

# In A Nutshell

February 14, 2018

I love the Olympics! My favorite are the Winter games, but I also love the Summer games. I love seeing people who have dedicated their lives and sacrificed so much for their sport to perform in front of the world, and hopefully win. The Opening Ceremony gets me every time. When all the Americans walk out waving our flag and clothed in red, white, and blue I tear up and feel so proud to be an American. This year, Team USA has 252 participants - the most participants of any team in Olympic history! All that being said, you know what my most favorite thing is about the Olympics? The games prove the whole world can get together and agree on one thing for 3 weeks. Even North and South Korea came to the Olympics as one country! (I'm not getting political but that's a really good example!)

I was watching our men's hockey team play this morning. They were doing great! (Anyone know if they won?) The announcer said, "they perform as if they are one player in multiple positions". They are all different players from different backgrounds but make up one team with a common goal. Sounds like another group of guys we call The Disciples. Yes, I just compared our USA men's hockey team to Jesus' disciples. Stay with me.

Jesus found his disciples in different places doing different things. He groomed these men and taught them what it means to be a disciple and a follower of Christ. After Jesus' death and resurrection, they parted ways as a team with one common goal: to spread the word and love of Jesus Christ.

Now, several thousand years later our team has grown to have billions of brothers and sisters dedicated to the team's common goal. Like the Olympians who dedicate their life to their sport, we too are to dedicate our life to Christ and His Word. The advantage we have over Olympians is the opportunity to "perform" more than once every 4 years. With so many opportunities to serve and share we don't have to wait. Everyday is a new chance to share the love of Jesus Christ.

## Serving this Week

### 8:30am Service

**Greeters:** Donnie Davis and Michelle Dunevant

**Ushers:** Bruce Richardson and Barry Walker

**Nursery:** Christina Wurst and Stephanie Smith

**Breakfast:** Betsy Parker, Carlye Carr, and Madora Davis

**Scripture Reader:** Kim Horton

### 11:00am Service

**Greeters:** Mike Roberts and Ruby Tilley

**Ushers:** Cheryl L. Parker and Judy Parker

**Nursery:** Christina Wurst and Brooke Sherron

**Acolyte:** Faith Parker

**Counter:** Alan Campbell and Jay Berry

**Scripture Reader:** Ruby Tilley and ??

**This week's Scripture is:** Mark 1:9-15 and 1 Peter 3:18-22

## Prayer Requests

-Ruth Robinson and family

-Adam and Meredith Keisler (friends of Amanda Dodson) lost their 10-day old baby Monday night.

## Ash Wednesday

**Tonight! Wed. Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

Ash Wednesday we will have a Soup & Salad meal at 5:45pm followed by our Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm.

## Safe Sanctuaries Training

**Sunday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm**

Last Chance! This is our last scheduled training before our March 4th deadline. As of March 4th, if you have not gone through training you will not be able to volunteer for our children's programming or events (VBS, ASP, Sunday School, etc).

## **Locked Doors**

We have been working on ways to keep our church safer and one of the ways we can do this is by making sure doors are locked at night. If you are the last people to leave the church, please make sure ALL doors are locked. In addition, we would like the back door of the fellowship hall (by the restrooms) to remain locked and used as an exit door only. Please help us in our mission to keep our church family and building safe.

## **Part Time Sunday School Teacher Needed**

We are looking for someone to serve our elementary age kids during Sunday School one or two Sundays a month. Lessons will be planned out and passed along a head of time. If you're interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Amanda Dodson (919-618-9559)

## **SPECIAL MUSIC FOR EASTER SUNDAY 2018**

The Music Ministry will again this year present a special musical program on Easter morning (April 1st) with choir, orchestra and narration. The title of this collection is "Blessed Redeemer". It is designed to bring us a greater understanding of the redemptive power of the cross. We're just getting started on it so consider this your personal invitation to sing/play/narrate (maybe dance?) with us. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday nights during the regular choir practice times. (7:30pm to 8:30pm during February and 7:00pm to 8:30pm during March) Also in March, we will have practices on Sunday nights from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, contact Leigh McFalls at 919-644-0507 or leighmcfalls@gmail.com.

## **Methodism 101**

Our study on Methodism 101 continues on Sunday nights taught by our Duke Intern, Gordon Christen. He is digging into what we believe as Methodists and the teachings of John Wesley. Our study is held in the Choir Room at 6pm. All are welcome!.

## This Week's Happenings

### **Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday Night Dinner	5:45pm
Ash Wednesday Service	7:00pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8:00pm

### **Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Fitness Class	9:15am
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00pm

### **Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

Smoke on the Mountain	6:00pm
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## Next Week's Happenings

### **Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

Early Service	8:30am
Sunday School	10:00am
Worship Service	11:00am
Red Cross Blood Drive	Noon
Confirmation Class	4:00pm
MYF	5:00pm
Methodism 101	6:00pm

### **Tuesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

Fitness Class	9:15am
Ministry Team Meeting	7:00pm

### **Wednesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

Wednesday Night Dinner	5:45pm
Wednesday Night Activities	6:30pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm

### **Thursday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Fitness Class	9:15am
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Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm

**Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Crafters 9:00am

**Saturday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**This Week's Birthdays**

**Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

Will Hall  
Bernice Parker  
Billy Roberts

**Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Ben Sykes

**Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

Elaine Berry

**Saturday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Bradsher

**Next Week's Birthdays**

**Monday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

Josh Horton  
Mike Long  
Megan Quigley  
Malynne Roemmich

**Tuesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

Stacey Glenn  
Holli Penland  
Tommy Roberts

**Thursday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Herbert Gates

**Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Lori Freeland

Victoria Berry

Lynne Hall

**Saturday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Genna Taylor

Have a great week! See you Sunday!

-Amanda