



Ephesians 4:32 is a heartwarming invitation from God: "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." These words serve as a loving blueprint for our relationships and urge us to mirror God's love in our interactions.

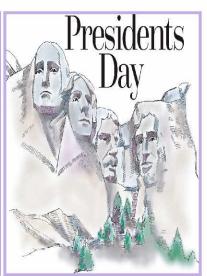
God's instruction is clear: Be kind. Compassion must be the foundation of our actions. It helps us to be tenderhearted and empathetic. Understanding the joys and sorrows of others enables us to create spaces where love thrives and wounds are healed. Christ also taught us to be forgiving—holding a grudge only weighs us down and blocks the freedom that comes with extending forgiveness. But by following God's example, we break the chains of bitterness and embrace the liberating power of love.

In our daily life, we encounter countless opportunities to practice this divine kindness. A smile to brighten someone's day, a listening ear to ease a burden, or a gentle word of encouragement—these simple acts can transform hearts and deepen connections. Let us not forget that we are called to love others as God loves us. God's love is unconditional, extravagant, and all-encompassing. May Ephesians 4:32 be our guiding light this month, reminding us to live as we are meant to: full of kindness and love.

Paster Ray







February 2

February 14

February 17







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# Please don't forget to sing-up

- Backpack Packing
- · Offertory Collection
- · Fellowship / Coffee Hour

The sign-up sheets are located in the office or in the fellowship hall.



February 2 An Uncomfortable Truth

February 9 What's On the Line?

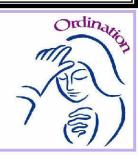
February 16 Misrepresenting Christ

February 23 Loving Your Enemies and People You Don't Like



## Sunday, February 16th

### Installation and Ordination of Deacons and Elders



#### Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.

#### Kum Ba Yah topics:

February 5 Difficult Sayings of Jesus

February 12 Difficult Sayings of Jesus

February 19 Difficult Sayings of Jesus

February 26 Difficult Sayings of Jesus

#### Adult Sunday School Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

February 2 Voice

February 9 Body

February 16 The Art of Public Theology

February 23 The Many Faces of Jesus

#### **BACKPACK PROGRAM**

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. Each week so far on average in 2025 we have delivered 32 backpacks per week. The number of backpacks delivered for January 2025 is approximately **96**.

If you have not helped with this ministry before and want info, please get a hold of Dave Foster or the office. To all of you who have volunteered your time to pack backpacks this year, we are thankful and grateful for all of your help.



#### MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on January 21st. During the meeting they decided to give **\$350.** to **Bedtime Blessings** for a local mission giving and **\$300** to **PDA** for fires in California for the Global Mission giving.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission".

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: Distributed o pairs of shoes for the year of 2025. With each pair of shoes we also deliver 3 pairs of socks.

Food Pantry: The food pantry has served **36 households and 70 individuals** for the month of January.



#### IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS, BUT LENT IS COMING!

Lent begins this year on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. To help us spend some time in prayer and contemplation, we would like to publish our own devotional guide, written by us.

We are inviting every person to submit one or two devotions.

#### Scripture verse/s

(Perhaps one of your favorites)

#### A reflection on that verse

Maybe this is a short story about an experience you have had with God, a favorite poem or hymn, why your chosen verse is a favorite...) YOUR story is interesting to others.

#### **Prayer**

(A one or two sentence prayer)

## Deadline will be February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Way to Go! We already have some devotionals turned in!

Ross has already begun putting devotionals into a booklet form.

There is a blank Devotional page in this month's Open Door for you to use if you haven't already picked up a copy at church.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Jim Long2/1	<i>Barbara Reeves</i> 2/15
Bill Good2/7	Scott Edwards2/21

Should your name be here? Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

#### 2025 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSION

SUBMITTED BY:	
SCRIPTURE VERSE/S	

PRAYER

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Servers in the Lord's House				
	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers		
February 2	The Shaffers	Feb 6	Open	
February 9	Birthday SundayTim & Ross	Feb 12 (WED)	Dave S. & Cindy H.	
February 16	Bill	Feb 20	Open	
February 23	Pastor Ray	Feb 27	Open	



# SuperBowl of Caring will be February 9th

All money raised during this special offering remains here at the church to help support the Food Pantry and Backpack Program.

Soup Dinner after Worship to celebrate the Souperbowl

FPC Miami Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, January 14, 2025

We had another wonderful time of fellowship at the Ladies Luncheon. Cari made some scrumptious Chili and all the other ladies brought sides to go along with the Chili.



Next Luncheon Tuesday, February 11 at 11:30 am





## **New Directories!!!**



It is almost time for a new phone directory!

New phone number? New address?

Be sure to let the office know of any changes, additions, or corrections.





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	February 2	Grace Goodeagle
	February 9	Melinda Thiesing
0	February 16	Tim Keith
	February 23	Ross Tomlinson
	March 2	Clyde Shaffer
	March 9	Karin Shaffer
	March 16	Diana Schmiedeke
	March 23	John Lomax
	March 30	Abbey Amkenman

Please let Ross or Pastor Ray know if you cannot read the scriptures the week you are scheduled.

Thank you for your service in the House of the Lord

# **Elder Training**

SESSION 1

10AM - 2PM WITH LUNCH PROVIDED

February 1 - Southminster, Tulsa February 8 - First, Broken Bow



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The training will be recorded and made available to churches.

# The rescheduled dates for Elder Training are:

- Feb 1st Southminster, Tulsa
- Feb 8th First Church, Broken Bow



#### Statewide Presbyterian Wednesday Devotion Invitation

The Oklahoma Task Force will be having Wednesday morning devotions in 2025. If you are interested in taking part in this opportunity, please contact Ross in the office, and he will provide you the link for the devotions.

The First Presbyterian Church 1410 N.E. Veterans Blvd. <u>Mianii, OK 74354</u>





Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each

Each day of the new year is a fresh start, filled with God's unfailing love and mercy.