

*Prayer*  
COVERED

*Gospel*  
CENTERED

*People*  
FOCUSED

KEEP IT  
*Simple*

JOIN US!

SUNDAY

9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

6PM BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY

6PM MISSION KIDS/YOUTH/BIBLE STUDY

(UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE ON THE CALENDAR)



**FBC RAMSEY**

TO KNOW CHRIST &  
MAKE HIM KNOWN

# FROM PASTOR JEFF

“He was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1

One of the things I love to do is to hear how other people pray. Listening to the prayers of others always give insight to a person’s relationship with God. Some people pray and it seems as if God is sitting right next to them. However others pray, and you may wonder if God ever listens to their prayer.

Another reason I love to listen to how other people pray is they teach me how to pray. I will never forget Esther Brown. She was an elderly lady in a previous church I pastored. She was paralyzed and spent her days in her bed overlooking a window where she watched as people went by day after day. She was not a wealthy woman and her family did not have a great reputation. In fact their last name was usually preceded by a colorful descriptor when people would mention them.

Every so often, I would go and visit her and I would sit as she talked about her week and she would fill me in on the comings and goings of the week. And every once in a while, she would forget a name and reach over for a notebook and look up the date in which we had chronicled that day’s activity. (She had stacks and stacks of these notebooks.)

One day I happened to peek into that sacred ledger and what I saw surprised me. Beside each person or description she scribed, she also wrote a prayer for them. It wasn’t usually a long prayer, but a prayer nevertheless. Whether she knew them or not, she prayed for them.

One Sunday, her son brought her to Sunday School as he did most Sundays, and I sat in her Sunday School class. Before the teacher started the class, she asked Esther to pray. What she pray floored me! I never forgot her words.

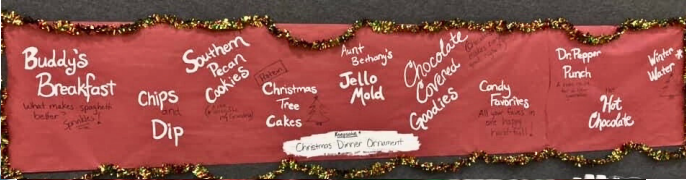
“Lord, we are in this class this morning and we are getting ready to read Your word. We sure would be thankful if you could let us know what it means. There are some things You say that are just really difficult for us to understand but you wrote them down so you must want us to know it. So I guess we are going to need Your help to do that. Amen”  
You see, it wasn’t the most eloquent, stylized or fanciest of prayer filled with theological doctrine or supernatural insight. No, it was more valuable than that. It was real.



Lord, teach me to pray like that!

Following Him,

Jeff



# FROM PASTOR MATT

God is good! God has been directing and leading in our student ministries. He has been working on changing hearts and lives. I pray each day that our students realize the love God has for them and that they continue to live a life that reflects Him.

January was a month to catch our breath a little bit after a busy end of the year. We did have a fun night at Lighthouse. Pizza, volleyball, other games, and a dance off or two filled our night. On Wednesday nights the Youth Group kick off our “New” series looking at being a new creature in Christ Jesus. Mission Kids started up again in January with some new material focusing on the Faithful Promises of God.

Looking forward to February! We will kick it off on the 2nd with Lighthouse from 6:30pm-9:00pm. The Youth Group will host a Valentines Day Dinner for Sunday Night Fellowship on the 4th. The Youth need to be there by 4:30pm to help setup, cook, and coordinate the dinner that starts at 6:30pm. On the 24th the Rehoboth Association is hosting a Youth Rally at UBC in Vandalia from 4:00pm-8:00pm. It will be a time of fun, food, and worship. Finally, on the 25th the Youth Group will be leaving directly following the morning service to head out for lunch and a surprise trip. Thank you for your prayers and we look forward to serving you at the Valentines Day Dinner!

Pastor Matt



Wednesdays @6p

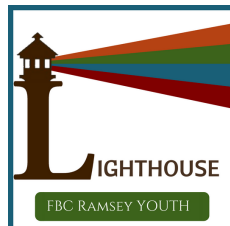
Wednesdays @6p  
24th 4-8p  
25th outing



6th & 20th @ 7:30a



2nd 6:30-9p





## Food Pantry February Highlights:

1lb or 2lb pkgs of dried beans

Instant potatoes

Cornbread mixes

Condiments

Chili beans

1lb or 2lb pkgs of rice

Gray mixes

Soda crackers

Canned soups

Canned Chili

SNF February 4th @ 6:30pm

An early Valentine's dinner is on us  
& will be served by our youth!!

Think Italian!

February 24  
@9am

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Worship Conference

*"Since we are receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us give thanks, and through this let us offer worship pleasing to God in devotion and awe." Hebrews 12:28*

Sweet Monday  
February 26th  
@ 6pm

February 23rd  
Senior Adults Day Out  
Tour Love Packages in  
Butler & dine @  
China Buffet in Litchfield  
more details to come

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

### \*Blessing and Best Wishes\*

2 Jim Brewer

3 John & Kim

Greenwood

6 Shannon Sapp

13 Mathew Roberts

14 Mike Hayes

16 Jeff Shouse

20 Kelvin Worker

21 Mike & Janie Steele

24 Becky Casey

29 Mistie Adermann

3 Grant William Eddy

5 Dalton & Macey

Deming

9 Addilyn Friesland

13 Mike Steele

15 Pam McFarland

19 Zen Moreland

21 Johnnie Warner

21 Quentin Carter

26 Clint & Laura

Benhoff

SNF

Feb. 4@ 6pm

Deacons' Mtg

Feb. 14 @5pm

Business Mtg

Feb. 14@ 7pm

Office Closed

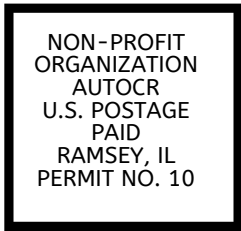
Feb. 19th

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## FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		*TOPS Group 6-8 Every Tuesday Tuesday *Evenings gym in		<b>1</b> *TOPS Group 9am Every Thursday	<b>2</b> Lighthouse 6:30-9pm	<b>3</b> Gym in Use
<b>4</b> SNF <b>6:30pm</b> Valentines Day Dinner Youth serving	<b>5</b> Men's Bible Study 7:15am Mondays	<b>6</b> FCA 7:30am	<b>7</b> All activities 6pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Deacons' Mtg 5pm Bible Study 6pm	<b>12</b> Jeff/Stephanie vacation (12th-18th) <b>No Men's Bible Study</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> MK/Youth 6pm Business Mtg. 7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Bible Study 6pm	<b>19</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> Office Closed No Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b> FCA 7:30am	<b>21</b> All activities 6pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Senior Adults Love Packages Chinese for lunch <b>Gym Closed</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9am</b> Worship Conference Assoc Youth <b>4-8pm</b> Rally <b>Gym Closed</b>
<b>25</b> Youth Lunch/Surprise immediately following am <a href="#">service</a> Bible Study 6pm	<b>26</b> <b>Sweet Monday</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> All activities 6pm	<b>29</b>		