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## February Worship Schedule



**Traditional Service** 9:00 A.M.

*(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, Celebration of Holy Communion, February 7 and 21)*

**Fellowship Time** 9:50-10:10 A.M.

**Sunday School** 10:10-11:00 A.M.

**New Life Service** 11:10 A.M.

*(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Celebration of Holy Communion, February 14 and 28)*

### Worship and Study Scriptures for February

**February 7**

**Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany**

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138;

I Corinthians 15:1-11;

Luke 5:1-11

**February 14**

**Scouting Sunday**

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

**February 21**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2;

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

**February 28**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 15:1-12; Psalm 27;

Philippians 3:17- 4:1; Luke 13:31-35

## Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world –

people who know (Jesus Christ as his/her Lord and Savior),

who grow (through study, prayer and action to lead a Christ-like life),

and who show (by forming relationships to lead, teach and lovingly bring others to Christ)

the life and love of Jesus Christ.

**February 5** - Men's Breakfast Meeting. Join the Friday Morning Men's Bible Study Friday, February 5 at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Special Guest Stephen Atkins with Christian Witness to Israel, will talk on "The Belief that Birthed a Mission"

**February 7** - Youth Super Bowl Party at David & Stephanie Van Dresar's house 5:00 p.m. till the end of the game.

**February 11** - The Sages & Saints will have a Valentine Coffee at 3:00. Please bring your favorite sweetheart and/or your favorite sweet dessert -- whether cake, cookies, etc. -- and also bring the recipe to share with others.

**February 14** - Scouting Sunday

**February 19-21** - Mid Winter Camp

**February 27** - Adult CPR Certification from 8:30am - 1:00pm at Red Cross located at 255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange. Reserve your seat today Contact Stacey Norris, Community Outreach Coordinator at (979) 968 -8931 or Stacey\_Norris@riocoloradoarc.org.

## Online Giving

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## Good Life, Good Church

*"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel be glad in its maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King."  
Psalm 149: 1-2*

### Wow!

It has been such gorgeous winter weather that I cannot help but celebrate.

What a blessing!

The weatherman promises that it will be rainy and cold again by the time this gets to you, but think what a beautiful spring is in the offing!

The turn of the seasons should be eye-popping this year, with brighter green leafing out on the trees, deeper blues in our bluebonnets, and more blooms of all kinds surrounding us with their beauty.

(My favorites are Indian paintbrush and just about any kind of rose - what about you?)

Our maker has surely created a good world for us - not perfect, but sublimely good.

A friend once analyzed me as having a "melancholic" personality.

I think by this, he meant that there was never a silver lining next to which I could not find a big, black cloud and was not at all likely to find much to praise in life.

His point was well-taken, so soon thereafter

I set a new daily goal for myself - to lift up prayers of thanks multiple times each day.

These prayers do serve so well to "lift up mine eyes to the hills" and give praise to my God and thanks for the good world created around me and the startling miracle of life itself.

One of my favorite prayers of thanks was written early in the last century by the late Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch:

"O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot."

"We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of the spring."

"Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, who

lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen."

My prayer for you is that each day you can lift your heart in thanks for some of the good in your life, no matter how difficult it may be at the time (especially if you have one of those "melancholic" personalities!").

What a difference prayers, and especially of thanks, can make in our lives!

### And A Little Business

We can also give thanks for so many engaged in such vital ministry around our church.

LOGOS is in full swing this spring with some 65 children and youth and about 45 adult volunteers each week.

Soon, they will start participating again in worship - this Sunday as a matter-of-fact, one of our children's choirs will open worship in the New Life service.

Sages and Saints had a big event in January, and a Valentine's event is coming in February.

Our Second Chance team continues to bless us and the area with their constant and selfless ministry.

We have collected several hundred dollars for Haiti relief and about 50 health kits.

Our Chancel Choir, Gory Tones and LifeSong music programs continue to bless us in worship

And we have scores of others serving communion to shut-ins, greeting people as they come to worship, teaching Sunday school classes, furthering fellowship or sharing in such ministries as Emmaus, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women.

What about you? Have you joined in our missions and ministries?

If not, we invite you to.

Please send me an email or call on my cell if you have an interest in any area or just want to help out somewhere.

There are so many blessings to share and places to serve.

And we praise and give thanks to the Lord for our ministries, the chance to serve - and for you.

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday.

Pastor Mel



## SAGES & SAINTS: UPCOMING EVENTS



### February 11

A Valentine Coffee at 3:00. Please bring your favorite sweetheart and/or your favorite sweet dessert -- whether cake, cookies, etc. -- and also bring the recipe to share with others. There really will be hearts & flowers at the coffee!



### March 20

The Sages & Saints will attend a dinner theater in Columbus where we will be entertained by the Swing Era Sounds of the *Sentimental Journey Orchestra* out of Georgia. The cost

is \$35.00 per person. If you wish to go with us, please call Sue Anderson at 979-278-3704 or e-mail her @ [sharon-sue@industryinet.com](mailto:sharon-sue@industryinet.com) to make your reservations. The deadline is February 26. After that we cannot accept any more reservations. We will leave as a group from the church at 5:00 p.m. in order to

have time to arrive at the theater and get settled before dinner is served. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!



## Choir Notes by Nancy Hajek

Greetings to all! February...Groundhog Day, Lincoln's actual birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Washington's actual birthday, Ash Wednesday...full of days with their own special significance. Our church days are just as significant -- stop by any day of the week, and you will see God's gifts being shared with our community.

The Glory Tones practice on Wednesdays at

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We plan to play special music one Sunday a month during worship. We have also been asked to play in Flatonia on the 21<sup>st</sup> for a church that is considering beginning a bell choir. We (and they) are excited. Anyone who has an interest in learning these great instruments is encouraged to come to rehearsals. It's really a lot of fun. Really.

The Chancel Choir is back in full swing rehears-

ing choral selections to bring to you each Sunday. It is such a pleasure to see smiles on choir members' faces during rehearsals just for the joy they have in preparing music to share Christ's message with you. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Just to let you know, we'll begin rehearsals for our **Easter season cantata**, on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:45 p.m., so if you are interested, feel free to join

us. We will be singing our cantata, "Beyond the Cross" with words and music by Joe E. Parks, on Sunday, April 11, which is the Sunday after Easter. So mark your calendars now for the rehearsals and the presentation of our cantata. We'd love to have you sing with us!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Nancy

## Thank You Church Family!!

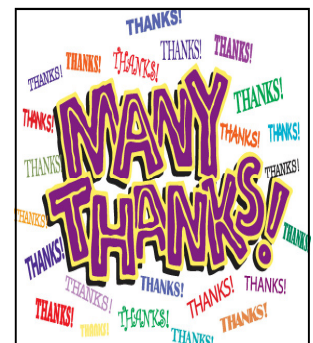
This church has been such a blessing to me over the past four years and Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> will definitely be a favorite memory. On January 3<sup>rd</sup> this church voted to approve me for candidacy. As I said at the meeting, this church has been instrumental in my beginning the candi-

dacy process. God has been calling me into ordained ministry since 1981 but I've never had the confidence to follow through on that call. Then I moved to La Grange and became a part of this church -- the encouragement I've received and the opportunities I've had to branch out


have empowered me to answer the call.

Thanks for the opportunity to try new things, for the encouragement and affirmations, for the positive vote and for the love and laughter all along the way.

Blessings,  
Michele



# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	<b>1 SECOND CHANCE PACKING</b>  9:00 - Beth Moore - F/H  <b>6:00 - Nurture &amp; Outreach - C/R</b>  5:30 - Weight W. - F/H	<b>2</b>  4:30 - LifeSong 5:19 - Sanct.  7:00 - Fayette Co. Chorale	<b>3</b>  <b>3:30 - LOGOS - Take me out To the Ballgame</b>  6:00 - Glory Tones 7:00 - Chancel Ch
<b>7</b> 9:00 - Traditional w/ Communion 10:00 - Sunday School 11:10 - New Life Service 5:00 - Sermon & Study Group 5:30 - Youth Super Bowl Party @ Van Dresar's House	<b>8</b> 9:00 - Beth Moore - F/H  5:30 - FCCHWB - Library  5:30 - Weight W. - F/H  <b>6: 30 - Worship Committee- C/R</b>	<b>9</b> 11:00 - Retired Fellowship - F/H  4:30 - LifeSong 5:19 - Sanct.  <b>5:30 - Finance Meeting - C/R</b>  7:00 - Fayette Co. Chorale	<b>10</b> <b>3:30 - LOGOS - Chinese New Y</b> 12:00 - Rutersville Circle - F/ 6:00 - Glory Tones 7:00 - Chancel Ch 7:45 - Easter Cant
<b>14 SCOUTING SUNDAY</b>  9:00 - Traditional 10:10 - Sunday School 11:10 - New Life Service w/ Communion  5:00 - Sermon & Study Group 5:30 - Youth Bible Study	<b>15</b>  9:00 - Beth Moore - F/H  5:30 - Weight W. - Sanct.  6:30 - Aggie Moms - F/H	<b>16</b>  1:00 - Co. Valley Quilt Guild - Parlor  4:30 - LifeSong 5:19 - Sanct.  7:00 - Fayette Co. Chorale	 <b>17</b> <b>3:30 - LOGOS - Ash W</b> <b>6:00 - Ash Wedn</b>  <b>NO</b> Glory Tones 7:00 - Chancel Ch 7:45 - Easter Cant
<b>21</b> 9:00 - Traditional w/ Communion 10:00 - Sunday School 11:10 - New Life Service  3:30 - Care Inn Worship 4:15 - Monument Hill Worship 5:00 - Sermon & Study Group 5:30 - Youth Bible Study	<b>22</b> 9:00 - Beth Moore - F/H  5:30 - Weight W. - Sanctuary  <b>7:00 - S.P.R.C. Meeting - C/R</b>	<b>23</b>  4:30 - LifeSong 5:19 - Sanct.  6:00 - Colorado Valley Quilt Guild - F/H  7:00 - Fayette Co. Chorale	<b>24</b>  <b>3:30 - LOGOS - Bob the Builder</b>  6:00 - Glory Tone 7:00 - Chancel Ch 7:45 - Easter Cant
<b>28</b> 9:00 - Traditional 10:10 - Sunday School 11:10 - New Life Service w/Communion  12:30 - YMYF Parent Mtg - F/H 5:00 - Sermon & Study Group 5:30 - Youth Bible Study			





# Children & Youth News



## Conference Mid-Winters

**February 19-21**

Friday (19th): Meet at church at 3:45

Bring \$8 for dinner at Cici's Pizza

Sunday (21st): Arrive at church by 6:00

Bring \$10-20 for lunch at Chili's

Pack: Bedding, Bible, Flashlight, journal, personal toiletries, warm clothes, pennies for Youth Service Fund (which this year will go towards "Imagine No Malaria.")

Don't Pack: IPODS, lots of money, jewelry, candy, or cell phones

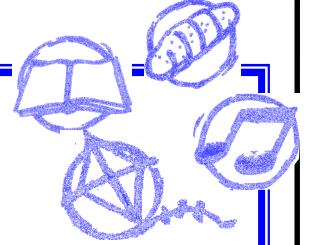
## LOGOS Themes

February 3: Take Me Out to the Ballgame

February 10: Chinese New Year

February 17: Ash Wednesday

February 24: Bob the Builder



## Super Bowl Party!!

**February 7th 5:00-Game Ends**



6th-12th grade youth are invited to our 2nd Annual Party at the Van Dresar's!

Bring drinks and dinner-type snacks to share.

Prizes will be given for best snacks and a Super Bowl Pool.

## 30-Hour Famine...

...coming soon



In 2006, how many children died before their fifth birthday as a result of hunger and hunger-related causes?

- a. 7.8 million
- b. 8.4 million
- c. 9.7 million
- d. 10.1 million

(Answer is C, 9.7 million, compared to 10.1 million in 2005. Almost all of these deaths occur in developing countries, with ¾ of them coming in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.)

The dates haven't been set for our Famine, but we're looking at April 16th-18th. Let Michele or Misty know if you want to participate.

## Youth Parents' Meeting

**February 28th 12:30-Pizza Lunch**

Parents and Youth (Grades 6-12)

are invited/encouraged to attend our meeting as we discuss dates and ideas for the upcoming year

## LOGOS Week One -

**Adam and Eve**

What you see in this picture is a young man (Parker Gage) dining on "Not Adam's Rib". Unseen on his plate is the Applesauce of Knowledge, Day 3 Potato Tots followed by Fig Newtons.



## Summer Dates for Children & Youth

### Conference Camps for Kids

Children entering 3rd-4th grade

**June 13-15 or July 11-14**

Children entering 5th-6th grade

**June 20-24 or August 8-12**



**Music, Art & Drama Camp**  
Children entering 4th-6th grade  
**July 28-31**

### District Camps for Kids

District camp dates haven't been set - we'll get them out as soon as we have them.

**Summer Missions for Youth**  
**Sr. High Mission:**

UMARMY - Goliad, TX 6/27th-7/3

**Jr. High Mission:**

Oklahoma - Norman & Oklahoma City, OK 7/17- 23



## February Birthdays

Jonathan Burton - 1	Will Bailey - 7	Hayden Mach - 20
Chuck Mazac - 1	John Van Dresar - 7	Paula Strickland - 20
Mary Zigal - 1	Erica Virnau - 8	Rylie Dyer - 21
Cameron Chorens - 2	T.J. Vollbaum - 9	Velma Tietjen - 21
Jennifer Hajek - 2	Linda Diers - 10	Don Strickland - 22
Ken Baker - 3	Sheri Nolen - 10	Robert Tipps - 22
Shawn Childers - 3	Brenda Griffith - 11	Larry Hatfield, Jr. - 23
Dane Hall - 3	Jessica Hatfield - 11	Duncan Lott - 23
Lewis Cooper - 4	Eldon Aydelotte - 12	Leni Simmons - 24
Maria Newsome - 4	Andrea Janda - 12	Ken Ward - 25
Kira Van Dresar - 4	Betty Kahlden - 15	Jack Cernosek - 27
Wesley Coleman - 5	Megan Corwin - 17	Jerry Dhooge - 27
Homer Lange - 5	A.H. "Bud" Evans - 17	Stephen Hancock - 27
James Meek - 5	Zoie Covert - 18	Anissa Menefee - 27
Sonya Caballero - 6	Matthew Busch - 19	Paulett Renfro - 28



## February Anniversaries

Charles & Marianne Busch - 1	Charles & Carol Katz - 15
Bill & Carol Holloway - 9	Jeff & Leslie Powell - 16
Mike & Debra Hall - 11	Joseph & Myra Homer - 25
	Carl & Doris Mathews - 28

**"Every good and perfect gift is from above."**

**James 1-17**

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Grieving:** Maxine Ballard and family on the death of her mother; Alicia Wich & family on the death of her uncle, Carl Burchette; The family & friends of Leon Fleck; The family & friends of Rev Clint Rabb; Jim Howse and family on the death of his father

**Hospitalized:** Judy McBride

**Recovering at Home:** Judy McBride; Henrietta Hermsdorf; Michelle Pace; John Tidwell; E.J. Gray; Margie Hill

**Nursing Home:** Nita Blankenship (Somerville/CyFair); Carrie Muenzler (Care Inn); Hortense James, Velma Tietjen, Kathy Matthews, Bette Pierce; Bettye Zatopek (Jefferson Place); Henrietta Schwartz, Margaret Harrison, Miriam Wolff (Monument Hill)

**Home Bound:** Michelle Pace, Virginia Moore, Grace Dyer, Su Nell Billeck

**Those serving in the Military:** Lori (Thurman) Metcalf (Army Nurse Corp), Darryl Metcalf (Army), Lance Nickel (Army), Cory Shoemaker (Army), Jayson Aydelotte (Army), Lance Clark (Air Force), Andrew Parry (Air Force), James Meek (Air Force), Mason Bednar (Army), Timothy Van Dresar (Army)

**Missionaries:** Steve Johnson & family in Budapest (YWAM), Heather Reed

**Special Concerns:** Heidi Schultze; Lance Nickel; Ron Steedly; Brad Lange and Family; William Armer; Paul Mikula; Virginia Avant; Madelaine Schneider; Janet Murphy; Nancy Willis; Wilfredo Viera; Jerry Selcer; Vivian Foxworth; Matt Saunders; Reed Armstrong; Rene Phillips; Marilyn Bolfik; Christie Webber, John Van Dresar





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## **LOCAL AREA MISSION WORK SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

### **A.M.E.N.**

805 Mode Lane  
La Grange, Texas

March 15, 16 & 18

June 7, 8 & 10

August 30, 31 & September 2

November 22, 23 & 25

Hours needed are  
**9am-11am**, Mondays  
**6pm-7pm**, Tuesdays  
**1pm-3pm**, Thursdays

### **SECOND CHANCE**

529 West Travis Street  
La Grange, Texas

March 2-6, 8

April 20-24, 26

June 8-12, 14

July 27-31, August 2

September 14-18, 20

October 26-30, November 1

December 14-18

Packing the first Monday of  
**every month starting at 9:00 a.m.**