



# Tower Views

This Sunday's Super Bowl, with the Patriots and the Falcons, will be the culmination of a lifetime of training and preparation for the players. None of them were a natural - succeeding in the NFL without years of hard work. None of them were an overnight success - waking up one morning with extra ordinary abilities. They all got to this level by a combination of talent and dedication.

There are parallels for our spiritual life. We're all children of God. We all have the potential for a strong, life-giving faith. But no one is naturally spiritual and no one is born spiritually mature. Like athletic abilities, our Christian faith grows over time. And it grows best when we invest time and attention in growing our relationship with God. No matter how what powerful moments of faith we experience, there is no substitute for being in worship each week and spending time with God each day.

But there's one big difference. There comes a time in every NFL player's career when they've reached their limit and can't compete any longer. But we're never too old to walk with God and we're never too old for God to do something new in our heart or our life. So I hope you'll keep up your spiritual training and keep inviting God to do something new in your heart and life!



## Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

### Sunday

Romans 13:8-10  
Commit to strive to do no harm

### Monday

Matthew 5:1-12  
Ask God to give you a Christ-like heart

### Tuesday

Ephesians 4:25-32  
Confess those ways you struggle to do no harm

### Wednesday

Galatians 5:19-26  
Ask to give you the fruit of the Spirit

### Thursday

James 3:3-5  
Ask God for the self-control to be careful about what you say

### Friday

Matthew 5:38-42  
Pray for the political dialogue in our nation

### Saturday

Matthew 5:43-48  
Pray that our nation will pull together, not apart



## 2016 Contribution Statements

If you would like a report of your 2016 contributions for your taxes, please call or email the office and we can get a report to you.

## Coming Up!

### Saturday, February 4th

Jamaica team returns

### Sunday, February 5th

8:15—Early Service  
9:15 – Confirmation orientation  
9:30—Sunday School  
10:30—Late Service

### Monday, February 6th

5:15—Learner Bells  
6:00—Chancel Bells

### Tuesday, February 7th

Noon – Trustees Meeting  
1:00 – Visitation Teams

### Wednesday, February 8th

10:15—Bible Study  
3:00 – Middle School UMYF  
3:30 – Angelus Choir  
5:00 – High School UMYF  
7:00—Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 9th

6:00—Cool Cats 4H

### Friday, February 10th

9:00—UMW

## Partners in Prayer

We want to issue a special thanks to Pastor Brad for spending each day in January praying for our church families. It took a special commitment from him and we truly appreciated it.

We are looking at new ways to continue in prayer each day and are planning to put together small groups of 4 to 8 people called Partners in Prayer, who would meet once a month for a time of fellowship and prayer. Our prayers could be for guidance, health, love, healing and peace in our community, our country and

the world. As prayer partners, we could select the areas we focus on each month. We would then be able to take these specific prayer requests home and thoughtfully pray for each of them throughout the month.

If you would like to be included in one of these groups, or if you would be willing to be a group leader, just let us know by filling out the connect card or contacting the church office.

There is nothing more powerful than going to the Lord in prayer. We hope you will join us as we continue on our prayer journey.

Carolyn McAllister  
Prayer Team Member



## Prayer Concerns

Paul Alldredge  
Marlin Rein  
Harold Lam  
Sue Goff  
Wilbur Slocum  
Dan Glaspy  
Emma Jackson  
Rick Wolf  
Sharlene Wirsig  
Susan Stropes  
Mike Lester  
Sharolyn Kirby  
Jeanie Eberting  
Katherine Fulton  
Steve Coward  
Jane Mautino  
Shirley Stone  
Rosie Banfield  
Jill Bernard  
J. W. Heil  
Fred McAllister  
Dennis and Brenda  
Farmer

## Sunday Worship Assistants

### Gathering Music:

8:15—Frances Harvey

10:30—David Cummings

8:15 Song Leader: Zac Maggi

### 8:15 Ushers:

Larry and Eunice Wright

8:15 Greeter: Don Turner

8:15 Acolytes: Abby Jones and  
Madison Goodloe

### Continental Breakfast:

Koinonia Class

### 10:30 Greeters:

Jack and Jenny Viar

Frances Harvey and Boann Parks

Children's Time: Jennifer Kiely



## Confirmation Orientation Sunday at 9:30 am

A new session of Confirmation is about to begin for any of our youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older. An orientation session for all the confirmation youth and their parents is scheduled for this Sunday, February 5, at 9:30 am in the Board Room. The Confirmation sessions will begin the following Sunday, February 12, at 9:15 am. Confirmation is an opportunity for our youth to explore what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and a committed member of God's church. Please contact Brad Reed if you have questions about Confirmation.



**Rob Moore** on his appointment to the Naval Academy  
**Kay and Ron Grunig** on the birth of their new great-grandson, Coulter Everett Cruz