

The King's Herald

February 2025



Service Times!

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Traditional)

10:40 a.m. (Contemporary)

Wednesday

11:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

February 7

Prayer Summit

February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

February 14-17

Youth Retreat

February 17

Presidents' Day

February 21

Firehouse Shelter

February 23

Missions Support Luncheon

February 23

Church Council Meeting

February 26

Youth Led Worship

Pastor's Notes - An Invitation to Join Two of Our Many CtK February Adventures

Adventure 1/2 - Our own Doug Sweeney, Dean of Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, will lead us in a 3-week Sunday School class that you don't want to miss. On each of the first three February Sundays, Doug will guide us through a Christian Classic in the Luther Room from 9:20 a.m. - 10:30. The classics are: 1) Philipp Spener's "Pia Desideria" (Latin for "Pious/Godly Desires") written in 1675, 2) Jonathan Edwards's "A Treatise Concerning Religious Affections" (1746), and 3) John Williamson Nevin's "The Mystical Presence" (1846).

Adventure 2/2) "Amazing Grace" (the title of our February and Lenten season (March 5 - April 13) Book Club book) is the story of John Newton (born August 4, 1725), who God inspired to write the famous hymn, "Amazing Grace".

Newton's life story is that of a young man who squanders numerous opportunities and experiences misery and poverty, only to unexpectedly rise to a level of respectability and undeserved honor. Ultimately, it is a story of grace upon a youth who rejects God repeatedly and loses himself in a downward spiral of unbelief and immoral behavior, only to be rescued by divine mercy that reaches deeper than he (or any of us) could ever have imagined.

Newton's story is shocking, and "Amazing Grace" does not try to airbrush or excuse his faults. There are glaring contradictions in the life of a ship's Captain who retreats to his cabin to study his Bible and write tender love letters to his wife while hundreds of slaves lie in chains in the hold below.

The profound lessons from Newton's life are applicable to us today, helping us to:

- Struggle well when life doesn't match up to expectations.
- Be honest and open about our stories that are shameful or just too hard to resolve.
- Understand that God's work in our lives is ongoing.
- Seek a deeper, more personal faith, awakening us both to the gospel message of Jesus Christ and also to Holy Spirit's daily guidance.

Since John Newton's death on December 21, 1807, every generation has found a way of connecting with his story. Today is no different, for in these days of extreme polarization when beliefs about race, church, and politics have all become deeply divisive in society, we need grace more than ever. We need stories that talk about the human condition, stories that are soaked in the relentless love of God and his forgiveness of sins.

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You may obtain a copy of the book from Wendi in the church office, kindly requesting that you 1) both pray about writing a Lenten devotion from the book and/or being a Lenten Speaker (3 minutes on a Lenten Sunday or 13 minutes on a Lenten Wednesday) and 2) also consider making a donation to "CtK" for the "Book Fund".

Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

Children & Youth Ministries

February 5, 12, 19 - Wednesday night activities, including game night with Chuck & Lee Segrest!
February 26 - Youth-led Worship

Feb 14-17 Youth Retreat

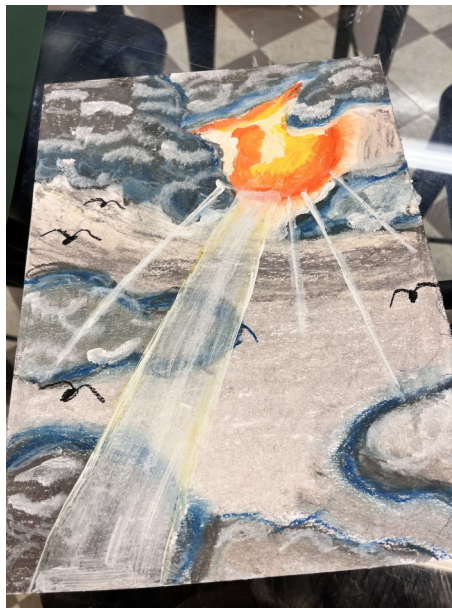
6th grade - College

Theme: World Scene Investigation (WSI)

We'll be doing some detective work, so bring your best Sherlock Holmes & Watson attire!

The youth enjoyed splatter painting canvases, the walls, and each other on Sunday, January 19th.

Youth Volunteers, Elizabeth and Jake, even joined in on the fun!



On Wednesday nights, the youth have been creating artwork to use with Youth-led Worship on January 29th at 6:30 PM. Come see what it's all about!

Youth In Action



Ranae assisting with the baptism



Mason, Arden, & Ella Grace ready to serve at 10:40am worship



January 19 Baptism of Lucas Blane Broadwell



January 19 Baptism of Weston Knox Adams



Now Enrolling!!

Hey everyone!

We are so excited for a fun month of February ahead! January was very eventful, but we are ready to get back on track and continue learning a lot.

The themes for this month are zoo animals, dinosaurs, and emotions. In addition we will be focusing on the letters P, Q, & R, numbers 11 & 12, shape heart & oval, and core value love.

The CDC will be closed on Monday February 17th for President's Day.

We will also be doing tons of Valentines Crafts and activities. The Valentine's Class Parties will be on Friday, February 14th.

Thanks,
Ashlyn Stuckey



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & PAINT

What to expect:

***Fellowship**

***Fun**

***Step By Step
Instructions**

***Light Refreshments**

\$35

Includes all supplies

Kids welcome



Painters Choice

11in x 14in

canvas

or 14 inch wooden

Rounds

**Looking for a fun and creative way to spend your evening?
Come join us for a Paint Party! No experience is needed – just
bring your enthusiasm and a smile.**

SUNDAY, March 2nd

4:00PM - 6:00PM

HOSTED BY SERENA DUNCAN

611 RIVERCHASE PARKWAY WEST

HOOVER, AL 35244

PHONE: (205) 988-5004

**IF YOU ARE A CHURCH MEMBER YOU CAN REGISTER BY
CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE OR STOP BY AND SIGN UP.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. YOU CAN ALSO
REGISTER BY TEXTING 205-259-8837
(Please register by Feb. 25th.)**



Dinners *for* 8

Dinner for 8

Are you in? It's not too late! Almost 60 people are participating in Dinner for 8 and will meet through April. Do you want to join in a group that's now forming? Let the church office know.



Coming Soon



Tuesday, March 4 ~ Shrove Tuesday

Join us for our annual Pancake Dinner @ 5:45 p.m. in the Luther Room, including Songs & Fellowship followed by the burning of last year's Palm's for this year's ashes.

Wednesday, March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion & the Imposition of Ashes will be at:

6:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Lenten Theme:

"Treasure of Transformation: Saying 'No' to the Cookie"

Lenten Scripture:

"²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

Lenten Book:

"Amazing Grace" by Bruce Hindmarsh & Craig Borlase

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Christian Education Classes

Sunday:

“Christian Classics: A Series on Some Books You Should Know About (Feb. 2, 9, and 16) Join Doug Sweeney in the Luther Room for a survey and discussion of three spiritual/theological classics.

“The Gospel of John” led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris in the Library. This class is for everyone

Oasis with Maizie Nelson and Martha Green in the Luther Room Foyer:

Oasis = An area made fertile by a source of freshwater in an otherwise dry and arid region.

Oasis is a place for God to nurture the wellsprings of our souls. We seek the guidance of Holy Spirit as we grow together toward Christian maturity. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, brings back the outcast, and seeks the lost. We study God’s word, Old and New Testament, worship and praise him, sing, pray, and give mutual encouragement to one another. To God be the Glory as he produces fruit for the building up of his kingdom in our homes, the church, community, and the world. All are welcome, on any Sunday, to come for prayer or come for our entire class.

Children & Youth Sunday Education - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main Bldg, preschool nursery

3K & K ~ led by Debbie Fick & Christine George in the John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ led by Jennifer Minner & Cassie Carter in the Matthew/Mark Room

4th – 5th Grade ~ led by Lydia Pizner & Maureen Lynn in the Disciple Room

Jr High ~ led by Amanda DeGreen in the Jr. High Room

Sr High ~ led by Shandra Graf & Kathy Stepanksi in the Youth Room

Tuesday:

Sermon Prep 8:45 a.m. with Pastor and friends in the Library

EVERYONE Tuesday Morning 10:14 - 11 a.m. for everyone, both in person in the Library and on the phone. Those not physically present call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Prayer and Bible study (worship night) Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Wednesday:

Disciple 1 led by Pastor, Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle School Room. It is a 34-week overview of the whole Bible. All are welcome!

Children's Time (Bible Basic's) each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Jr. High Room

Youth Bible Study led by Amanda DeGreen at 5:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Bible/Book Club Discussion Group led by Pastor Chris, Wednesday's at 5:45 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome!

Thursday:

Disciple 3 Bible Study 1:00 p.m. at Barbara Scott's home. A 32-week deeper study of the prophets in the Old Testament and Paul's letters in the New Testament.



Finance UPDATES

*Thank you so much for
your generosity!*

If you would like a more detailed copy or have any questions regarding the 2025 Budget, please contact Gerhard Graf & the Finance Committee.

Ways to contribute financially:

Plates are passed during worship, or Give at www.ctkbham.org, or

Mail a check (611 Riverchase Pkwy W, Hoover, AL 35244)



Christ the King Lutheran Foundation

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN FOUNDATION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

As of December 31, 2024 the Foundation had total assets of:

PNC Checking Account: \$ 1,759.32

NBC Securities Account: \$ 106,117.15

TOTAL VALUE OF \$ 107,876.47

For the first time since the Foundation has been in existence, it has reached its goal of \$ 100,000.00. Therefore, the Foundation will be able to distribute the interest and dividends earned in the year 2024 totaling \$ 5,549.89. These funds will be available for distribution through the application process. Applications will be available to complete soon. These funds must be used for the purpose of: Religious, Charitable, Educational and/or Scientific purposes.

The Foundation Directors include the following church members; Pastor Chris, Ross Gregson, Mike Hamner, Jim Courtney, Todd Vegter, Carla Demsky, Sharon Swsgood and Bernie Gregson

Please feel free to contact us should you have any further questions.



Aaron's Staff

Serving at First Baptist Church of Alabaster, 903 3rd Ave NW, Alabaster.

Aaron's Staff is a monthly respite care ministry to families of special needs children and adults. It is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:30 to 8:00. We are always looking for volunteers. No experience needed. You will not be responsible for feeding or changing clients. You will interact with clients and assist them with various activities such as music, story-telling, art, sensory, and service projects. Please contact Debbie Fick for further information if you are interested. 205-862-1704

Black Belt Saturdays



Black Belt (Rich Soil Region) Saturday Mission

February 1, 2025 in Midway, AL (Bullock Co.)

The site is Person Chapel Family Life Center

100 Orum St Midway, AL 36053

Contact Pastor or the church office to coordinate transportation

Websites:

A Promise To Help <https://www.apromisetohelp.com/>

The Black Belt News Network <https://www.facebook.com/The-Black-Belt-News-Network-2313921062224293/>



**Our 1st Friday of the Month Prayer Summit will be on
the 1st Friday, 02/07/2025!**

It will be held from **7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

To join us by **Phone**, please call 425-436-6342

Access code #328663

PJ Prayer Time for Kids

Will be in March! Contact Miss Jennifer or Miss Ashlyn to sign
up



Safety & Security

February 2025	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
8:00 a.m.	Dennis Stanek	Todd Vegter	Cole Remillard	Dave Demsky
10:40 a.m.	Jeff Minner	Jake Daniel	David Walter	Jake Daniel

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Children Time 8:00 am 10:40 am	Wendi Vegter Binnie Myles	Amanda DeGreen Binnie Myles	Megan Moore Maureen Lynn	Patsy Scott Maureen Lynn
Lector 8:00 am 10:40 am	Laurel Stanek Anita Humphries	Lydia Pizner Lydia Pizner	Daphne Phillips Doug Sweeney	David Walter Amy Hoaglund
Prayers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Maizie Nelson Maizie Nelson	Ann Dawson Maureen Lynn	Ann Dawson Gerry Roden	Laurel Stanek Binnie Myles
Ushers 8:00 am 10:40 am	Lee & Joye Sherrill Jeff Minner	Cole Remillard, Sherry Gilbert Jake Daniel	Steve & Connie Owen Casey Van Kralingen	Dave & Carla Demsky Elizabeth Cooper
Communion 8:00 am 10:40 am	Mike & Matsy Remillard Lydia Pizner, Sharon Swysgood	Dick & Cheryl O'Brien Camille Stanek, Shandra Graf	Lydia Pizner, Robert Johnson Doug & Wilma Sweeney	Mark & Patsy Scott Eric & Amy Hoaglund
Crucifer 8:00 am 10:40 am	Mikal Remillard Camille Stanek	Lizzy Plaia Megan Durbin	Ashton Gorby Arden Melton	Lizzy Plaia Cate Wahl
Acolyte 8:00 am 10:40 am	Ranae Remillard, Ashton Gorby Gabe Swysgood, Aubrie Nagel	Vera & Russell Moore Olivia Durbin	Mikal & Ranae Remillard Ella Grace George	Russell & Vera Moore Madison Daniel
Banner 8:00 am 10:40 am	Lydia Pizner, Chaplain Kathy Kendall Cross	John & Judy Roberts Volunteer	Reatha Foster, Daphne Phillips Mason Fleming	Volunteer Maureen Lynn



3:33 Prayer

Please join our 3:33 prayer ministry by stopping each day at 3:33 to pray, "Lord please bring/continue revival in this nation and your church, and start/continue your revival in me."

40 Days of Prayer

As God has led us in this chapter of our life in Christ, when in 2003, it was put on our hearts to daily pray together the 3:33 prayers. So too, it's only through prayer that we can see where God would lead us now. Please join together in daily prayer:

1. *Dear God, help me to see with your eyes, (Matt. 14:14; 15:32) and reach out with your hands, (Mark 13:16; Luke 8:54) and be your body. (1 Cor. 12:27)*

And

2. *Lord God, I pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church, along with the surrounding community you've given us to serve. Show us your way, both dismantling what you didn't start, and also removing the opposition in each of us so that you can accomplish, through us, the ministry that you want to do.*

Please join us in stopping to pray EVERY DAY at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm and pray and act in accord with this command of God from 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Spread the word!



February Memory Verse:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

1 John 4:7

Let's Celebrate!!

February Baptisms

2/1 Maureen Lynn
 2/1 Patsy Scott
 2/2 Sharon Grimes
 2/3 Mike Hamner
 2/17 Elli Graf
 2/19 Zack Vegter
 2/27 Nell Betz

February Anniversaries

2/6 Bob & Connie Kasper 54 years
 2/10 Steve & Connie Owen 52 years



March Birthdays

February Birthdays

2/1 Ella Gilbert	2/16 Greg Segrest
2/2 Steve Owen	2/16 Will Becker
2/3 Sam Shinaberry	2/17 Laura Durbin
2/4 Rich Camlic	2/17 Aubrie Nagel
2/4 Binnie Myles	2/17 Cate Wahl
2/5 Gerhard Graf	2/18 Diane Hagemeyer
2/8 Caden DeGreen	2/19 Len Thorson
2/9 Danielle Grossmann	2/21 Donna Vogel
2/10 Connie Owen	2/21 Lucy Nethery
2/11 Nikki Wahl	2/24 Shirley Gordon
2/11 Lyn Franks	2/25 Luanne Dubble
2/13 Bradley Moore	2/26 Flaviano Armando
2/14 Pam Nagel	2/27 Petra Wilson
2/14 Connor Nethery	
2/15 Izaya Kusiak	



3/2 Shandra Graf	3/15 Katie Hoaglund
3/3 Ilene Holmes	3/21 Dave Horton
3/3 Rolf Wrona	3/22 Mary Rich
3/4 Eric Rasmussen	3/23 Carmen Vaccarella
3/8 Antonio Troha	3/24 Olivia Durbin
3/9 Jim Coe	3/25 Al Dampier
3/9 Bernie Gregson	3/26 Mary Foster
3/9 Carol Hyatt	3/26 Ruth Wilger
3/9 Ben Abercrombie	3/27 Amanda DeGreen
3/11 David Durbin	3/28 Patric Brasher
3/11 Charles Williams	3/28 Joseph Brasher
3/12 Jon Young	3/28 Debra Peel
3/13 Dennis Stanek	3/30 Bradley Handy
3/14 Doug McPhail	3/30 Charlie Cain
3/14 Bob Kasper	
3/14 Isaac Whitehouse	
3/14 Joseph Gelinas	



2024-2025 Church Council

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6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:40 a.m. Contemporary

Other ways to connect with or worship with us:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/ctkbham

YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g)

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