE  
Touching through ME.

*By Ruth Harms Calkin*



## What Are We Here For?

What are we here for?  
Not to gather wealth,  
or capture great fame  
or enjoy health.

We're here for one thing  
and that's to help each other:  
to heal some broken hearts,  
to lift a fallen brother.

And these are our brothers;  
and they are all in need;  
Yes, we're here to help them in  
words and gifts and deeds.

## Keeping Up With the Joneses

We often refer to John or Jane Doe as an anonymous person with an attribute that can be used to make a point or tell a story. But perhaps more common than the Does are the Joneses who supposedly set a standard for “the good life.”

Some Joneses in real life would be hard to keep up with, but not because of their standard of living. None of us could claim John Paul Jones’s title, Father of the American Navy, for his valor and leadership during the American Revolution. Few of us are taller than Ed “Too Tall” Jones who at 6’ 9” was a defensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys. Few of us could surpass the exuberance of Charlie “Tremendous” Jones, a Christian motivational speaker famous for quotes such as, “Sometimes God has to break you down to bless you up. Learn from your mistakes.” And there are no doubt many other outstanding Joneses in real life, too.

One of the secrets of living contentedly is to avoid comparisons and measure ourselves by God’s Word, not by the seemingly superior circumstances of an acquaintance or celebrity. God’s inerrant Word measures godly character; unreliable human standards measure things that will not matter in eternity. “Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (1 Timothy 6:6–7).

Jesus also warns us in Luke 12:15, “Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

We can forget about what the Joneses have and be content with what we have, according to Hebrews 13:5, because God has promised, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” He is faithful!

*K.E. Horsley*

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**Set your  
affection  
on things  
above**