

# NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From Pastor Scott:

Dear friends,



## February 2024 Newsletter

This month I'm going to preach on this passage from the First Letter of John. Before I do so, I'd love to hear your response to it. It's about God's love and our love for others. I'd love to hear your thoughts after reading this. I know I won't hear from everyone, but it'll be fun to hear from you.

Blessings in God's love,  
Pastor Scott



### 1 John 4:7-21 New Living Translation (or your preferred translation)

#### Loving One Another

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

13 And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. 14 Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. 19 We love each other because he loved us first.

20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? 21 And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

## Please join FPC's choir ensemble!

The choir ensemble are meeting every Sunday at 10 am. We may sing special music or we may sing a hymn -

**We just wanna sing!** Do you?



**First Presbyterian Bell Choir will be practicing Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

**Prairie Bronze Choir will be practicing Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**



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**Coffee with the Pastor  
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@ Common Grounds**



## **Men's Breakfast**

**Wednesday,  
February 14th**



**9:00 a.m.**

Del Puente Café

701 N Main St

## **DEACONS REQUESTS**

### **NEWTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY**

**The Food Pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned beans, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, soups, pasta, and pasta sauce.**

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



PW Post by *Sandy Larson*

There are probably too few words for the onslaught of Ole' Man Winter and cold weather in January. Between another sizeable snow and bitter cold we decided to cancel our Circle Meeting. I have to admit I was anxiously ready to share ideas about Mary and Martha's encounter with Jesus, in the home of Martha. The few short verses in Luke 10:38-42 have so much to tell about their relationship with Jesus. With some background information, I learned several things about both of these women of great faith and true believers who eventually became an asset in proclaiming the gospel.

February finds us looking at Lesson #5, of our Sacred Encounters Bible Study titled "A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus". The main idea in Luke 17: 11-21 will be Jesus challenges us to overcome our prejudices, embrace others, and invite them into the community of faith. Mary McGehee will be giving the lesson and Peg Wickersham will be our hostess. Please mark your calendar for ***Circle on February 14 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall*** . All women of our church are Presbyterian Women and any guests are invited.

Presbyterian Women encompass so much ministry through worship, Bible study, mission giving and community outreach. As we go forward into the second month of our new year, we pray for great happenings, good health and God's guidance each day. May your Valentine's Day be happy and your sweethearts many.



# Youth and Children Activities

We want to thank all of you who adopted a Poinsettia. The money raised goes toward our Youth groups.

**Sunday school:** We are learning about Moses from being a baby to saving his people. Then we will learn more about Jesus and His teachings before His crucifixion.

**For the adults:** Bill and Karen Wilson continue to teach each Sunday in the Chapel.

**Lil' Worship Warriors:** We will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. We will be learning about God and Jesus through Object Lessons. We will continue to sing new songs and have some quiet activities to do.

**Kids Connection:** Kids Connection will meet again in March. We met in January after church on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We had lunch and then a lesson on sharing. Not only sharing our things, but sharing God's love.

**JUMP:** We continue to meet at 7:00 pm every Wednesday. We are beginning to learn about Lent and what it all means.

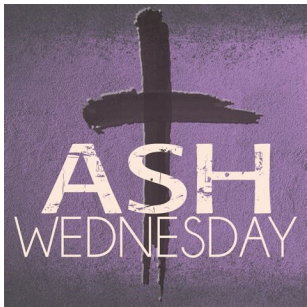
**“SOUPER” Bowl of Caring: On February 11<sup>th</sup> we will have buckets for you to put your \$\$\$\$ in for your favorite team. Are you a Kansas City Chiefs or a San Francisco 49ers fan or do you like the commercials/halftime show? Whatever fan you are, please donate to the “Souper” Bowl of Caring, 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.**



## Nurture:

Can you believe we will start the Lenten Season on February 14<sup>th</sup>?

Yes, Ash Wednesday will start us off and it is on Valentine's Day. Look for new Lent materials and **come join us for our annual Soup supper/service.** **We will meet at 6:00 pm** and enjoy a variety of soup, breads, crackers and cookies for dinner and then Pastor Scott will lead us in a service. It is a wonderful time to begin our Lenten season. If you would like to help us in bringing something for our supper, look for the sign-up sheet. We look forward to seeing you then.



Ash Wednesday:

02/14/2024 @ FPC

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Service to follow

Save the Date to Serve a meal with FPC at  
**New Hope Shelter**  
**March, 20th,**  
**21st, & 23rd**

To volunteer to help, please contact

Rita Allmon at 316-288-3028



**March Newsletter**  
**Deadline is**  
**February 21st!**

FPC has a new number for

**TEXTING!**

The number is

**316-477-2007.**

Please save this number in your phone and use it for any church related text communication.

Thanks!



**DEACON  
VALENTINE  
FUNDRAISER  
LASAGNA DINNER &  
VARIETY OF DESSERTS!**



**February 11th**

**After FPC worship service**

**Bring a friend!**

**900 Columbus Ave. Newton**

**Proceeds go to camperships  
and other activities.**

Newton Et Cetera shop is looking for volunteers!

If interested

1. Come into the Et Cetera Shop and fill out the Volunteer Application or sign up online by going to <https://newtonetceterashop.com/volunteer/>.
2. Work with a manager to set up your volunteer schedule.
3. Volunteer and work to change the world, one thrift sale at a time!



# Prairie Bronze

Handbell Ensemble

## “Cosmos & Creation”

**Hesston Mennonite, Sunday, Feb. 11**

10:30 a.m. Worship / 3 p.m. Concert

**First Presbyterian, Newton, Sunday, March 3**

2 p.m. Concert



Please keep the following in prayer

Family of Duane Graham

Sandy Larson

Karen Loucks

Susan Wyman & Family

Carolyn Adams & Family

Jeri Smith & Family

Nila Chambers

Mel McAnulty

Rosalie Goff

Kristin Kliever

Lori Staeffler

Kayden Watson

If you have a prayer request or want to become a member of the prayer chain, please contact

Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
A BRIDAL SHOWER

honoring  
*Alexandra Glann*

MARCH 9TH AT 2PM  
THE HOME OF SHERYL THOMAS  
13688 W 62ND DR.  
ARVADA, CO 80004

*Rsvp*  
TEXT SHERYL  
303.514.7447

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 5th— Paul DuBois

February 6th— Steve Tangeman

February 9th— Jenny Gihring

February 11th— Alisa Dinneen

February 16th— Nancy Schlup

February 18th— Libby Trussell

February 21st— David Kliever

February 22nd— Connie Griswold, Scott Perkins

February 28th— Bill Humphrey,

**Bill & Ruby Kleymann**

**We love  
because he  
first loved us.  
1 John 4:19**





# NFPC CHURCH OFFICERS

## **ELDERS**

Class of 2024: Ron Cheyney, Becky Cooper, Julie Regier

Class of 2025: Kay Enz, John Higgs, Pam Trussell

Class of 2026: (February 4th Installation) Mike Enz, Jeri Smith, Rojean DuBois

## **DEACONS**

Class of 2024: Carol Higgs, Susan Wyman

Class of 2025: Victoria Gallagher, Bill Wilson, Karen Wilson

Class of 2026: (February 4th Installation) Kelli Glann, Bob Swander

## **PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD MEMBERS**

Class of 2024: Ron Cheyney, Greg McGehee

Class of 2025: Phil Anderson

## **New Jerusalem**

### **Missions (209 E**

Broadway St.

Newton, KS) is

looking for

volunteers to help in  
many different areas.

Please considering

volunteering or

donating. Contact

New Jerusalem at:

316-282-2102.



## **LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE?**

Opportunities to...

1. Help with Lunch Prep
2. Donate Bedding- Sheets, Blankets, etc.
3. Donate new/slightly used socks and underwear
4. Donate Full Size bottles of Hygiene Products
5. Provide snacks for volunteers and overnight guests
6. Money Donations

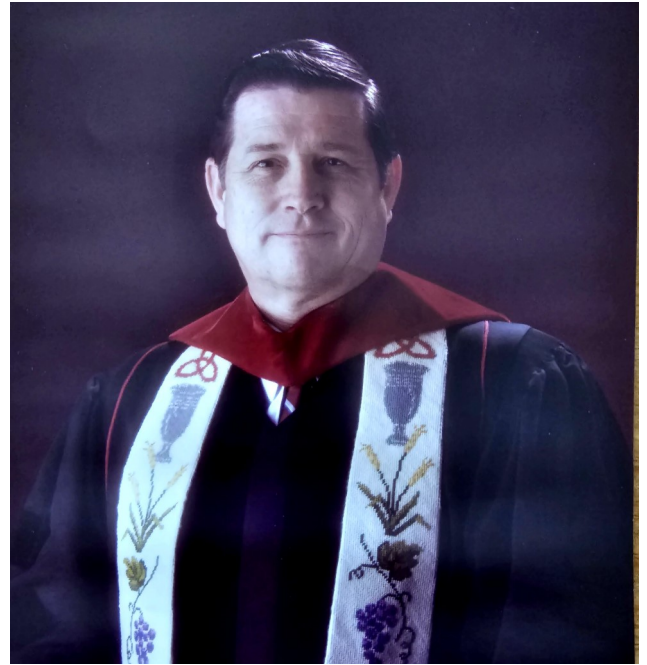


# The Reverend Doctor Robert K. Wyman

October 26, 1932 — December 23, 2023

Newton

Rev. Dr. Robert K. Wyman, age 91, was born October 26, 1932, in El Paseo, Texas to John Corbett Wyman and Mary Almeda (Wood) Wyman. He has two older brothers, John Corbett Wyman, Jr. and William Alan Wyman. John and Mary divorced in 1935, and Mary and Robert moved to Los Angeles, California. In 1939, Mary married Edward George and later moved to Carteret, New Jersey. Robert graduated from Carteret High School in June 1951. In July 1951 he joined the U.S. Air Force and served in the Korean War, 1952-1953, stationed at Suwon Air Force Base and on a weather team on Cheju Island, Korea. His first three years were at McGuire Air Force Base in Trenton, New Jersey. He was discharged on July 1, 1959, after serving four years in the Inactive Air Force Reserves.



It may be noted that the three brothers, John, Alan, and Robert served in Korea at the same time. All returned home safely.

Robert began studying toward ordination for the Presbyterian ministry as a student at Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, from which he graduated in May 1959, majoring in Philosophy and Minor in Psychology. He was married to Joann Antes, a fellow student, in August 1958. They moved to Princeton, New Jersey where Robert attended Princeton Theological Seminary for 3 years and graduated with a degree in Master of Divinity in June 1962.

Two children were born to Doctor Wyman and Joann in 1962 and 1965, Jim and Sue Ellen, while Doctor Wyman was pastor for the Presbyterian Church in Odessa, Missouri.

In June 1965, Doctor Wyman was called to pastor a new church development in Pompano Beach, Florida where he pastored for four years.

In Nov. 1968 Doctor Wyman joined the staff of Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas as Associate Pastor. Responsibilities in staffing community ministries as Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Wichita Council on Drug Abuse, facilitate a Well Baby Clinic in the Black community, liaison to a local Black organization. Other staff responsibilities included developing a large youth program with annual Work Trips to such ministries as the Sioux Indians in Montana and a Black Presbyterian College in Mississippi; working with six couple's groups; Adult Education; Evangelism and Benevolence Ministries.

In June 1973, Doctor Wyman received a one-year Fellowship to attend Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Elizabeths Psychiatric Hospital, Washington, D.C. during which he led weekly worship service; led an in-depth weekly discussion group with psychiatric patients

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In February of 1975, Doctor Wyman was called to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Independence, Missouri. There were two stated goals by the congregation: find a meeting ground for Liberals and Conservatives and help the congregation decide about building a permanent Sanctuary. The second goal was realized when 85% of the congregation voted in favor of the new Sanctuary. The second goal was never fully realized due to polarization.

Doctor Wyman retired from full-time ministry in 1981, though he continued to pastor small churches in the area.

Doctor Wyman fulfilled the requirements for and was granted the degree of Doctor of Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, in 1981. He also began a study in financial investing, qualifying as Financial Planner, Registered Investment Advisor and Financial Principal. He was employed by WZW Financial Services, then by VSR Financial Services and lastly Lincoln Financial Group.

In 1988 Doctor Wyman married Susan (Brawner) Wyman and in 1988 Doctor Wyman retired from Financial Services and began a series of five interim pastorates in Missouri and Kansas. First Presbyterian church, Gallatin, MO; Leawood Presbyterian Church, Leawood, KS; Covenant Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO; First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MO and St. Matthew Presbyterian Church, Grandview, MO. He retired again from Ministry in 2012. He and Susan lived in Newton, Kansas.

Doctor Wyman was preceded in death by his parents, John Corbett Wyman, and Mary Almeda Wyman George; stepfather, Edward George, and son Robert James "Jim" Wyman.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Sue Ellen Wyman Schaefer (Mark), Lee's Summit, Missouri; stepdaughter, Elizabeth Bottiger Anderson (Kent), Sunrise Beach, MO, and stepson, Michael Bottiger (Sonja), Newton, Kansas. Together Bob and Susan have six grandchildren: Alex Pearman Griffith (Preston); Ashley Bottiger; Michia Bottiger; Lauren Anderson Drake (Alex); Paige Anderson, James Wyman and nine great-grandchildren: Vivian, Mira; Caden, Carter, Lilly, Shalayna; Andy, Violet, and Rylee.

During 64 years of ordination Doctor Wyman preached, taught, and counselled the values of justice, peace, inclusiveness, and mutual responsibility during this controversial and polarized era.

Bob's Celebration of Life will be February 16, 2024, at 12:00 Noon, First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus Ave, Newton, Kansas 67114. There will be a luncheon following the service.

Burial will be May 4, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Floral Hills Cemetery, 7000 Blue Ridge Blvd. Kansas City, Missouri 64133.

In lieu of flowers, suggested donations are Caring Hands Humane Society, a no kill shelter in Newton, Kansas and the Kansas Honor Flight. These can be left in care of Petersen Family Funeral Home.

# Duane Graham

August 1, 1931 — January 16, 2024

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Duane Graham passed away January 16, 2024 at the age of 92. He was born in El Dorado, Kansas to Ira and Louise Graham on Aug. 1, 1931.

Duane grew up in El Dorado, the older brother of 3 sisters. In his autobiography, he told many fun stories of growing up in a small town. To say he had an ornery streak would not be much of an exaggeration. He graduated Eldorado High school in 1949, attended a year of college at Butler County Community College and pursued what would be his lifelong passion of the arts by attending the Kansas City Art Institute.

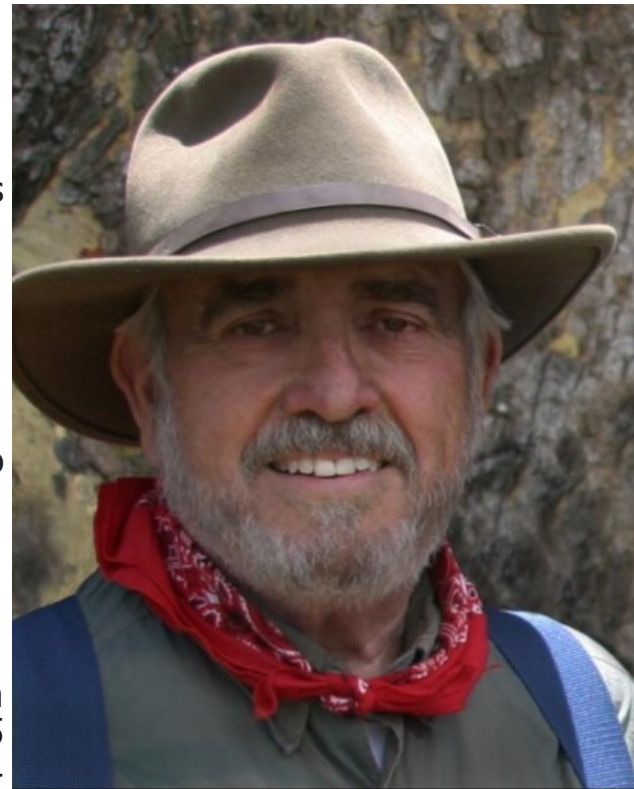
While attending school, he met and fell in love with Nettie Belle Parsons. They were married in 1955 and were together for 62 years, raising 4 daughters, traveling the world and becoming pillars of their community. They were inseparable until her death in 2017 and he deeply missed her every day since.

After getting married, Duane worked for Boeing in Wichita as a draftsman. It was there that he worked with Boeing and NASA on the Saturn 5 rocket booster for the Apollo Missions. In 1967, Duane took a job at Excel Industries in Hesston as a draftsman and later became Director of Engineering. Among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in ushering in computer aided design and manufacturing to the growing company.

While engineering and technology put food on the table, Duane exercised his artistic talents with his many interests and hobbies. He illustrated several books, including one on Hesston history. He corroborated with a poet friend to create three books where Duane supplied his photographs to go along with the poetry. He painted with watercolor, oil, and acrylics. His artwork not only adorns the homes of friends and family, but in 2019, some of his work was sold publicly in an exhibition/fundraiser for CASA. Duane also loved photography and music of all kinds. For years he combined his photographs with music and presented the shows for different audiences. He redefined the term slide show into a true work of art, entertaining everyone who saw them.

Duane and Nettie were very active in the Hesston community, always volunteering to help when needed. In 1977, they organized the Hesston Fall festival. In 1975, the community sponsored and helped Vietnam refugees get established in America. Duane and Nettie personally sponsored 3 of those families. They were also very active as leaders and board members at Hesston's United Methodist Church as well as First Presbyterian Church of Newton. Duane was a board member and spent years volunteering with the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains. Outside of Hesston, he volunteered with Sedgwick County Zoo for years. And in retirement, Duane spent 19 years volunteering with CASA of Harvey County, as a court appointed special advocate providing a voice for abused and neglected children.

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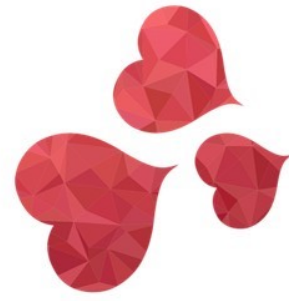
Duane loved to travel in the US and various places around the world. He enjoyed backpacking and organized many trips with his friends as well as youth Sunday school classes that he taught. He and Nettie visited many national parks across the country, including Hawaii and Alaska. His most cherished trip was when he ventured to Africa in 2007 on a photography safari with his daughter, Emily. The trip had a profound effect on him and left him with many stories to tell and photos to show.

Duane was an avid storyteller. He captivated those around him with his many experiences, and with his knowledge of everything from civil war history to art to technology. He was interesting and informative. But more often, he entertained and made people laugh. He was a true Renaissance man. He will be greatly missed.

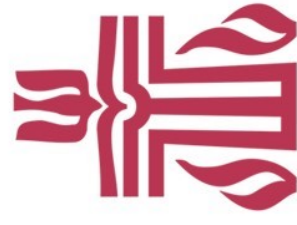
Survived in death: daughters Rebecca Troyer (Dean), Emily Sims (Mark), Katie Gaeddert, Sarah Bauer (Kris), Sisters, Janice Shaffer (Malcolm), Joyce Stuttherheim (Robert), Judy McCluskey (Keith), Brother-in-law Hugh Long. Grandchildren, Madeline, Sophia, Tess, Graham, Hunter, Luke, Keely, Mitch, Jefferson, Kent, Rachel, Beau. Great grandchildren, Cavin, Benjamin and one arriving soon.

Preceded in death: parents Ira and Louise Graham, wife Nettie, daughter Natalie, in-laws Malcolm Shaffer, Guy and Clea Parsons, Ruth and Cecil Wright, Marjorie and Don Gfeller, Mary Long.



A memorial has been established with CASA, PO Box 687, Newton, KS 67114.



# Newton First Presbyterian Church



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday</b> 9:15 am -Adult Bible Study 10:00 am - Choir Ensemble Practice <b>Schedule</b> 10:10 am - Coffee Fellowship <b>@ FPC</b> 10:30 am -Worship & Livestream			 YouTube "First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS" newtonfpc@gmail.com firstpresnewton.org 316-283-0504 (office)	<b>1</b> 10:00 PW CT	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Communion Sunday Congregational Mtg. Elder and Deacon Installation	<b>5</b> Duane Graham Memorial Service 11:00 a.m. @ FPC	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Memorial Committee Mtg. <b>Prairie Bronze</b> 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:00 pm <b>FPC Bell</b> <b>JUMP 7-8:45pm</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Outreach Mtg. 7:00 pm Operations Mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Deacons' Valentine Dinner Fundraiser after church "Soup" er Bowl Sunday	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Prairie Bronze</b> 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>14</b> 9:00 am <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 10:00 am <b>Circle in FH</b> 1:30 pm <b>Nurture Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm <b>Deacons' Mtg.</b> 7:00 pm <b>FPC Bell Choir</b> <b>JUMP 7-8:45pm</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Meal/Service</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bob Wyman Memorial Service 12:00 p.m. @ FPC	<b>17</b>
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