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"Serving others as we serve Jesus."

**Scott McFarland**  
Minister

**Keith Jones**  
Family Life Minister

**Sunday**

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.  
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Class....6:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Sherry Lallathin – Mon – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Elders**

Jeff Bettinger  
Bob Burrow  
Keith Jones  
Duane Landefeld

**Deacons**

Ronnie Beardmore  
Eric Carothers  
Dan Christman  
Shawn Howell

Brent McConnell  
Jeff Seidler  
Howard Spengler  
Jesse Stalder

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Greg Ferrell (Spike Ferrell's son, Spike is a friend of Julie Huffman); Harold Lallathin neck surgery Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>; Eleanor Lallathin hip replacement surgery Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>; Donna Parr (friend of Eddie Martin), surgery Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>; Betty Edgington, heart surgery recovery; Tiffany Comstock (Gary & Bev Jones's daughter), epileptic seizures; Sandy Resecker; widows and widowers of the congregation.

**Those battling cancer** – Parker Miley, leukemia; Sue Hooper, colon cancer; Lisa Jones (stage 3 lung cancer); Logann Kehrer (a friend of Bob Burrow's co-worker), diagnosed with terminal cancer; Marion Gorrell, stage 4 cancer (former co-worker of Carla Rose); Andy Copley; Patty Norris (friend of Keith Coss); Donna Hughes (friend of Naomi Ault); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Nina Christman; Misty Robinson, friend of Grace Miles.

\* **Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

**Office Hours Update**

Church offices will be closed tomorrow, January 15<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Sherry will be on vacation Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

***Ladies Bible Class***

The ladies Bible class will meet Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship building.

**Elders Meeting**

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

**Deacons Meeting**

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

**-2024 Budget Meeting-**

The 2024 Budget meeting for Elders and Deacons will be held Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the main auditorium.

# The Gift of the Magi

This morning, Mark Hatfield will be here to speak about the Magi project and our involvement in this ministry. The Magi Project is an outreach ministry of Healing Hands International, based in Nashville, TN, and provides Christmas gift boxes for kids across the world. The Magi Project name references the biblical story of the Wise Men (“magi” means wise man) visiting Jesus and bringing him gifts in Matthew 2. Some of you may know that we just passed Epiphany two weeks ago on January 6. Also called “Old Christmas,” it is celebrated by the Amish and other groups as the day the Wise Men came to see Jesus. The Wise Men brought three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—each meant to symbolize something significant about the Christ child’s life and mission. The Bible doesn’t tell us directly the significance, but gold likely represented his status as a king, frankincense was a spice used in offerings, and myrrh was used in embalming. Jesus’ mission was to die for our sins and these gifts each foreshadowed a part of that mission. Each of them would have been very expensive to give.

All of us have an opportunity to give something to God in our lives. It is tempting to allow our giving to God to be from our leftovers—time that we don’t need, money we can’t spend, energy that doesn’t require much of us. The Wise Men’s gift, and their visit, tell the story of something so much more precious and valuable. It is assumed, although we can’t be sure, that the Wise Men started planning and taking this journey as soon as Jesus was born. By the time they got to Jesus, He was somewhere around 2 years old. Two years is a long time to dedicate to something, and a trip from Persia where they lived was a very dangerous trip. They gave expensive gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh were costly. All of this leads us to the question, “What are we giving to Jesus?” Are we giving anything of value or of sacrifice, or are we giving Him the leftovers? How much time is dedicated to him? How much of our energy and our resources? How much of our attention?

The Magi Project is a great way to invest our time, money, and energy into something greater than ourselves. My hope is that our church can continue to be a part of this great work, living the legacy of the Wise Men who visited Jesus all those years ago.

Scott McFarland

January 14, 2024

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

January 7, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 72  
Attendance at the building 135

Sunday morning Live feed views 32  
Post-Sunday sermon online views 48

Bible Hour Attendance 36  
Sunday night Bible Class 63

J.O.Y. Bus Attendance  
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Wednesday night Bible Class 60

Budget \$ 5,100

Contribution \$ 5,588



LifeWise Academy informational meeting will be Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8 p.m. in the Fellowship building.



My family and I wish to express our deepest gratitude to this church as you prayed for us during the most difficult time of our lives. Thank you for giving us the privacy we needed to grieve our loss and for patience and understanding when we didn't share a lot of details. We didn't want our grief to take away the joy of your holiday. We knew that we were in your prayers. As we move forward, we know God will walk with us, this church will walk with us, prayers will continue to be offered for us and for that – we are forever grateful.

So it's true – when all is said and done, grief is the price we pay for love.

Janet Schwall & Family

***Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.***

***1 Corinthians 15:58***