

# NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## February 2025 Newsletter

"<sup>4</sup> LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. <sup>5</sup> IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. <sup>6</sup> LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. <sup>7</sup> IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES."

**- 2 Corinthians 13:4-7**

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Nurture Team wishes you all a

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**



# McGinnis' Mission with *The Amigo Project*



Dear Friends and Family,

January 2025

Thank you so much for your support of our family by prayer and/or financial giving for our service opportunity coming up in less than two months- the beginning of March! We have wonderful news to share: **Your giving has helped us reach our financial needs for this trip!** We are blown away by the outpouring of love and support for us. Thank you!! Any further support given to our family from this point on will go directly to the ministry of Children's Haven International that runs the children's home in Reynosa, Mexico. The children's home relies solely on the generosity of donations. The following are updates since our first newsletter.

## **New info we have learned about our upcoming time in Mexico:**

- Our team from Newton has 26 members including 10 children
- Our children will participate in helping to lead worship and learn skits to share the love of God
- Our daily itinerary is full, especially the traveling days!
- Work projects around the facilities of the home will be determined close to our arrival date

- The children's home in Mexico roughly consists of 12 house parents (called "Tios" and "Tias"), their own children and 80 orphans
- The Christian day school on the home's premise serves these children AND for a modest fee, children from the community can also receive an education (around 170 children)
- Children's Haven International mission: *"To clothe, feed, educate and most importantly, spread the love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the needy children of Mexico."*
- Reynosa's (the city in which the home resides) population is approximately 1,000,000

#### **Preparations being made:**

Kids - will learn/practice songs and skits to be used in Mexico

Elise - still practicing/learning Spanish

Sondy - reviewing Spanish that is very rusty but impressive to her family, purchasing items from our Packing List

Evan's - his New Year's Resolution is to get better at soccer - a skill useful in getting to know the children of the home

Scott - preparing a devotional for our first night at the children's home and to help lead worship each evening with his guitar

Jonathan - looks forward to the building projects with the work crew

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Health and safety of the 26 team members
- Flexibility in ALL things (food, schedules, following the leadership's rules, and unexpected challenges and opportunities)
- That we would be a blessing to other team members and to the home
- Kids to complete their schoolwork (they will miss a full week of school)
- For spiritual growth - continued learning to discern God's leading, knowing His love and loving one another
- To see where God is working and desire to join him in Mexico and everywhere we go

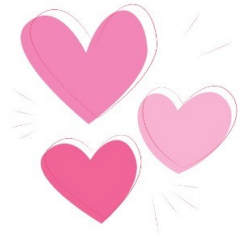
**Thank you again for keeping us in your prayers! We hope to send out a letter at the end of March to share what we saw God do during our time in Mexico.**

With Much Love,

Scott, Sondy, Jonathan, Elise and Evan



## PW Post by *Karen Wilson*



As you are all well aware, January was a most difficult month. I know we all expect it to be cold and maybe snowy but I have to say I have not seen snow continuously on the ground for as many days as it has been for a long time. We were unable to have our January Circle Meeting due to the ice and snow and frigid temperatures but as a PW Coordinating Team we felt it was unsafe for our ladies to brave the cold to attend. I am sure I am in good company to say that we missed it greatly.

Just a word about January's lesson on water justice that spoke to me while studying it. Genesis 3: 17-19 says " To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Did you ever think about the fact that when sin entered this world it was not only man that was condemned but also the very earth that God had created. Today all creation suffers because of human sin but God's plan of redemption involves His creation as well as man. What a glorious thought that when Christ died to redeem us he also will redeem this earth back to the wonderful state of the Garden of Eden someday. When we see the devastation that people have caused on our water supply in this world as stated in the lesson, it makes us even more anxious for that wonderful second coming of Christ to truly redeem this land.

Our February Circle Meeting lesson from our study book "Let Justice Roll Down" will talk about Air Quality. It will be on **February 12 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall**. All women of our church as well as any quests are invited. We would love to have you all.

***FPC Deacons' Valentine  
Lasagna Meal***

**Sunday, February 9th**

*after worship service in Fellowship Hall*

**Proceeds will benefit**

**Deacon Ministries for 2025.**

**\* Carryout available upon request**

**“Soup’er Bowl of Caring 2025”**

Bring your money to donate on **Sunday, February 9th!**

Donations received will benefit **Harvest of Love.**

Are you a Kansas City Chiefs or a Philadelphia Eagles fan or do you like the commercials/halftime show? Whatever fan you are, please donate to the “Souper” Bowl of Caring, because the winner is the Harvest of Love. All money raised goes there and they can use it to get what they need for the community.



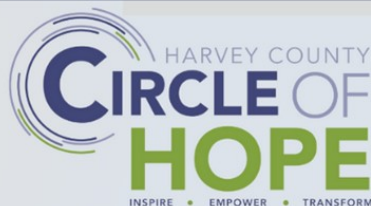
# BRIDGES *out of* POVERTY

Strategies for  
professionals and  
communities

## FREE TRAINING

### Two Part Workshop

Addressing the root causes of poverty  
Supporting families as they build resources  
Increasing understanding - Reducing Barriers



January 31, 2025  
1:00-4:00p



February 7, 2025  
1:00-4:00p

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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UNITED WAY  
Harvey and  
Marion Counties

TO RSVP VISIT [WWW.PEACECONNECTIONS.ORG](http://WWW.PEACECONNECTIONS.ORG)  
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 316-284-0000

A big  
THANKS  
to everyone



who donated to the  
stocking hat and glove  
tree over Christmas  
time. FPC donated 22  
hats and 34 pairs of  
gloves to the Salvation  
Army. The Salvation  
Army was very thankful  
for the donations!



## FOOD BOXES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:30 to 11:45  
1 to 2:45

Call for an appointment  
316-283-3190

## Harvest of Love UPDATE

In December, 1098# of food was  
donated to HOL.

### Show the Love

Now - February 28

Donations of money or food are  
being accepted

Donations can be dropped off at the  
HOL office  
208 W 6th Street

## **Sunday School**

The Kids' Sunday School is continuing with Fairy Tales.

The memory verse being:

### **Psalm 1:1**

**“Blessed is the person who obeys the laws of the Lord.”**

## **Men's Breakfast**

**Wednesday,**

**February 12th**

**Prayer \* Faith \* Fellowship**



**9:00 a.m.**

**Del Puente**

**701 N. Main St.**

**Newton, KS**



## **DEACONS REQUESTS**

**NEWTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY**



**The Food Pantry is in need of Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.**

When you're out shopping, please pick up these items for our neighbors in need. Also, please remember them in prayer. Thank You!

# *Coffee with the Pastor*

**Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.**

*(except the 2nd of the month -*

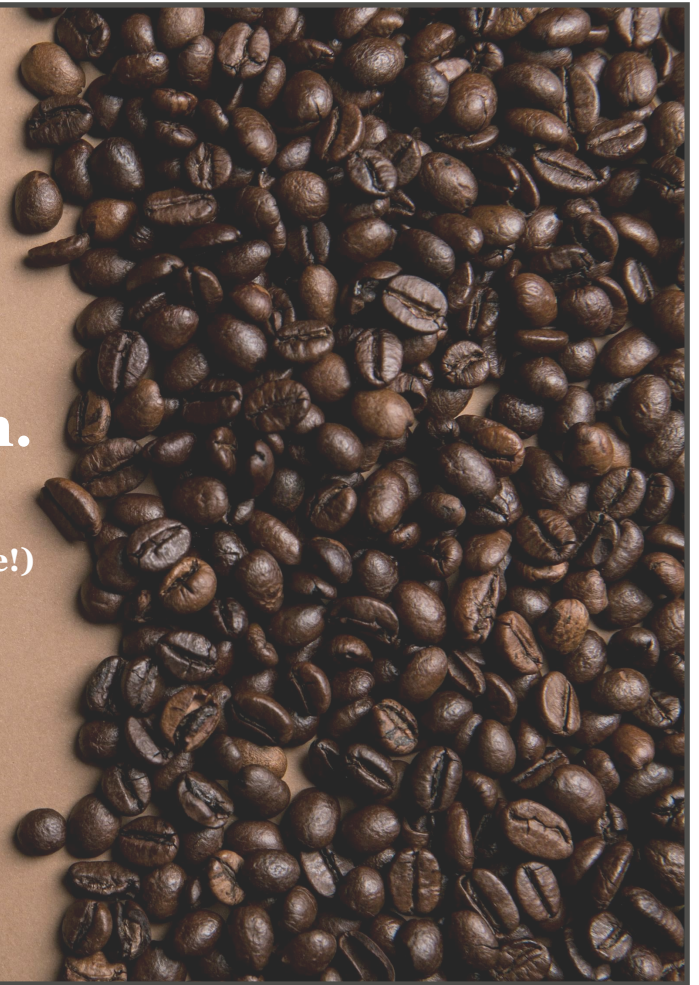
*Men, please join us for breakfast @ Del Puente!)*

## **Norm's in Newton**

**For the month of February**

**613 N. Main St. Newton, KS**

*Looking forward to a time of  
Friends, Fellowship, and Coffee!*



*Quilts of Valor*®  
*Quilts = Healing!*



## **Quilts of Valor - "The Harvey Girls"**

**Friday, February 21st @ First Presbyterian Church, Newton**

**Come and Go from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (900 Columbus Ave.)**

Please bring a sewing machine and equipment if you would like to help sew. There are a lot of other ways to help by cutting, pressing, and packaging! Please bring a friend, and help spread the word about the New Quilts of Valor group meeting in Newton! Quilts of Valor will be meeting on the third Friday of each month. You can find more information about Quilts of Valor by visiting their website [qovf.org](http://qovf.org). Application forms for veterans and service members can be found in the north annex or by calling the office at 316-283-0504.

## **February Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**February 5th— Paul DuBois**

**February 6th— Steve Tangeman, Bob Schott**

**February 9th— Jenny Gihring**

**February 11th— Alisa Dinneen**

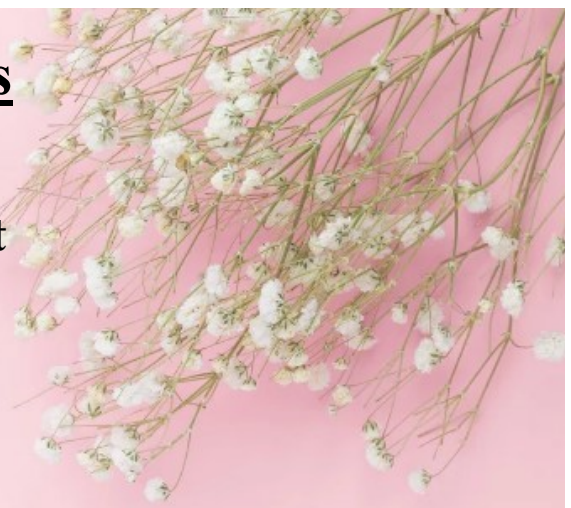
**February 16th— Nancy Schlup**

**February 18th— Libby Trussell**

**February 21st— David Kliwer**

**February 22nd— Connie Griswold, Scott Perkins**

**February 28th— Bill Humphrey, Bill & Ruby Kleymann**



Save the Date to Serve a  
meal with FPC at

**New Hope Shelter  
March 5th, 6th,  
& 8th**

To volunteer to help, please  
contact

FPC's office at 316-283-0504



**Please keep the following in prayer**

**The Family of Ethel Rickard**

**Joe Soukup & wife Janet**

**David Kliwer & the family of Kristin Kliwer**

**Gini Coleman & husband Deb**

If you have a prayer request or want to become  
a member of the prayer chain,  
please contact the church office  
at 316-283-0504 or [newtonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonfpc@gmail.com)



# Newton First Presbyterian Church

# February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>Sunday Schedule @ FPC</b>  Communion Sunday New Member Class	9:15 am -Adult Bible Study 10:00 am – Choir Ensemble Practice 10:10 am – Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am –Worship & Livestream	4	10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30 pm FP Bell Choir Practice	6 10:00 PW CT 7:00 pm Operations Team	7	1
"Soup'er Bowl of Caring" Deacon's Lasagna Valentine Dinner	10	11	12 9:00 am <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 10:00 am <i>Circle in FH</i> 1:30 pm <i>Nurture Team</i> 6:00 pm <i>Deacon's MTG</i> 7:30 pm <i>FP Bell Choir</i>	13  7:00 pm Outreach Team	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16  Congregational Meeting	17  	18  Prairie Bronze 6:30 - 8:30 pm <u>Session 7:00 pm</u>	19  10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30 pm FP Bell Choir Practice	20	21  Quilts of Valor 10 am - 4 pm	22
23	24	25  Prairie Bronze 6:30 - 8:30 pm	26  10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30 pm FP Bell Choir Practice	27	28	