



**Mariners: To be announced**

**Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, January 15, at 9:30am**

**EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE**

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	1:00 p.m.
Mariners	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 1:00 p.m. every Friday for lunch. Mariner's meet at 1:00p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."  
 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91, vs. 1-6*

### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Pat Benton** – Migrains & Back Pain

**Ron Cadruvi** – Heart Surgery

**Don & Suzanne Frantz** – Cancer Treatment

**Kirby Frantz** – Tumor Treatment

**Cheryl Leib** – Healing from Knee Replacement Surgery

**Dennis Peterson** – Eye Surgery Pending

**Jeff Qualls** – Cancer Treatment

**Beverly Welch** – Stability and Safety Blessings



## GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

Thoughts from Charles Stanley

**God has a plan for your life.** But you **must** learn to **listen** for and **to Him** to find it. We often get ahead of God because we do not want to wait on Him. In order to **NOT get ahead of God** we must learn to **listen to God**. If we do not listen to Him we will not know that to do. If we do listen to Him then we still have to decide whether to obey Him or disobey Him. We cannot know how God wants us to live our lives until we learn to listen to Him. **God's timing is always perfect.** Learning to listen and trust His timing is a great lesson in life. We miss God's blessings by not listening or trusting His timing. We tend to do our plan, not God's. We should say, *God, what do you want me to do, when do you want me to do it, how do you want me to do it, and what is your will for my life?*

In **Genesis** we find **Abraham** willing to follow God's plan. God knows us perfectly. He knows what His will is for our lives. He knows His purpose for our lives. He does not make suggestions, He gives commands for they come from a mind, a will, and a purpose that is absolutely perfect. His will for our life is the best choice. What God promised Abraham He accomplished, in His timing. **Genesis 16:1f**, Abraham and Sara are old and have no heir to fulfill God's promise of being a great nation. So Abraham and Sarah made their own plan to provide an heir. They were disobedient and did not wait for God to accomplish His plan His way. They listened to the wrong voices. We do the same way too often. When we do this it puts us in disharmony with God, out of the will of God, doing it our own way, because things did not go as we thought they should have gone.

God has a plan for your life. And if you follow His plan life will go better for you. If you follow your own plan you are on your own. God has a plan which is best for you. But we must learn to listen to Him. Only through obedience can we experience the blessings of God. God only wants the best for us and He alone knows what that is. God wanted the world to know the heir of Abraham was a miracle of God. *Trust God, listen to Him and follow his plan. Do not jump ahead of God. Wait and trust and He will give you the best life you can have.*

## POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the Lord’s temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead.”  
II Chronicles 26:19*

One morning after I preached in a church in New Jersey there suddenly appeared in front of me a woman who bluntly demanded, “Tell me why I itch all the time.”

I talked with her at some length. It gradually came out that this woman’s father had provided in his will that his estate was to be divided equally between his two daughters. Later this woman got the idea that her sister had “double-crossed” her and so she built up an enormous resentment and a terrible sense of guilt.

Fortunately, she was a strong person, with the wisdom to insist, “I am my own sickness. I must get myself healed.” And that is exactly what she did. She took love and forgiveness and good will into her, and the hatred went and so did the itching.

Know the truth about yourself and know the truth about God, and you will be set free and become an entirely different person.

**Life Lifter:** Every night empty your mind of unhappy thoughts as you empty your pockets, and come alive. Pray for people you do not like or who have mistreated you. Resentment blocks spiritual power.

*Norman Vincent Peal*

### A NEW GRANDCHILD!



**Announcing the arrival of a new Price Family member! Gideon David Winchester** was born on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, weighing in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and 19.5 inches long. Gideon and his mom are doing great!

### NOVEMBER 2018 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 35

#### **Giving:**

Local:	\$4,527.00
Sunday School:	69.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	53.00
Other:	45.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,694.00</b>



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# **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

**from Melvin and Jane Campbell**

God has never promised to take us out of the curse of sin that is on this earth. He has provided a way for us to escape the curse through the sacrifice of Jesus in our place. However, with that being said, He did not die for the earth and the Bible tells us that the earth suffers for the curse of sin. These tragedies are brought about by the curse on the earth. He did not die for the earth but for us. Therefore, he does not prevent them but goes through them with us. We can see how through these tragedies people are drawn to help and love one another. If there were none, then we grow apart and become less compassionate and indifferent and selfish. I believe that God permits these tragedies to bring us closer to each other and to Him, as we see the miracles He performs in these tragedies.

We hear about these tragedies and we have great sympathy for those that are affected by them. But we do not fully understand what it is like to lose all your personal belongings within a two-hour period with just enough time to get out of its way. Paradise is about 12 miles from Chico and with thirty thousand people trying to escape on three out of town routes it took from one to two hours to get to Chico. It seems surreal. For many days one feels as though this is just a vacation and in a few days you can go home. The reality is that is not, nor can it be wishful thinking, but it is reality and everything you own has been destroyed. We still have bouts with the reality factor. We will not be able to go back very soon as the fire was so intense that they want to test each home sight for toxic waste. With over 6,500 homes being destroyed that will take some time.

We were able to buy a home in 1968 and sometime ago the insurance company determined that was not fire insurable. Therefore, that home is a total valueless loss. We moved into the church parsonage to be close to the church and maintained both homes but did not have renter's insurance. So, our personal belongings are a total loss. I am a dual professional because our church has always been a struggling church to survive. I worked at my profession as a barber part time and maintained the shop being open about 24 hours a week. That shop, our home, the parsonage, our church, along with three other rentals that the church financially maintained have been destroyed by the fire. Even though I had planned to retire in a couple of years I do not have that opportunity because I have been "fired" (literally). There is no joy in this tragedy, however, we are looking forward to seeing what God will bring out of this tragedy. The joy comes from the fact that God moved all of you out of His love to come to our aid making proceeding on with life meaningful and successful. We have no way of expressing our thankfulness and love for you as you have shown to us through your compassion in this tragedy.

By the way our oldest son who is a Bachelor and lives in Chico and has a two-bedroom apartment is permitting us to stay with him until we can procure our own living quarters. *May God bless you richly in your sharing our tragedy.*

## **Empire Church of the Brethren**

Brothers and sisters in Christ we are thankful to God that our sister church is compassionate in sharing resources which are so needed at this time. We are thankful for your love and your faith in God. You can only imagine what one goes through a tragedy such as this until you face yourself. To have people come forward and donate to our financial needs at this time is so meaningful. One does not realize even the small things that you use every day that all the sudden you don't have, and you have to go and get. This contribution to our financial needs has come at a very appropriate time.

*Thank you very much,  
In His service, Melvin and Jane Campbell*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

06<sup>th</sup> – Jim Eikenberry  
08<sup>th</sup> – Michael Best  
09<sup>th</sup> – Don Benton  
15<sup>th</sup> – Eileene Petros  
19<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Winchester

14<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Knott  
20<sup>th</sup> – Ron Cadruvi  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Kelly Olsson



*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.*

*Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary. You are important to us!*



# JANUARY 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		<b>1</b> Psalm 67:1-7  Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres	<b>2</b> 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Ben	<b>3</b> Luke 19:1-10  Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	<b>4</b> Jeremiah 31:12-14  Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Family	<b>5</b> Romans 10:12-18  Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Karen Davis & Family Gary & Charlotte DeHart
<b>6</b> Philippians 4:10-13  Pastor & Teachers Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry	<b>7</b> Isaiah 43:18-21  Zack Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz	<b>8</b> Matthew 6:9-15  Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	<b>9</b> Jeremiah 2:4-8  Betty Harms & Fam. Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	<b>10</b> Colossians 3:12-14  Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut	<b>11</b> 2 Corinthians 2:14-17  Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Norman Johnson	<b>12</b> Matthew 7:7-11  Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam.
<b>13</b> James 2:1-9  Pastor & Teachers Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib	<b>14</b> Matthew 8:23-27  JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason	<b>15</b> Psalm 139:1-18  Edna May Miller Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptun	<b>16</b> Colossians 2:6-10  Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish	<b>17</b> Ephesians 2:11-22  Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson	<b>18</b> Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20  Eileene Petros Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	<b>19</b> Acts 3:1-10  Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Family
<b>20</b> Luke 12:22-31  Pastor & Teachers Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price	<b>21</b> Matthew 11:28-30  Nathan & Kim Price & Family Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family	<b>22</b> Romans 8:12-17  Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafe	<b>23</b> James 1:12-16  Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Family Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Family	<b>24</b> Psalm 62:5-7  Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family	<b>25</b> Luke 15:11-24  Jerry & Judee Stokes J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family	<b>26</b> John 7:37-39  Veronica Suderman & Fam. Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family
<b>27</b> James 1:2-5  Pastor & Teachers Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent	<b>28</b> Ephesians 6:10-20  John & Sue Vacca Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Family	<b>29</b> Job 2:11-13  Bev Welch Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family	<b>30</b> Psalm 61:1-8  Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	<b>31</b> James 2:14-17  Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt		


















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# JANUARY 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		<b>1</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>2</b>  7:00 am <b>Government Commodities Distribution</b>	<b>3</b>  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	<b>4</b>  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Strings Oakdale Road	<b>5</b> <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>  9:00am-2:00pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	<b>11</b>  1:00pm Mariners Potluck at the Church	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	<b>18</b>  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Su Casita Waterford	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon Mirror Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	<b>25</b>  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Marie Callender's Coffee Road	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  4:15pm Fellowship Singers		

## EVERY SUNDAY

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Informal Worship
- 11:00am Worship Hour