



# Tower Views



## Brad's Message

As I write this note the weather is the warmest it's been in several weeks, but the weathermen say a drastic change is coming. By the time most of you read this note that change will be here. What is it they say about Missouri weather? If you don't like it today, just wait until tomorrow.

Life often seems a lot like Missouri weather. We never know what tomorrow may bring. The one constant through it all is God's loving presence. No matter what we're going through today, God is with us; and whatever we have to go through tomorrow, God will be with us.

God is there in the great times and the hard times. God can sometimes even turn our hard times into great times. So don't wait until life brings a change of weather to draw near to God. Take time today to soak in God's love and joy and peace!

May our hearts always be open to God's presence!

Life's  
too  
short...

## Coming Up!

### Sunday, January 14th

8:15—Early Service  
9:00—Continental  
Breakfast  
9:30—Sunday School  
10:30—Late Service

### Monday, January 15th

Office Closed  
6:00—Bell practice

### Wednesday, January 17th

10:15—Bible Study  
3:00—UMYF Middle School  
3:30—Angelus Choir  
5:00—UMYF High School  
6:00—Finance Meeting  
7:00—Choir

### Friday, January 19th

9:00—Literacy Council



**Martin  
Luther  
King, Jr.  
Day**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We encourage everyone to take a moment that day to pray for the unity of our nation.

## Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

### Sunday

Matthew 18:21-35  
Pray for God's grace to let go of any resentment and forgive others

### Monday

Romans 5:6-11  
Confess your sins & give thanks for God's forgiveness

### Tuesday

Matthew 6:7-15  
Pray the Lord's Prayer, pausing after each phrase to reflect

### Wednesday

Ephesians 4:31-32  
Ask God to fill your heart with kindness

### Thursday

Matthew 7:1-5  
Ask God to show you any judgmental spirit within you

### Friday

Matthew 5:21-24  
Ask God to remind you of those you need to settle conflicts with

### Saturday

Matthew 5:38-48  
Pray for your enemies & our nations enemies



## Sunday Worship Assistants

### Gathering Music:

8:15—Frances Harvey  
10:30—David Cummings

8:15 Song Leader: Fred McAllister

8:15 Acolytes: Kaysen Nold &  
Nora Parks

### 8:15 Ushers:

Ross & Melinda Fulton

### 8:15 Greeters:

Carroll & Judy McVeigh

### Continental Breakfast:

Koinonoa Class

### 10:30 Greeters:

Berry & Judy Beebe  
Janet Mansfield and  
Susan Hutcherson

Children's Time: Andy Ford

Nursery helpers 8:15: Linda Sites

10:30: Janet Parks



## Flower Chart

The 2018 Flower Chart is up by the prayer wall in the library area. Sign up for a Sunday to remember, honor or dedicate altar flowers. You'll get a reminder call the week before and simply visit a local florist to have them delivered!

## Church Offering Envelopes

The 2018 Church Offering envelopes are in the Green Room. If you haven't picked yours up, get them soon. If you don't have an envelope and want a set, please let the office know.



Would you be willing to be a fill-in dad for kids who don't have dads available on Friday, January

19th? Come have some donuts and a good time with the kids at Henry Elementary from 8:15-11:00. Call Duane Harms at 660-441-7061 by Tuesday, January 16 if you can help.



## New Confirmation Group Forming

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 Sunday, January 21, at 9:30 am, upstairs in Room 203. The Confirmation sessions will begin the following Sunday, January 28, 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 or the church office if you have a youth who is planning to participate in Confirmation.

## Glasses for Jamaica

The Jamaica Team is collecting new/used reading glasses and regular



glasses to take on their trip. There is a donation basket in the Green Room for your donations.

## Year End Financial Update

Thank you to everyone who helped us finish the year strong financially. December was a very good month for the church. We began the month with a shortfall of almost \$20,000 for the year; yet through your faithfulness we finished the year just over \$1,000 ahead. This allows us to begin the new year in a healthy financial position. Thank you for your generosity to help keep our church strong!



## Want to Learn to Strum a Guitar?

We are looking at getting a group together—kids, youth and adults to learn to play some simple chords on the guitar. Are you interested in learning? Do you have a guitar to donate to someone who doesn't have one? Call the office if you'd be interested in joining this group! Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.

## Prayer Concerns

Friends & Family of  
Drew Ashley  
Jerry Schwalboski  
Arnie Drendel  
Carlene Lowe  
Treasure Yoder and  
her family  
Sharlene Wirsig  
Casey Duncan  
Sharon Warnaca  
Arlene Portwood  
Veronica Flor  
Conner Moore  
Hildreth Cash  
Baby Harlyn  
Margie Briggs  
Semler family  
Tom Stark  
Brian Bilbruck  
Peggy Younger  
Genieve Huenefeldt  
Melvin Dennis  
Wylie Brown  
Tracy Guppy  
Rosemary Hardinger  
Wilbur Slocum  
Sarah Duncan  
Guido Santero  
Tom Griffiths  
Teresa Jones  
Connie Briggs  
Jill Bernard  
Angela Garbee  
Fred McAllister  
Julia Cary  
Gary Dubina  
Mike Lester  
Lucille Clayton  
Marty Setzer  
Rick Wolf  
Jane Mautino  
Shirley Stone  
Rosie Banfield