

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

HELLO FEBRUARY

The Anthony United
Methodist Church

225 N. Bluff
Worship: 9:30
Church School: 10:45

NEWS FROM THE ANTHONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

A Message from Pastor Bruce

As we enter the month of February, I expect we will be surrounded by hearts, and the sentiment of love will be decorating everything. I anticipate Piper will bring home from school some kind of Valentine's art project with red and pink hearts all over it. So, in celebration of Valentine's Day, the holiday of love, I want to tell you... God loves you!! I know you think you know this...but do you REALLY understand?

I encounter Christians daily who seem to struggle with believing God loves them unconditionally. They think that because of their sin, God is somehow mad at them. Please know, this is the kind of wrong thinking that the enemy uses to

make Christians feel weak and insecure. So, in case you need a reminder today, know this: God is love... and He can never love you more than He does right at this very moment. Want proof?

Romans 5:8 says: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. This is proof positive in God's Holy Word that our sin does not separate us from God's love for us. God sees you and loves you with an intensity too immense for words. No matter what you have done, God loves you!

Maybe you think that due to your circumstances or your sin, God does not see you or care for you, let alone love you. Yet check out this example from Luke's Gospel. Luke 18:35-43: As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to Him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your

sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

If Jesus takes notice, cares for, loves, and personally provides for a poor, blind beggar who was deemed worthless to society in that day, then beloved, He sees and loves you! Perhaps it's time you believe this. Like I said early, I encounter so many Christians who feel discouraged and unfulfilled in their walk with God. They pray daily, read Scripture regularly, and serve Him. But they don't experience the divine joy promised in Scripture. If you can relate to this, then ask yourself if you are truly grasping the love the Lord has for you right this very minute. Do you accept His love as true...personally... completely? And do you know that He will never stop loving you? Then let's praise His Wonderful Name!

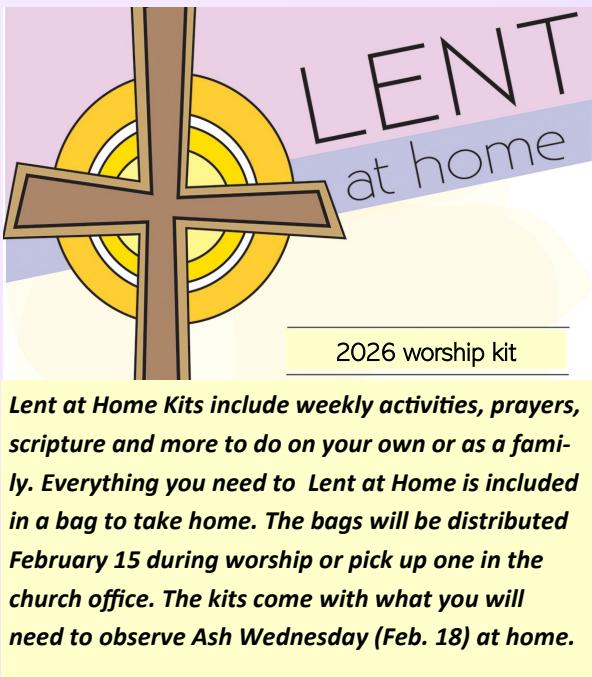
It is an honor and privilege to walk alongside you as your pastor.

Continued Blessings,

Pastor Bruce Wilson



Pastor Bruce &
Piper at Country
Living "Snow
Much Fun"
Event



Lent at Home Kits include weekly activities, prayers, scripture and more to do on your own or as a family. Everything you need to Lent at Home is included in a bag to take home. The bags will be distributed February 15 during worship or pick up one in the church office. The kits come with what you will need to observe Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18) at home.

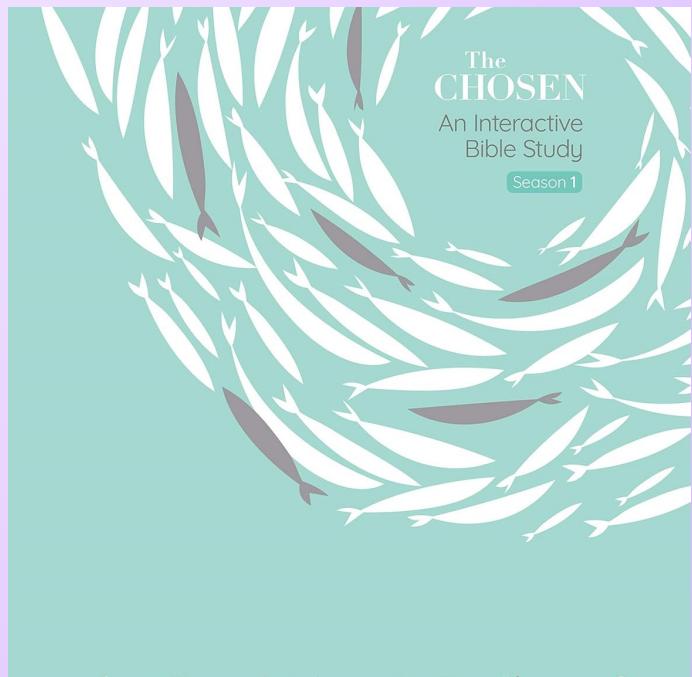
OBADIAH'S PANTRY NEWS

Thanks to everyone who donated to purchase meat for Obadiah's Pantry in December. Your generosity was overwhelming. Therefore, in 2026, AUMC is going to change up how we support Obadiah's Pantry. The Kansas Food Bank, a wonderful source for low cost foods, has limited supplies and choices. The orders are made at least a month in advance of delivery. A truck delivers the order near the end of each month. Orders are not necessarily totally fulfilled based on availability of the products. Lucinda, our wonderful secretary, assisted Rebecca New in these online orders. The orders normally total \$700-\$1000 per month.

Rather than individual donations of food, AUMC plans to work with Troy Atkins, manager at Gene's, to purchase items such as bread and eggs to supplement the canned and dry goods provided at Obadiah's Pantry. Delivery dates and storage availability factor into the ordering process. Troy generously offered to discount the bulk orders. Keep watching for more details as AUMC navigates through these issues. As always, your support and ideas are welcome.



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What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?

Amanda Jenkins, Dallas Jenkins, & Douglas S. Huffman

A new small group study begins Feb. 1 using Season 1 of the popular television series, *The Chosen*. Each week you will prepare by watching one episode of season 1 (do this at home—we will not watch it during class time). Then meet with your small group using the study guide. Study guides are available from Amazon or Christianbook.com. You can meet following worship each Sunday with Mike or Thursday with Melissa by Zoom at 7:00 pm—or start your own!

This study connects readers to the Bible in a brand-new way. It includes:

- † A deeper look at *Isaiah 43* and its fulfillment in Jesus and the lives of His followers (including us!)
- † Script excerpts, quotes and illustrations from the show
- † Guiding questions for groups or individuals

Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications—although it says even more about the Chooser than the choosees. We are loved because He's love. We are saved because He's merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen nation.

What does it actually mean to be Chosen? To answer that question we're going Old school—Testament that is—which leads us back to the New. Which always leads us directly to Jesus.



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday	2 Groundhog Day	3 Feed the Birds Day	4 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00 Ministry Team Meeting @ 7 pm	5 World Nutella Day	6 Bubble Gum Day	7 Take Your Child To The Library Day
8	9 Read In The Bathtub Day	10 Umbrella Day	11 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	12 Natl Giving Hearts Day	13 Natl Cheddar Day	14 Valentines Day
15 "Lent at Home Kit" Distribution Country Living @ 2:30	16 President's Day Ham and Bean Feed at Harper United Methodist Church	17 Int'l Pancake Day	18 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00 Ash Wednesday	19 Chocolate Mint Day	20 Natl Caregivers Day	21 World Whale Day
22 First Sunday of Lent	23 Natl Cupcake Day	24 Natl Tortilla Chip Day	25 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	26 Natl Set A Good Example Day	27 Int'l Polar Bear Day	28 Natl Tooth Fairy Day

Our Church Family in January!



SNOW MUCH FUN Event at
Country Living Jan. 18



Thank you January Bingo
Callers!
Beth Farmer, Jonna
Gaffney, Laura Cormack.
& Carothers Family



Christmas Garland Conga Line!

Jake & Dan help at Open Table



THANK YOU to everyone who stayed
after church and took down and
stored all the Christmas
decorations Jan. 4!

HELLO FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

02/15/26—Curt and Suzanne Clark

BIRTHDAYS

02/06/26—Scot Cormack

02/08/26—Jennifer Cox

02/08/26—Ella Holden Warren

02/10/26—Kayden Koehler

02/10/26—Sydney Chance

02/10/26—Audrey Bebermeyer

02/11/26—Vi Olmstead

02/12/26—Pat Wolff

02/13/26—Barbara Sleeper

02/13/26—Jake Cox

02/15/26—Wanda Harnden

02/15/26—Ken Hadsall

02/21/26—Bryn Cormack

02/22/26—Suzanne Clark

USHERS

02/01/26—Susan Croft/Erin Albright
02/08/26—Dorothy Nickel/Dustin Elliott
02/15/26—Joyce Kaup/Wanda Harnden
02/22/26—Dan and Diane Cashier

LITURGIST

02/01/26—Suzanne Clark
02/08/26—Karen Cather
02/15/26—Kathy Stewart
02/22/26—Wanda Harnden

GREETERS

02/01/26—Susan Croft/Erin Albright
02/08/26—Dorothy Nickel/Dustin Elliott
02/15/26—Joyce Kaup/Wanda Harnden
02/22/26—Dan and Diane Cashier

TECH DESK

02/01/26—Jennifer Wolff
02/08/26—Suzanne Clark
02/15/26—
02/22/26—Jenn Wolff

CHILDREN'S TIME

02/01/26—Crystal Carothers
02/08/26—Karen Cather
02/15/26—Linda Francis
02/22/26—Joyce Kaup

JANUARY OPEN TABLE

Date	# Served	Donation
01/7/2026	64	\$174.00
1/14/2026	50	\$134.00
1/21/2026	53	\$167.00
1/28/2026	56	\$475.00
		\$250.00
Donation		\$725.00

BIBLE CANDY HEARTS

Match the conversation hearts to the Bible verse! 

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A. Genesis 29:13
B. Psalms 126:2
C. Leviticus 20:26
D. Psalms 136:1-26
E. Proverbs 3:5
F. Matthew 6:25-34
G. Romans 12:21
H. Philippians 4:7
I. John 15:16
J. Romans 13:8
K. Matthew 19:6
L. 1 John 4:16
M. Isaiah 26:4
N. Psalm 119:103
O. John 10:27-30
P. Jeremiah 33:3
Q. John 15:9
R. Philippians 2:15
S. 1 John 1:9
T. 2 Corinthians 1:20

Answers on page 2

Prayer Concerns

Pray for our community, country and world
Pray for Pastor Bruce, Melissa, Piper, and Parker
Prayers for those fighting flu and colds
Prayers for Lee as she recovers from a fall
Prayers for Maia recovering from surgery
Prayers for Gerri Highbanks as she continues treatment
Prayers of joy for Dan C. retiring from Coop after 40 years
Pray for those with unspoken needs
Prayers for continued healing for Pat B. following surgery
Prayers of comfort for those with anxiety and depression
Pray to seek ways to better serve others
Prayers of thanksgiving for Misty volunteering to lead children's Sunday
Prayers that we may boldly bring others to Christ
Prayers for a deeper relationship with Christ in 2026
Prayers for Trina during cancer treatments
Prayers of JOY that Kathy Stewart is cancer free!
Prayers for Kade and Aubrey (Kathy's grandsons)
Prayers for Karen Hare as she heals
Prayers for Kari O'Riley's mom dealing with health concerns
Prayers for Lori Wilcox being treated for cancer
Prayers for strength and healing for Pat W.
Prayers for Kamden, great grandson of Connie Robinson,
born prematurely
Prayers for Wanda following the death of her son in law
Scott



Pastor Bruce's Office Hours

Harper: Tues. 10:30-12:30

Anthony: Wed. 10:30-12:30

Thursday by appointment

Appointments welcome

Love one another like I have loved you.



*"Love is patient,
love is kind."*

1 Corinthians 13:4



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February Scripture

Take time daily to write out a scripture!

FEB. 1 ROMANS 5:8

FEB. 2 JOHN 15:13

FEB. 3 EXODUS 34:6-7A

FEB. 4 PSALM 136:26

FEB. 5 PSALM 103:11-12

FEB. 6 ROMANS 8:38-39

FEB. 7 1 JOHN 3:1

FEB. 8 1 JOHN 4:9-10

FEB. 9 1 JOHN 4:11

FEB. 10 1 JOHN 4:16

FEB. 11 1 JOHN 4:18

FEB. 12 1 JOHN 4:19

FEB. 13 PSALM 86:15

FEB. 14 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

FEB. 15 PSALM 145:8

FEB. 16 PSALM 51:1

FEB. 17 MATTHEW 22:37-38

FEB. 18 MATTHEW 22:39-40

FEB. 19 JOHN 15:9

FEB. 20 1 PETER 4:8

FEB. 21 PROVERBS 10:12

FEB. 22 COLOSSIANS 3:13B-14

FEB. 23 JOHN 13:34

FEB. 24 JOHN 13:35

FEB. 25 DEUTERONOMY 7:9B

FEB. 26 EPHESIANS 4:2

FEB. 27 ROMANS 12:9

FEB. 28 JOHN 3:16

GOD LOVED US FIRST

