



"WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST"

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Friends and **F**amily of **C**ross**W**alk,

I have lost a good friend...momentarily. Our dear sister in the Lord, Sara Belden went to the place that our Lord had prepared for her on Saturday January 21, 2017 about three o'clock. I say I have lost her momentarily because I am certain that I will see her again in the kingdom of heaven.

We mourn for our loss but we rejoice for her gain. I give thanks for her faithful witness. She has impacted the lives of so many. It has been my joy to know her for over 40 years and during that time she has been such a wonderful encourager and pattern for life.

A favorite devotional she used is "*Jesus Calling*." The passage for consideration today is **2 Corinthians 4:6-7** **"For God, who said, 'Let your light shine out in darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."**

The reading from "*Jesus Calling*" then follows: **"It's all right to be human. When your mind wanders when you are praying, don't be surprised or upset. Simply return your attention to Me. Share a secret smile with Me, knowing that I understand. Rejoice in my love for you, which has no limits or conditions. Whisper my name in**

loving contentment, assured that I will never leave you or forsake you. Intersperse these peaceful interludes abundantly throughout your day. This practice will enable you to attain a quiet and gentle spirit, which is pleasing to Me.

As you live in close contact with Me, the Light of My Presence filters through you to bless others. Your weakness and roundedness are the openings through which the Light of the knowledge of My Glory shines forth. My strength and power show themselves most effective in your weakness."

It is the Light of His Presence that filtered through Sara and blessed so many. May we bless others as we have been blessed. We take great comfort in the fact that we know that those we love who have died in Christ are with Him now, completely and perfectly healed. Not only will we see them again but we will see our Savior face-to-face. Glory to God!

Your brother in Christ,
Kirk



Messages for the Month

FEBRUARY 5, 2017 -- **Matthew 5:13 - 20**
"Radical Righteousness" - Communion

FEBRUARY 12, 2017 - **Deuteronomy 30:15 - 20** - "The LORD Is Your Life" - 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 - **1 Corinthians 3:10 - 11 & 16 - 23** - "Our Faithful Foundation" - 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 26, 2017 - **Mark 9:2 - 8** - "Only Jesus" - Transfiguration Sunday

Our Staff

Pastor: Kirk Werner

Child Care Director: Linda Odle

Music Director: Joshua Jordan

Director of Children's Ministries:
Anna Baker

Class of 2017:

Maurice Briere, Greg Davis &
Lindsay Rosa.

Class of 2018:

Donna Carter, Matt Peterson &
Greg Waldrop

Class of 2019:

John Carson, Dale Lutton &
Courtney Scollard



Jim Odle - 1st

Jane Gracia - 5th

Jim Hazenfield - 8th

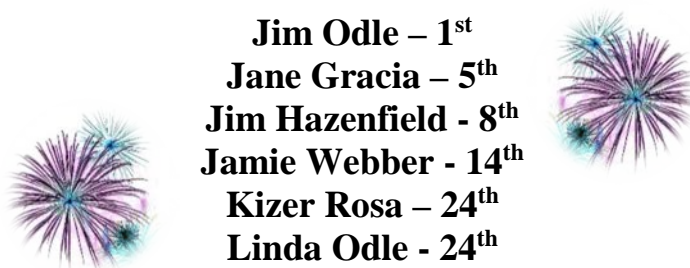
Jamie Webber - 14th

Kizer Rosa - 24th

Linda Odle - 24th

Alex Davis - 26th

Pat McNabb - 28th



Fred & Sandy May - 14th

Clark & Christie Werner - 17th

Steve & Brenda Clabo - 22nd



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Baby/Toddler Room with **Kassie Merrick or Courtney Scollard**

February 5: Jeanne Cecil
February 12: Carol Jordan
February 19: Mike Walkup
February 26: Anna Baker



Preschool Room with **Linda Odle:**

February 5: Jeremy Cecil
February 12: Travis Baker
February 19: Laine Donnell
February 26: Wanda Wayman

If you **cannot** work your *scheduled time*, please swap with someone and if you *cannot find a substitute*, call Linda Odle at 690-9358 or 207-2623. **When you know, you can't work in the nursery, please e-mail the date(s) to jlodle@comcast.net or put them in writing and give them to Linda Odle in the nursery. Thanks!**

Babies/Toddlers and Preschool Children

You won't miss anything, because you can pick-up a **FREE CD** of the service when you come enjoy loving our children. *They are the next generation of our church.*

You will have no preparation or teaching. Just come help. You can choose helping with the babies/toddlers or preschoolers and you would only help about every 6 weeks.

To help please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 for more information.

Will you give one Sunday morning occasionally to help care for our children? No lifting when you help with the preschoolers. No preparation either! Just come and have fun.

To help, please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 for more information. Right after the service a **FREE CD** of the complete service is available for you.



Your Prayers are needed for The Good News Club at New Hopewell Elementary



Will you pray for the Good News Club children? When you **sign up** on the sheet in the back by the kitchen, you will be emailed a copy of the GNC children's prayer request. These children need your prayers. Please print your email clearly.

Thank You

Alexander: Hopes to adopt his foster sister Holly.

Aaron: That he and his Mom will both feel better.

Hailey: For the family of his uncle who just passed away in Georgia.

Bernie: Pray that his Grannies broken arm heals well.

Maddy: Prayer for her coach Ms Laine that she will feel better.

PRAISES:

Raven: Praise God that their Principal is back in school.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



CrossWalk Café

Our next Cafe' will be **February 5, 2017** — it's **Chili Cook-off time**. Let's heat things up with some great chili before the Super Bowl kicks off later in the day (*Go Falcons!*) This is always a fan favorite with some real delicious dishes.



THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!

The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the **Refreshment Ministry Team**. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you. Please remember that you are NOT responsible for providing breakfast for everyone.* This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is their gift to the church in service to our Lord.* Be sure and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

**The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.*



Sunday Morning Refreshment Schedule

February 2017

Lisa & Brad Brummett 748-9517
Lindsay & Irving Rosa 588-6454

March 2017

Linda & Jim Odle 690-9358
Gwen & Greg Davis 577-0561

April 2017

Lisa & Pat McNabb 951-1866
Jim Slyman 250-1821



CrossWalk family, if you see a need to replenish coffee supplies such as coffee, hot/cold cups, paper towels, kitchen dish soap or men's/women's room supplies, **please let us know** by; (1) **noting what is needed on the bulletin board in the kitchen for refreshment supplies** and (2) **noting on the rest room listing in the rest rooms so that supplies can be replenished before they are completely out.** If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell* or *Sue Werner*. Thank you!





A Valentine Dinner for the Ladies

Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. the men of CrossWalk will be providing dinner for the ladies. Sign-up sheets have been posted and you need to sign up by January 29th so we can get an accurate count for the food.

Some of you may be aware that the *Everly Brothers* were products of West Knoxville, graduating from West High School. But what you may not be aware of is that *South Knoxville is home to the Neverly Brothers Plus One*. Yes, they will be providing the entertainment for this dinner for our Ladies. You don't want to miss this opportunity for a fun and entertaining evening.



Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? It's a great way to introduce people to our church. Navigate through the site and see pictures of various activities. There are photos of **JAM** (Jesus and Me children's ministry), church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends. The web address is www.crosswalkepc.org.



Church Cleaning Committee

Feb 1 – 4 - Debbie & Dale Lutton

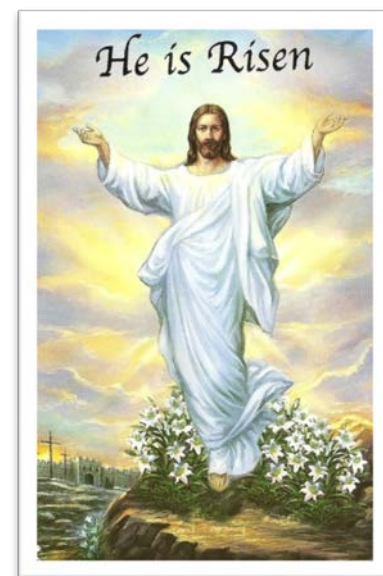
Feb 8 – 11 – Pat & Lisa McNabb

Feb 15 – 18 – Pat & Lisa McNabb

Feb 22 – 25 – Beth Ferguson w John Carson



If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.



The Transfiguration

Jesus is above all others, He is God's Son

Luke 9:28-36 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were

speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "**Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah**" -- not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "**This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!**" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Jews waited for a Messiah, a savior, from God. Because the Messiah was described in scripture as a King and a mighty savior, they were expecting a man who would take control of the country and make Israel great again. But the scriptures also described the Messiah as a sacrifice, a man of peace, rejected by his people. Jesus performed many miracles to prove that he was from God, even though he wasn't a physical King or powerful ruler. This was confusing to many, even the disciples.

When Peter, James and John saw Jesus shining brightly and speaking to two powerful prophets of old, they were amazed. They wanted to worship. That in itself is a natural reaction. But Peter proposed that all three men be worshipped equally. All three men, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were messengers from God. But only one, Jesus, was the Chosen one, the Anointed, the Messiah. To make this clear, God himself made himself known. He spoke to the disciples and told them to listen to Jesus, because this Messiah was not just a man, He was the very son of God. Since we have the entire Bible to read, and we know how the story ends, it's hard for us to see how the disciples would be confused. But there are still people today who are confused about Jesus. *Many people think He was simply a wise teacher. Others will say he was a messenger from God, but deny his deity. God himself said that Jesus is the savior of the world and*

His only begotten son. If we deny that, we make God a liar.



Choose life,



that both thou and thy seed may live.

The Lord Is Your Life

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Deuteronomy 30:15 - 20
King James Version (KJV)