

# The Steeple: February 2024

## Prayer Requests

Lois Stephens  
Joe Pete Hayes  
Minnie Coates  
Nancy Stephens  
Tony Barron  
Jay Rice  
Alice Cox  
Hazel Quinn  
Angie Conner  
Banks Davidson  
Kim McCrory Rogers  
Ed Schamel  
Jeanette Lamar  
Wells Womack  
Connie Spiller  
Camille Schamel  
Pastor Taylor

*Please help us pray for those on the prayer list, and for our congregation, local, state, and federal governments, US military their families, and our church staff and leadership.*

## February Birthdays

02/05 Angie Conner  
02/06 Rachele Fisher  
02/06 Sheila Reece  
02/28 Connie Spiller

## TMC Quilting

Taylorville Methodist Church Quilters will meet on February 3rd and February 17th at 9AM. If you would like more information contact Peggy Snider at 547-707-5743.

## Church News

February is a busy month for Taylorville Methodist Church. Sunday, February 18th, the church is having a church wide covered meal at noon with a quarterly church meeting following lunch. Seven Rivers School will be using the church again this year. They are arriving on February 20th and departing on February 25th. The West Alabama Quilters Guild will also be using the church. They will start setting up for the quilt show on February 27th.

## Taylorville Methodist Woman

Taylorville Methodist Women reviewed their Christmas 2023 projects at the January meeting. Some of the projects: fruit baskets to the shut-ins, donated \$200 to Freedom Farms, \$100 to Salvation Army, \$50 to Animal Shelter, and they gave Christmas to two Sipsey Valley Middle School Students. Judy Evans gave the program and she talked about her work with juveniles. She ended the program with a wise saying, "if you see people, you can see God!" The ladies blessed and prayed over five prayer shawls with Donna Bowman's ornaments, which go to Hospice of West Alabama. Three octopi will go to the pediatric unit at Northport Hospital. TMW will meet on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 10AM in The Grove. If you would like more information about TMW please contact Joan Hannah at 205-242-4444.

## Pastor's Letter:

Dear TMC Friends and Family,

January ushered us into a new year and a new Christian season of Epiphany. During the Epiphany season, which ends with Transfiguration Sunday, we have been led in a worship series called "The Big Reveal: Jesus is known by what He does". In this series each Sunday, we have heard remarkable stories from Jesus' earthly ministry and how each one reveals who Jesus is! What brings us hope is that what Jesus did in the past, He still does in the present! He is forever Who He says He is - and that should bring us great assurance in whom we put our trust.

February brings us to a new season - Lent. Lent has seen a resurgence in popularity the past few years, yet still many don't really understand it. The season of Lent is a 40+ day (or about 6-7 weeks) period of anticipation and immense preparation for the celebration of Easter (also known as Resurrection Day). Historically, Lent is observed through fasting and prayer - the time we would normally spend eating is replaced with dedicated prayer and communion with our Lord. In today's practice, we "fast" but not from full meals normally. Generally we will fast from sweets, soda, social media, television, etc. Perhaps some of us "fast" from habitual sins we have been led to break - gossip, cursing, laziness, and so on. However you are led to observe Lent this year, we sincerely hope you do observe this season! We pray that you prepare yourselves for the celebration of our Lord through daily prayer, Scripture reading, small group participation, and worship.

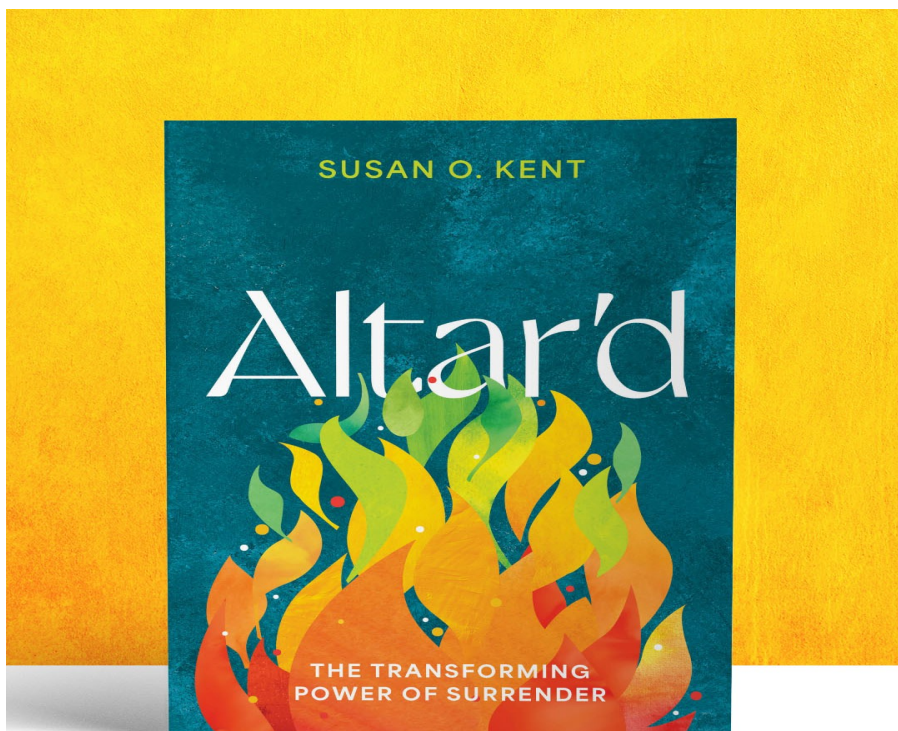
**Ash Wednesday is February 14th. We will have a service at TMC at 6 pm where we will worship and receive ashes.** We look forward to worshipping with you in the following weeks with a new sermon series for Lent called **Altar'd: The Transforming Power of Surrender**, beginning on February 18th. Based on the daily devotional by Susan Kent, we will journey through understanding the altar and offerings as seen from the Old Testament and how God calls us to places of surrender, putting our trust and faith in Him, finally seeing the culmination in Jesus' own sacrifice upon the cross. We pray that this series will transform us all and bring us deeper than ever before. If you are interested in following along with the daily devotional as part of your Lenten practice, you can order the book from Seedbed.com. Lent will conclude with **Holy Week services March 28th and 29th**, times and locations TBA. **Easter is March 31st!** So mark your calendars!

We enjoyed the time of having you in the parsonage. If you haven't met us yet, or would still like to grab a meal together, please let us know so we can find a day and time that works best.

If you need pastoral care, including visitation, do not hesitate to contact us. We would love to pray with you, sit with you, and simply be with you.

Many blessings,

Pastors Taylor and Sarah Goodwin



### February Calendar of Events

02/03	9AM	TMC Quilters
02/11	9AM & 11AM	Transfiguration Sunday
02/14	6PM	Ash Wednesday Service @TMC
02/17	9AM	TMC Quilters
02/18	9AM & 11AM	1st Sunday of Lent
02/18	NOON	Church Wide Meal and Quarterly Church Meeting
02/20	6PM	Seven Rivers School Arriving
02/25	7AM	Seven Rivers School Departing
02/25	9AM & 11AM	2nd Sunday of Lent
02/26	10AM	TMC Quilters
02/27	6AM	West Alabama Quilters Guild Setting Up for Quilt Show
03/01	8AM	Quilt Show
03/02	9AM	Quilt Show

### Weekly Activities

#### **Sunday**

9:00 AM Contemporary Service  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Service

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### December Average Attendance

In-Person– 60  
Online – 6

### Online Giving

It's now possible to set up your giving online! Simply go to <https://taylorville-umc.churchcenter.com/giving>, select whether you want to give a one-time gift or a recurring donation, enter the info, and click submit.

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### **Our Staff**

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Sarah Goodwin, Co Pastor  
Regina Noland, Music Director  
Angie Chen, Pianist  
Hayden Sexton Music Director for The Grove  
Michelle Hansford, Secretary  
Clover Johnson, Custodian

