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*Happy New Year!!!
(and Mardi Gras, and Lent already?)*

Frankly Speaking...

As we all bundle up against the cold of the season, we can take hope in warmer weather to come – because Easter is not that far away! The liturgical season of Lent is right around the corner. It begins with our **Ash Wednesday Service** on **February 18, 6p.m. in the Church Chapel**. (Across the hall from the Church Office for those of you who don't know.)

Lent, of course, is the 40-day Christian season of prayer, fasting, and repentance leading up to Easter. Symbolizing Jesus's 40 days in the desert; it traditionally involves spiritual practices of self-denial, almsgiving, and reflection to prepare for celebrating Christ's resurrection. People often give up “luxuries” or “bad habits” as a form of devotion and focus on prayer and generosity to deepen their faith.

Key aspects of Lent:

- **Duration:** 40 days (not counting Sundays, which are seen as mini-celebrations of the Resurrection).
- **Starts:** Ash Wednesday, (this year – February 18) marked by receiving ashes in the shape of a cross on the forehead.
- **Ends:** The evening of Holy Thursday, before Easter. (NOTE: We will have an Upper Room Service on Wednesday, April 1, 6 p.m. as part of the Lenten Wednesday night dinners and services sponsored by the Elders. This year we will celebrate a Seder Meal as part of the service. (Details to come...)
- **Practices:** Prayer, fasting (abstaining from certain foods or habits), and almsgiving (giving to the poor) are central.
- **Purpose:** To prepare for Easter by focusing on spiritual renewal, repentance, and following Christ's example.
- **Biblical basis:** Mirrors Jesus's 40 days of temptation and prayer in the wilderness.

Common observances:

- Giving up something pleasurable (e.g., alcohol, social media, sweets).
- Abstaining from meat on Fridays.
- Increasing prayer, reading scripture, and performing acts of charity or service.
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Please join us for the Ash Wednesday service and the Lenten services offered by the Elders.

Pastor Frank



Thoughts & Prayers



Health Issues:

Marilyn Henegen, Judy Mecher, Martha Etheridge, Silvia Martin, Jan Sharp, Ron Pastrick, Beth Meyer, Anne Crapo

Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Myers, Brian Slowinski, Bobby Parson, Doug Engle, Jenn Streymans, Nancy Schoen, John Franke, Kristin Helms, Elijah Smith, Tom Reese, Chanin Russell, Robert Shelton, Jeff Lewis, Kelly Scrougham, Jackie Robbins, Carrlyla Hatley, Betty Hess, Tom Smith, Dale Duncan, Tim Wickham, Rachel Carver, Russ Smith, Steve Folsom, Karen Plemons, Tom Newton, Pastor Richard Clayton, Russ Lawrence, Emily Matthews, Rex Marling, Sandy Turner, Steven Maxwell, Dennis Wolheter, Danny Cox, Deb Miller, Jacob Tucker, Betty Abel

We join with God's loving concerns for those facing life's difficult times:

Dee Miller, Joyce Franke, Leana Wright, Linda Bernd, Ryan Carr, Fletcher Moore, Michelle Miller, Faye Holder, Yolanda Hollow, Janette Smith, Larry Stone and family, Margie Wilson, Ed Miller

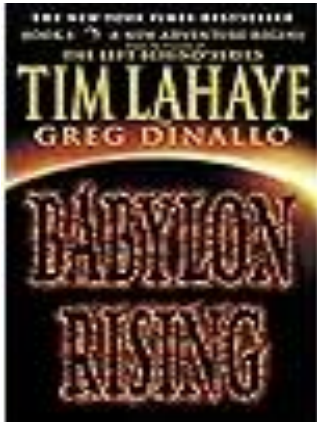
We Offer Prayers of Condolences to the family and friends of: Peggy Sue Riddle on her passing November 27th, Tim Johnson, Terri Lee Heady and Terry Morgan all passed away on December 4th ; Karen Keith who passed on December 10th, Daniel Elliott who passed away December 16th, our own very dear Friend in Christ, Rich Sharp passed on December 19th, Philip Stone on his passing December 22nd, and Diane Merriman's niece, Laurelle Zarins, who passed away January 2nd

We Offer Prayers of Joy for: Elijah Smith who is home and transitioning to home care which will be a new adjustment for Char and Ed Urban, please continue the prayers for the entire family; Silvia Martin is home recuperating.

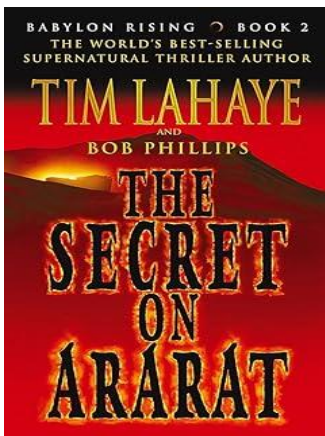


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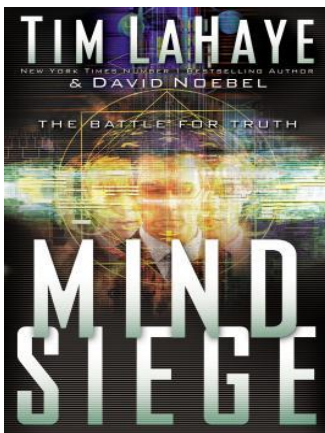
It's really cold. Snuggle up to the fire or heater and enjoy a good read!



Babylon Rising by Tim LaHaye. This is the first book of a new series. These books are fast paced thrillers based on prophecies not covered in his *Left Behind* series that are relevant to events today. This book introduces a new hero – Michael Murphy, who is a scholar of Biblical prophesy. He is a field archeologist who defies danger to fearlessly hunt down and authenticate ancient artifacts from Biblical times. His latest discovery is his most amazing – but it will sent him hurtling from a life of excavations and revelations to a confrontation with the forces of the greatest evil. The latest ancient secret uncovered by Michael Murphy accelerates the countdown to the endtime for all mankind.



The secret of Ararat also by by Tim LaHaye is Book 2 of the series begun with *Babylon Rising*. Michael Murphy has another whirlwind adventure in pursuit of Biblical artifacts relating to Noah's Ark. His death defying quest to ascend Mount Ararat leads him to discover revelations of Bublical pophesies and be drawn into a terrifying evil about to be unleashed on all of mankind.



Mind Siege is yet another book by Dr. Tim LaHaye. This book deals with the battle for truth in the new millennium. He sounds the trumpets of alarm calling on us to wake up and defend out right to believe and behave as Christians among secular humanists. He urges Christians to understand the tenets of secular humanism – atheism, evolution, amorality, human autonomy and globalism. He urges God's servants to rise up and oppose Satan's strategies to take over our land.

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian



Joan is continuing a study through the 42 chapters of the Book of Job, looking at a few chapters each week. We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:20 in the library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

News from the Pews

With a new year, comes a few changes...

For all you active members, be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out on these activities.

The Board will now meet bi-monthly at 6:30p on the 2nd Monday of "odd number" months with the Congregational Meeting still the first Sunday in December. These dates are:

Board: Jan 12 Mar 9 May 11 Jul 13 Sep 14 Nov 11

Congregational meeting: After the service on Dec 6

The Pastor's Cabinet will now meet bi-monthly at 6:30p on the first Monday of "even number" months. These dates are: Feb 2 Apr 6 Jun 1 Aug 3 Oct 5 Dec 7

Proposed change for meetings of the Pastors Relations Committee is Quarterly, at 6:30p on the 1st or 2nd Monday of the given month. These dates are: Feb 9 May 4 Aug 10 Nov 2

Bible Study Resumes – 2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 1 & 5 p.m.

After a little "holiday break" – the Pastor's Bible Study will begin again with sessions scheduled for 1 and 5 p.m. on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month. (NOTE: This is a change from the every-Thursday schedule.) Sessions meet in the Church parlor.

The next four sessions will focus on "Discovering the Bible," which will explore some of the basic issues related to the origins and compilation of our sacred scriptures. Questions to be addressed will include:

- How did we get our modern Bible?
- How did the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) form?
- How did the Christian Scriptures (New Testament) form?
- How have the Scriptures been preserved, circulated, and changed over time?

Hope to see you there!

Live and archived service streams are available at: [YouTube.com/@LinwoodCC](https://www.youtube.com/@LinwoodCC)

Visit our Web Page at www.linwoodchristian.org to learn what is going on at Linwood.

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Entries for next Lindy by: February 16th, 4p Indianapolis, IN 46201

Your Lindy Crew

Everyone Needs Tuning Word Search

Divine Discovery Puzzle Word Search

Solve the puzzle with the word bank below. Puzzle based on *Romans 12:2*

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J B V L H T I A F B V X G
T R Y R E N E W H J I K L
M Q Z B A M I N D P O W E
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