



# The Cornerstone

The United Methodist Church of Burlington

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*“Sharing God’s  
Love with Coffey  
County and the  
World”*



## **PENCIL POINTS FROM PASTOR PAT**

The season of Lent will soon be here, and before it unfolds itself to us, let us begin with a prayer of confession from John Killinger:

“O God, who brooded over the world when it was created and broods now over your children until we are shaped in the image of Christ, we confess our daily sins: the word sharply spoken, the praise withheld, the embrace not given, the hurt disguised, the envy felt, the self indulged, the need neglected. Receive us now broken, penitent, wishing it was otherwise. Enfold us in the arms of love and forgiveness and restore a new spirit within us. Make us one with ourselves, with each other, with the world, with time and all the saints. Let your name be magnified, let Christ be glorified, let the Holy Spirit be intensified, in each heart and on our lips, this day and forever.”

I don’t always like confessional prayers, not because they don’t speak to our hearts and to our sins, but quite often they leave our spirits hanging in the “what has been” and not much about “what can be.” Killinger’s prayer moves beyond the recognition of past sins and into a plea to God to help us be the followers of Christ we desire to be and not the followers we were yesterday. The last lines of his prayer are thoughts of hope, not despair, praise, not gloom, unity, not loneliness.



For me Ash Wednesday is a time of confession, not a season of such. We remember we are human and cannot always escape the snares of sins, but rather than spending forty days commiserating over the past I would rather give sin its one day and then move on. It will be a difficult task to be “enfolded in the arms of love” if we are trapped by guilt and remorse.

With so many wonderful opportunities to do God’s bidding, I really don’t want to mope around waiting for Easter.

So let the subject of sin have Ash Wednesday, and we will, by God’s grace, have the remainder of the season to move with confidence and sure hope toward the promise of Easter. Rather than be spiritually worn out by Palm Sunday, I want to be pumped up and ready for the high mark of the Christian year, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Let the Lenten journey be good, be blessed, and be filled with joyous preparation! I promise there will be no doom and gloom sermons, only “bright hope for tomorrow.”



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Sign up to be a Lenten Prayer Partner with a child and participate in Lent studies! See Page 3 for details on how you can get involved.

Join us for  
**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**  
7 pm Wednesday,  
**Feb. 22**  
to begin the Lenten  
Journey Together!

## *Rand Family is Grateful*

Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and support that has been provided during our loss of our home because of the fire.

We have been truly blessed in many ways, including the spiritual strength to overcome the obstacles. May God bless you and keep you!

~Brian, Lori, Brady & Brett Rand

## *Men's Breakfast is Feb. 10*

All men are invited to breakfast on Friday, Feb. 10 at the church. Breakfast and fellowship begin at 6 am. A cooking team rotates for these monthly gatherings which meet the second Friday of each month.

Men, plan to attend! Ron Bruce's cooking crew is in charge of this one!

## *SHARING GOD'S LOVE*

*This section is devoted to sharing examples of our congregation acting on our mission of "Sharing God's Love with Coffey County and the World." If you want to recognize someone for sharing God's love with you or others, please email the church office at [lmasters@umcburlington.org](mailto:lmasters@umcburlington.org) for its possible inclusion in the newsletter. The deadline for submitting newsletter information is the twentieth of each month.*

- Glenn Reeves connected the Christian Ed. computer to internet so that Jenn's "new" office is now fully functional. Thank you, Glenn!
- Thank you to those who faithfully minister to our children's programs like Sunday school, BIG Club, and children's church. Among these volunteers are: Liz Caldwell, Nancy Thompson, Sanna Alfers, Libby Chanley, Carol Culbertson, Kathy Gales, Stacey Buckridge, Alan and Dianne Barrett, Tina Decker, Charlotte Burrell, Pastor Pat, and Jenn Lowrey.
- Thank you to those who are willing to chair ministry teams. Bob Culbertson is chair of Witness, Jane Griffith is chair of Nurture, Susan Croll and Dawn Freeman share the chair position for Outreach, Larry Hauth chairs Trustees, Johnny Freeman chairs the Council. A few more positions are being filled and we appreciate those who give their time and talent to leading our church family.
- Jane Douglass, Dawn Freeman, Susan and Richard Croll, and Steve and Verla Bartholomew spent part of a weekend placing wall hangings and decorations around the newly painted walls of the church. Their creativity and time is greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to everyone who has signed up for coffee and cookies. Hospitality is a gift we treasure at BUMC.

## *FEBRUARY REFERENCES*

Please join us for 8:15 or 10:30 worship. The dates below show what Scripture will be used in the service. Churches in our Five Rivers District weekly pray together for specific churches within our district. Please join in prayer for the United Methodist Church listed below, along with the pastor currently serving that congregation.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Scripture and Message</b>	<b>Prayer Focus, Pastor</b>
Feb. 5	I Samuel 17:37-50 "These Crazy Kids Will Try Anything!"	Plum Creek, Rev. Beth Hodgson
Feb. 12	Mark 1:40-45 "The Cat Is Out of the Bag"	Louisburg, Rev. Donna Vouteau
Feb. 19	2 Corinthians 4:3-6 "Stubbing Toes and Bumping Noses"	Burlington, Pastor Pat
Feb. 26	Genesis 9:18-22 & 1 Peter 3:18-22 "Let the Lord Float Your Boat"	Hiattville, Rev. Joni Raymond

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

## by Director Jenn Lowrey

We have some exciting news from our Christian Ed. program beginning in February! First of all, Lent is approaching quickly! The prayer partner program has been advertised in the bulletin for a few weeks now and we are still in need of volunteers. This is a really neat way for adults in our congregation to connect with the children. Each child is assigned a prayer partner for the Lent season. The prayer partners offer encouragement to their assigned child by praying for them throughout the season and sending anonymous cards or notes to them! Prayer partners will be revealed at a breakfast Easter Sunday from 9:15-10:30. If you are interested in this ministry or if you want to sign your child up for a prayer partner, please get in touch with me.



### LENT PRAYER PARTNERS

*Let Us Help You  
Find a Lenten Study  
That Works for You!  
Groups are  
Forming!*



The congregation is invited to join an all-church Lent study. Groups will be forming throughout February. Please check weekly for a list of meeting times/places to be posted on the office windows. Find one that works with your schedule and join in. The youth and children will also be going through the study. This is an exciting opportunity to grow as a congregation.

Beginning in March, we will be offering several new studies during Sunday school and a coffee bar downstairs. During February services you will have the opportunity to browse a "Connection Catalog—Find Your Connection at BUMC" and find a study that best suits your needs. We hope that by offering multiple opportunities you will find a group that you connect with! So plan for March to grab a cup of coffee and enjoy some fantastic fellowship. Both nursery and Sunday school are offered during this time for your convenience.



Parents of children kindergarten through seniors! The Campo Chippewa catalog is out for summer of 2012! Early bird deadlines are April 1st. Please take a look at the display in the narthex and find which camp will most benefit your children. Once you have decided on a camp, please let me know by March 1st so that together we can figure out funding and apply for assistance if necessary.

I am still looking for volunteers for our children's programs. We need Sunday school teachers, children's church volunteers, and BIG volunteers. If you are curious about any of these volunteer opportunities, I would encourage you to contact me for more information.

A special, special thank you to Liz Caldwell, Sanna Alfes, Nancy Thompson, Libby Chanley, Kathy Gales, Stacey Buckridge, Carol Culbertson, Pastor Pat, Alan and Dianne Barrett, Charlotte Burrell, and Justina Decker. Without these volunteers our programming wouldn't happen! If you see them, please join me in extending our gratitude to them!

Blessings,

Jenn

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*Instructors Nancy Thompson and Sanna Alfes shared this picture and story of SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN! Nancy said, "On our music video for the month of January the actors made hand puppets and sang along. Our kids wanted to do the same. The hands belong to Aiden Caldwell, Elijah Caldwell, Samantha Cofer and Courtney Thompson."*

# CHRIST INC. YOUTH REPORT

*By Director Jenn Lowrey*

The youth group has been busy this past month! We finished up our Adam Hamilton study, “When Christians Get it Wrong.” Wow! The youth are so insightful and had great conversations about tough issues. We talked about why so many young people are moving away from church, why they are feeling defeated by Christians. We were challenged by Adam Hamilton to be Christians that get it right, to “share the love of God we have experienced through Jesus Christ—a love that is sacrificial, unconditional, filled with mercy, and ultimately life transforming.” *Adam Hamilton.*

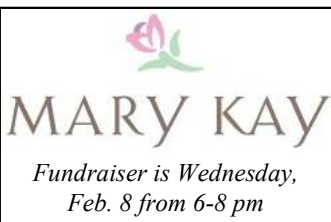
Each week as we ended our study, we prayed for guidance and talked about specific ways that we could *get it right* that week. We made conscious efforts to change just one aspect of our lives and built on that each week. This study was a great reminder of Jesus’ love for us and his commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. I am thankful to have youth who are excited and ready for challenges.

In February, the youth will join the congregation in an all-church Lent study. The junior and senior high youth will meet together for the six week study on Sundays, 5:30-8 pm and will dive into God’s word together. I am always so blessed to see the way the youth interact and learn from one another when we join. Please join me in prayer as we embark on this new study.

The youth parents had a mission trip meeting and we made some big decisions. This year our senior high youth will be traveling to Puerto Rico for prayer/food distribution walks (our youth will walk from house to house in desperately poor neighborhoods and will provide the households with food and prayer) and will be organizing and putting on vacation Bible school for the children in those neighborhoods. Our senior high students are going to have an AMAZING opportunity to spread the love of God through service. I am so excited for the opportunity to travel with Alan Barrett and our youth to this mission site.



Our junior high youth will enjoy a weekend in Kansas City where we will do some local mission work and enjoy what the city has to offer. We have decided on a four year mission rotation; international senior high trip, local mission, national mission, local mission. In a four year rotation, all of our youth will have the opportunity to focus on local missions and look forward to a national and international experience.



If you want more information about what our youth will be doing, join us for our first fundraiser on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 6-8 pm in Garst Fellowship hall. The youth and I will be available to answer your questions about the mission trip, and Susan Croll will be available for you to order Mary Kay products. She has offered to donate 40% of all the orders placed that evening to the mission trip. Thanks, Susan!

The annual sweetheart dinner will be February 12 following the 10:30 service. Tickets will be sold Feb. 5 or you can purchase them on your way to the luncheon. All proceeds will benefit Christ Inc. Come join us for great food, great service, and even better fellowship.

A special thanks to Dianne Barrett who has volunteered to be our adult sponsor for both senior and junior high youth groups! She is a fantastic addition and offers great insight to our discussion. Thanks so much for being a part of our group, Dianne!

Blessings,

Jenn

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**Sweetheart Dinner**  
*Fundraiser is Feb. 12 following 10:30 worship service.*

# FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

## February 5

### 8:15 Service

Video: Lanny Ratzlaff/ Brad Smith  
Scripture: Jane Griffith

### 10:30 Service

Video: Whitney Croll  
Scripture: Jenny Buss  
Ushers: Sharon Walrod and Lila Zscheile  
Acolytes: Zoe & Elijah Caldwell  
Child. Church: None  
Nursery: Deana Pearson  
Hospitality: Needed

## February 19

### 8:15 Service

Video: Lanny Ratzlaff/ Brad Smith  
Scripture: Sandy Paxson

### 10:30 Service

Video: Katee Damashek  
Scripture: Cindy Joy  
Ushers: Sharon Walrod and Lila Zscheile  
Acolytes: Jordan Torrez, Seth Jarvis  
Child. Church: to be scheduled  
Nursery: Austin Croll  
Hospitality: Cindy Joy

## February 12

### 8:15 Service

Video: Lanny Ratzlaff/ Brad Smith  
Scripture: Tina Decker

### 10:30 Service

Video: Larry Hauth  
Scripture: Carol Culbertson  
Ushers: Sharon Walrod and Lila Zscheile  
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Aiden Caldwell  
Child. Church: to be scheduled  
Nursery: Niki Alfes  
Hospitality: Sweetheart Dinner

## February 26

### 8:15 Service

Video: Lanny Ratzlaff/ Brad Smith  
Scripture: Bernice Sucec

### 10:30 Service

Video: Liz Caldwell  
Scripture: Richard Croll  
Ushers: Sharon Walrod and Lila Zscheile  
Acolytes: Alice Buckridge, Owen Jones  
Child. Church: to be scheduled  
Nursery: Teela Burrell  
Hospitality: Jenny & Pastor Pat Buss

**You are always welcome to participate, and volunteers are needed!**

**Do you want to**

- read Scripture
- serve coffee and cookies after 10:30 service
- run the video system during worship
  - usher
- lead children's church
- serve in the nursery
- sing in the choir
- share special music
- teach Sunday school
- Help with the midweek BIG Club program
  - Help sponsor Christ Inc. meetings

Please let us know! Call 364-2181 or email the office: [lmasters@umcburlington.org](mailto:lmasters@umcburlington.org)  
Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7

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# February 2012

Burlington United Methodist Church Family Calendar



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<p>*Sunday Activities include: 8:15 Worship 9:15 Sunday school classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee and Cookies</p>		<p>**Bring canned soups to worship on <b>SOUPER SUNDAY</b> to help stock the shelves at God's Storehouse!</p>			
<p>5 BDays: Brenden Alfars, Teela Burrell, Rusty Erling **Souper Sunday! *Sunday Activities Christ Inc. @ Lowrey's 5 pm</p>	<p>6 BDays: Aiden &amp; Elijah Caldwell, Bev Yokum; Anniv: Forrest &amp; Judy Rhoades Foundation 5:05 pm OA 7 pm</p>	<p>7 AA &amp; Al-Anon 7 pm</p>	<p>8 BIG 3:15-5 pm Choir 6 pm Youth Fundraiser 6-8 pm Nurture 7 pm Mid School Christ Inc 7 pm</p>	<p>9 BDay: Jessica Griffith, Kenny Vaughn Women's Bible Study 10 am Jr. Scouts 5:30-7 pm</p>	<p>10 BDays: Kathy Gales, Bill Parnely, Michelle Wilkens, Belinda Murray Men's Breakfast 6 am</p>
<p>12 BDays: Alyssa Jones, Erica Smith, Geoff Reeves, Brad Smith; Linda Luke Boy Scout Sunday *Sunday Activities Sweetheart Dinner, 11:30 am High School Christ Inc 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13 BDays: Amber Jewell, Debra Thomsen OA 7 pm</p>	<p>14 BDays: Warren Bell, Linda McMurray Valentine's Day AA &amp; Al-Anon 7 pm</p> 	<p>15 BDay: Elise Smith BIG 3:15-5 pm Choir 6 pm Mid School Christ Inc 7 pm Witness 7:05 pm</p>	<p>16 Women's Bible Study 10 am Brownies 5-6:30 pm</p>	<p>17 24 BDays: Jessica Hopkins, Dave Wilkens</p>
<p>19 BDay: Ross Gilbert; Sharon Walrod *Sunday Activities High School Christ Inc 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 Anniv: Bob &amp; Tina Decker OA 7 pm</p>	<p>21 BDays: Karen Clason, Richard Croll, Tina Decker, Hilary Dees, Yvonne Ryan AA &amp; Al-Anon 7 pm</p>	<p>22 BDays: Daniel Hoeller, Judy Stukey; Anniv: Jerry &amp; Elaine Sowder BIG 3:15-5 pm; Outreach 5:15 Choir &amp; Confirmation 6 pm ASH WED SERVICE 7 pm Mid School Christ Inc 7 pm</p>	<p>23 Women's Bible Study 10 am Jr. Scouts 5:30-7 pm</p>	<p>25 BDays: Jenny Buss, Laverne Smith, Devanee Williams Courageous Date Night 6-9:30 pm at High School</p>
<p>26 BDays: Jennifer Anderson; Georgia Barrett; Bill Manwaring *Sunday Activities High School Christ Inc 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27 BDay: Jara Thorp, Makyla Cole OA 7 pm</p>	<p>28 BDay: Marcia Makepeace AA &amp; Al-Anon 7 pm</p>	<p>29 BIG 3:15-5 pm Choir 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Mid School Christ Inc 7 pm</p>	<p>Please contact the church office for corrections or updates to the calendar. See the activity calendar online at <a href="http://www.umcburlington.org">www.umcburlington.org</a>. The most recent sermon is also posted on this website on the Worship/Sermons page.</p> 	

## **BUMC PRAYER LIST**

*Prayer is an important ministry of our church. Prayers have been requested for the following friends and family members. Please let the office know if changes or updates are needed by calling 364-2181 or emailing [lmasters@umcburlington.org](mailto:lmasters@umcburlington.org). To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days unless notified. Thank you for your help with this important ministry!*

<p>Please Pray for:</p> <p>Jewel Anderson                  Mike Armstrong, brother of Toni Allen                  Brooklyn Barrett, daughter of Matt &amp; Nikki Barrett                  Jean Beaty                  Betty Bennett, sister of Kathy Gales                  Brian Burnett                  Charlotte, Tyler, and Teela Burrell                  Ed Elston, friend of Ron Bruce                  Jim &amp; Carolyn Evans, friends of the Roedels                  Evelyn Fitts, cousin of Toni Allen                  Florence Gales, Larry Gales' mother                  Leona Gaultney, sister of Alice Chambers                  Max Greer                  Doug Hauth, Larry Hauth's brother                  Nancy Hess                  Edward Hoyt                  Harlan Hughes, son of James &amp; Audra Hughes                  Mike Knight                  Bill Jernigan, father of Laura Hauth</p>	<p>Nellie Larabee, Elsie Dyer's aunt                  Debra Lewis, daughter-in-law of Larry Lewis &amp; Ceil Lewis                  Bob Mason, friend of Judy Romary                  Bill Parmely                  Melissa Quinn                  Betty (Sanders) Rend and Family                  Roger &amp; DeAnna Roedel                  Clayton Storey, Kristin Varner-Lee's cousin                  Pat Stukey, son of Philip and Judy Stukey                  Fred Sumner, Christi Norman's brother-in-law                  Michael Torrez, son of Lisa Torrez                  Lillian Trussel, great aunt of DeAnna Roedel                  Military Families</p> <p>The families of those who have recently lost loved ones:                  Larry Gales' mother Florence; Harold McMurray;                  Brenda Grimes; Mike Johnson; Richard Croll's                  father Jim Croll; Don Brinkman; Isabel Lang.</p> <p>For prayer blanket dedications, please contact the church office.</p>
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## **OUR CELL PHONE PROGRAM BENEFITS MANY**

Two hundred sixty-five cell phones have been collected through BUMC's cell phone collection program. The box in the narthex along with the one at Hoover's Thriftway collect the phones which are then mailed to a company that evaluates their potential.

BUMC receives money for phones that are useable. These funds benefit the *Bridges to the Future Campaign* and the phones then go to help those in need. The cell phones that are no longer useable are recycled which helps keep harmful materials like lead, arsenic and beryllium out of our landfills. Clean out your drawers and turn those used cell phones in!



Everyone! Don't Miss

### **DATE NIGHT**

**Saturday, Feb. 25, 6-9:30 pm**

**Burlington High School**



**Come enjoy the recent movie "Courageous". Free on site child care will be provided by the high school youth *Brothers and Sisters in Christ* (BASIC). Refreshments will be provided after the movie.**

Join Christ Inc. for fellowship, hors de vours, learn more about their mission trip plans, and purchase Mary Kay products!

# YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, Feb. 8  
6-8 pm  
Garst Fellowship Hall



## Sewing for Others

Would you like to get together with other women from the church for projects to help keep elementary school children warm?



Once a week, once a month...you can set your own schedule. There is interest in getting a group together to sew fleece hats and scarves for kids at the elementary school who do not have warm clothing to wear outside.

Please contact the church office if you have an interest in forming a group.

## THE WALK TO JERUSALEM CONTINUES

It is not too late to join the "Walk to Jerusalem" fitness program which continues to April 15. There is no deadline for entering and participating. The walk is an effort to encourage wellness and fitness and is also a competition between Kansas West Conference and Kansas East Conference. At the time of this printing, Kansas West is ahead!

Participants may visit the website [www.kansaseast.org](http://www.kansaseast.org), then click on *Ministries*, then *Health and Wellness*, then *Walk Challenge*. From there you enter a password. Once you have a password, you click *Join a Challenge* and select *Kansas East* and *Burlington UMC*.

Activities other than walking also get credit in this fitness journey. The website [www.purdue.edu/walktothemoon/activites.html](http://www.purdue.edu/walktothemoon/activites.html) converts activities such as shoveling snow or gardening into steps that can be recorded in the *Walk to Jerusalem* contest. The idea is to accumulate enough "miles" to walk from Wichita to Jerusalem along with others in our conference. The people with the most steps are announced on the website along with the churches who have the most steps accumulated. Encouragement in the form of scripture, quotes, and liturgy is provided on the website.

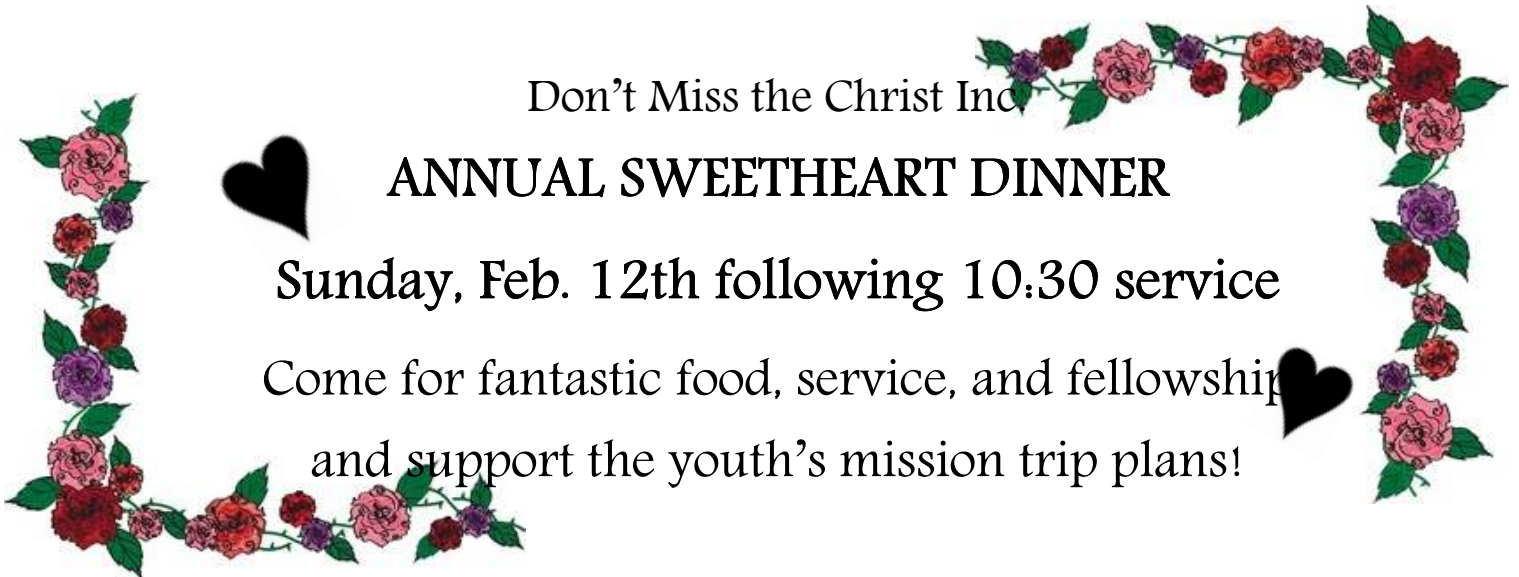
Would you like to participate but don't want to hassle with entering things on the computer? There are green record cards on the narthex table that you may complete, and Luella will log it into the computer for you. Questions? Call the church office at 364-2181. Let's get moving together!

Don't Miss the Christ Inc.

## ANNUAL SWEETHEART DINNER

Sunday, Feb. 12th following 10:30 service

Come for fantastic food, service, and fellowship and support the youth's mission trip plans!

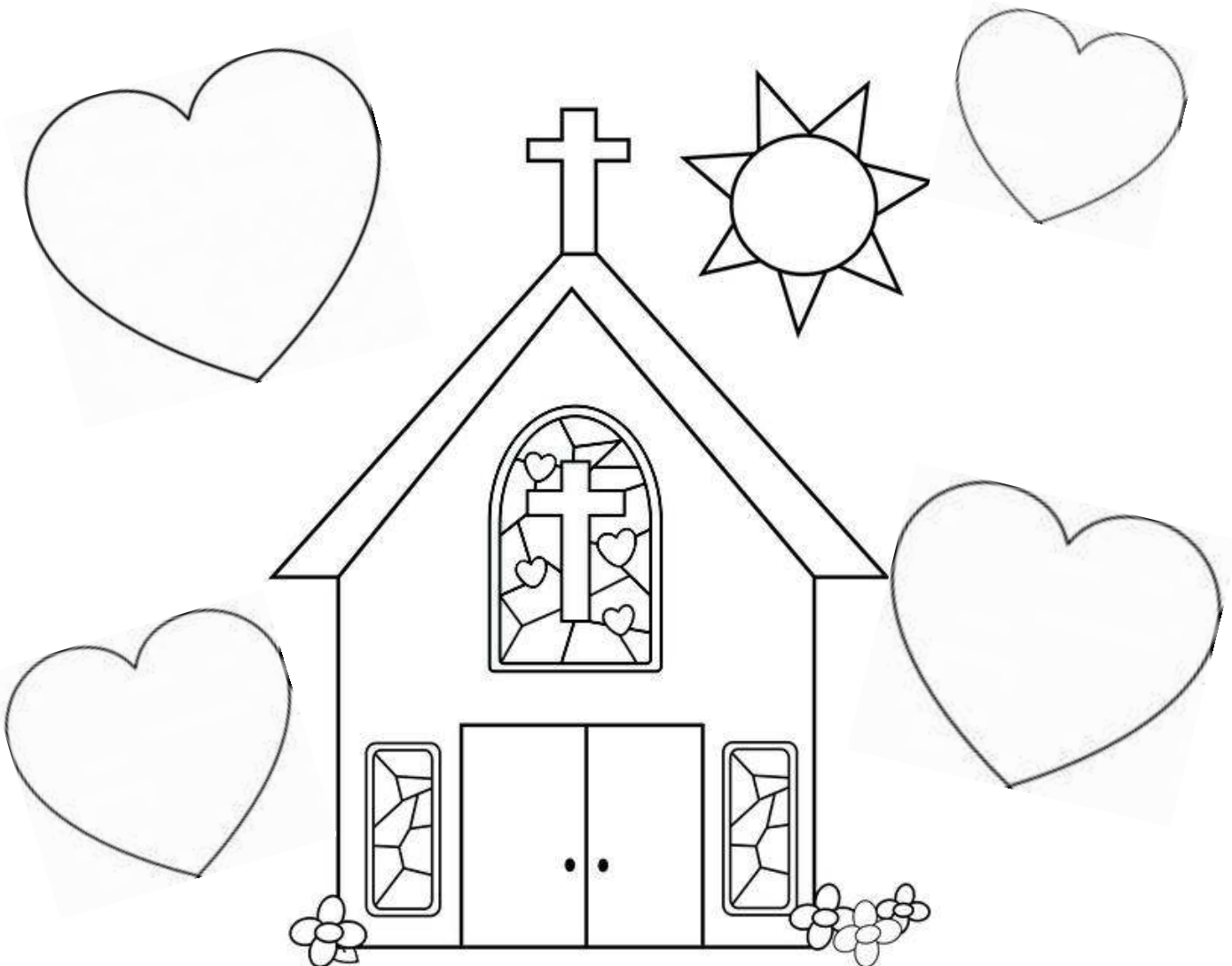


# KIDS' COLORING PAGE

If you could write a Valentine's Card for Jesus, what would you say?

Here is a coloring page for you to complete. In the hearts below, draw or write different ways you can show that you love Jesus. Then hang your picture up as a reminder to show and share Jesus' love!

## I Love Jesus!



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**Sunday, February 5**  
is

**SOUPER**

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**SUNDAY**

**Bring cans of soup to  
church to stock the  
shelves of God's  
Storehouse.**

**Visit God's Storehouse on Face-  
book to view additional needs.**

**Help Tackle Hunger in Coffey County!**

