# FIRST THINGS FIRST

February 2026



## SOUPER BOWL

We were able to raise over $850 at the Souper Bowl of Caring! This will make a huge difference for the nurse's closets at our local schools. As always, we enjoyed plenty of delicious food and a good time was had by all!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped clear off the parking lot and entrances at the church. There was a good bit of snow, but a significant amount of ice that was difficult to break through.






## REPLANT

On Saturday, February 28th, there will be a church leader training event at New Prospect Baptist Church. Breakout sessions will include topics such as: Faith Formation, Future Visioning, Evangelism, and Youth & Children's Ministry. It will take place from 8:30am - Noon. Please let Alden know if you'd like to attend (if you haven't already).

# DEEP THOUGHTS

As I was driving down Wards Road one day this week, something strange happened. It was a rainy, dreary day. The sun was starting to set for the day and there was not a trace of blue sky anywhere because of the clouds. Then out of nowhere, there was a sudden burst of light surrounding all the cars around me. I was so surprised and caught off guard, I began to wonder, could this be the second coming of Jesus that we have all been waiting for? A few minutes later, the light faded and it was a dreary, rainy day again. While I was obviously disappointed for a moment, I had another thought. What if today WAS that day? How would that change things?

What would Jesus find us doing? Would He approve of our actions, or would He be confused about what we are doing? In our busy lives it can still be so easy to forget the simple thing we have been told to do. To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And to love our neighbors as ourselves. That sounds good, but what does that really look like in our daily lives?

## NURSERY HEAT

The heat in the nursery has been restored thanks to a new HVAC system that was installed this week. Thank you to the Building and Grounds Committee who spent countless hours ensuring we received the right equipment for the best value!

## BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on March 29th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday night suppers are scheduled to return sometime in March. We are looking at doing another book study so stay tuned for more information!

## HERMISSION SUNDAY

HerMission (formerly WMU) Focus Sunday will be on February 22nd. Our very own David Shreve will be speaking on behalf of the Fuller Center Ministry. This is always a special Sunday for our church so you don't want to miss it!

# PASTORAL UPDATES

Upcoming Navy dates:
March 4 - 7, Greensboro for drill
March 16 - 19, Norfolk for a possible training
(but still waiting on orders)