

Elmer United Methodist Church



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Date: FEBRUARY 2015



He is coming! On February 20-22: Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, Rev. Dave Bailey will be at Elmer United Methodist Church to start us on our Lenten journey, **Be the Message**.

Be the Message is our congregational theme this year for Lent. We will begin the season with a special weekend of renewal and commitment led by the Rev. Dave Bailey, Founder of Ranch Hope for Boys and its other ministries. Dave has been sharing the Message of Christ and His transforming power for over 60 years. He exemplifies our theme, **Be the Message**, by his words and more importantly by his lifetime commitment to help others.

Dave will be with us Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. He will also preach at our 10 AM service on Sunday morning. Sunday, February 22 will also be the start of our 5 week small group encounter. This will be enhanced by weekly worship, small group meetings, and drama presentations.

Lenten studies have been important in building the spiritual life and mission outreach of our church. We hope you will participate in all the opportunities during this time. You can start by setting aside time to attend our four services with Dave Bailey. It is a decision I made 35 years ago when Dave was preaching for a week at Glassboro United Methodist Church. At those services I dedicated myself and my family to Jesus Christ. Nearly 60 years ago our Lay Leader, Fritz Harz made a similar commitment at another series of services with Dave Bailey. Those services were scheduled for a tent at Pole Tavern and moved to our church because of the heavy rains. We personally know the importance of these services and pray you will make them a priority for yourself and those close to you.

Finally, don't forget to pray for the entire Lenten adventure: Dave Bailey, our weekly worship, our small groups, and our special mission project which will be developed during this experience. Every Wednesday night we will be meeting in the church parlor at 6:30 PM to pray for our Lenten journey. On Wednesday February 18 at 7:30pm our Ash Wednesday Service at Elmer Presbyterian Church will be a time of preparation and prayer.

May God bless us all now and as we enter into this time of self-examination, growth and commitment.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave Repenning

Renewal Services with Rev. Dave Bailey

- Friday, 2/20 6pm Covered Dish Supper
7:30pm Worship
- Saturday, 2/21 Noon Luncheon
7pm Worship
- Sunday, 2/22 10am Service
11:30am Brunch in Fellowship Hall
7pm Evening Worship

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Jan 4	23		26
Jan 11	27	100	39
Jan 18	25	86	22
Jan 25	20	96	
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Jan 4	\$6,758.40	\$1,298.00	\$17.00
Jan 11	\$2,751.00	\$381.00	\$29.00
Jan 18	\$3,390.00	\$410.00	\$18.00
Jan 25	\$2,750.00	\$190.00	\$



February Birthdays
Happy Birthday to All!!



- 2nd Evan Nolan & Mike Kortonick
- 3rd Elaine Masters
- 4th Dodie Collins & Dawn Montero
- 5th Julie Wriggins
- 8th Katie Cooke Ayd, Ed Fuller, III & Jessica Mottola
- 9th Jillian Wriggins
- 10th Luke Stemberger & Cyndi Nolan
- 11th Diane Riddle
- 12th Ed Pitman & Terry Both, III
- 13th Brooke Fuller
- 14th Brandie Sullivan
- 15th Madison Brown & Keely Milligan
- 17th Cheyenne Riddle, Linda Jiménez & Tyler Ireland
- 18th Dominic Hall
- 19th Drew Dilks & Herb Stiles
- 22nd David Bramell, Marc Adams & Delaney Chapman
- 23rd Carissa Quinn & Doug Cooper
- 24th Bette Ann Kulig & Joe Hall
- 25th Kathy Laury, Evan Pike & Todd Batten, Jr.
- 26th Samuel Atkinson
- 27th Bryce Priggemeier, Jr.

Sub Sale to Benefit Lakeside Home Saturday, February 21st

Pick Up Between 10:30 – 11:30am at the Church
\$6.50 each To order please contact Donna



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IT'S AUDIT TIME!

Anyone who is in charge of a checking or savings account for any church group(s) please provide the following documentation as soon as possible.

No Later than March 1st 2015.

• Check register or itemized documentation of account spending. (Photocopies are fine) NO Recreation copies, we want to see the ORIGINALS.

Recreations may cause errors.

• Bank Statements from December 2013 – thru January 2015

• Any Receipts for 2014

• NOTHING PRIOR to December 2013 Please!

Place all information for your account in an enclosed envelope properly labeled with your account name, contact name and contact phone number. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Lloyd at 856-889-8834 or jennlloyd@comcast.net ANY time.

Take your turn and sign up for Altar Flowers



We have openings for placing flowers in the altar vases for Sunday morning worship services. If you are interested in placing flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the calendar and fill out a green slip which are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you

WEDNESDAY NITE OWWT



As we experience the harsh, cold winter, let's remember the abandoned pets and strays at our local animal shelters. The shelters are experiencing serious needs due to the increase in animals they are caring for. Wednesday Nite Owwt is adopting animal shelters in the area.

Can you help by donating old/used blankets, comforters, towels, rugs or heating pads? The following items are desperately needed:

Cleaning Supplies

Anti-bacterial hand soap (any type)
Spray bottles (16 oz-22 oz)
Bleach
Dishwasher detergent (powder only)
Laundry detergent

Grooming

Clippers for dog & cat hair
Nail clippers for cats & dogs
NO FLEA/ TICK PRODUCTS
Lint Brushes (disposable)

Food Items

Animal Supplies

NO rawhide bones!

Canned cat food with pull tops

Guinea, hamster, ferret & gerbil food

Iguana food

Dog & cat treats

Wild bird seed

Miscellaneous

Old Newspapers

Clothesline & pins (clip kind)

Paper towels

Safe dog and cat toys

Rubber dog toys

Catnip toys

Kitty litter

8 X 10 tarp

AA batteries

A **COLLECTION BOX** for items will be located in the Sunday School area in Fellowship Hall, at the back of the Sanctuary and at the Hangar. Should you have any questions, please call Linda Thomas at 856-881-2631.

Sunday School News



February 15th - Join us for a Special
Surprise Valentine's Sunday!!



Kevin and Jeanne King

NYC International Project

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Kevin and Jeanne King recently made an administrative change from working with World Team to NYC International. One of their meeting locations is at Columbia University.

They have 40 Discovery Bible Studies meeting weekly full of unbelievers who are spiritually interested.

Two team members decided to knock on doors in their apartment building for outreach. The first door was opened by an Afghan who has begun studying the Bible weekly. One team member mistakenly tapped on the shoulder of a West African man thinking he was someone else. The man opened a scroll with a picture of Jesus and said, "I am looking for someone who can tell me about this person." He is now studying the bible weekly and his mother is an influential contact in the community.

After approaching the leaders of a Muslim Community Center with the idea of an art workshop for women with a clear Gospel focus, the center agreed and asked the team to do it for 120 Muslim teenage girls. Recently three new believers were baptized.

The Kings build relationships with each new believer through English Conversation Groups. The groups are impacted by God's forgiveness, His unfailing love, and His sacrifice, as they read the Christmas story for the first time. These are only some of the exciting things God has been doing through Unreached People Groups. The mission is to reach internationals where they are and spread God's love

Al-Jo Voeckler
Missions Chairperson