Ministry of Caring
February 17, 2026

Care

Pray, Write, Call, Reach Out to:
Our Families at Home
Alice Ann Wallace, Matt Belitz, Mary Hicks, Steven Fish, Doug Fish, Barbara McCulloch, Chic Stinson, Keri Hale, Karen Lamon, Steve Spice, Dennis Ridley, Carlene Talley, Richard Talley, Linda Jo Dees, Jake Breedlove
Our Families in Care Facilities
Legacy Park: Joyce Fulton
Shannondale: Jean Jordan
Our Extended Families
Haley Allen, friend of Michelle Delozier, **Kate,** friend of Judy Raby; **Zane,** friend of Michelle Delozier; **Susan and Alex's son,** neighbors of the Wilsons; **Barbara Whaley**, Jerry Holden's sister; **Sheila Clinard**, Lisa Hill's sister-in-law; **Hannah Welshan**, daughter of Andy & Yvonne Welshan; **Jill Baron**, friend of Ruth Harris

Calendar Items

- **Feb. 20-** Packing for Mobile Food Pantry from 1:30-2:30 PM
- **Feb. 21-** Mobile Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 AM
- **Feb. 22-** "LGBTQ and The Church" last session after worship
- **Mar. 3-** Senior Adult LIFE Group lunch, Angie Wood will be presenting
- **Mar. 8-** Ministry Celebration

Impact

FEBRUARY
Dollar in the Pew

John 3:16 Outreach Ministry
The February dollar in the pew will support our local warming shelter provided through the John 3:16 Outreach Ministry led by Dr. Phil Hoffman. John 3:16 coordinates the warming shelter at First Baptist Maryville when temps dip below 25 degrees.

DRIVE-THRU MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
Saturday, Feb. 21st
9:00-11:00am
Second Harvest OF EAST TENNESSEE
FIGHTING AGAINST HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

DONATION

Donations of socks and pop-top cans of soup are needed for the MVBC Blessing Box.

Connect

Thanks to the generous lunch donations from our previous "The Church & LGBTQ" sessions, we're happy to share that the cost of the lunch for our final session has been fully covered. Because of this, we will not be collecting donations.

Please join us for pizza and fellowship as we gather for our final session this Sunday.

The Engage Team will be offering the Service Course from Practicing the Way starting soon.

The Service Practice Course:
"Learning to be a community of justice, mercy, and reconciliation in a culture of injustice and division."

This is a 4-week course. Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in The Landing, starting on March 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th.
Facilitators: Ken Brown and Jerry Summers

Sign up in the office, welcome center, or foyer.

Tradewinds is in desperate need for volunteers! Please contact Lisa Hill or Jennifer Davis if you are interested.

From Your Interim Pastor

Over the past few weeks, I've shared eight tips for interpreting scriptures well. Here's the final tip: Test your conclusions through conversation with other serious students of the text.

Our working interpretations are best evaluated in the context of a faith community. Ideally, our faith community provides a host of "safe places" in which to hold such conversations. Bible study classes, the deacon body, age-based ministry groups, and such may offer such opportunities.

Don't be afraid to test your conclusions in dialogue with Christian writers from various branches of Christianity. Christ followers from the Baptist, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Presbyterian, Methodist, and other traditions have helped me sharpen, revise, or rethink my interpretations. Perhaps the same might prove true for you.

On a different note, we enter the season of Lent this week. Lent calls us to reflect on the state of our relationship with Christ and others, decide what needs to be changed, and set about making such changes. I look forward to sharing the Lenten journey with you.

Mike

P. S. This coming Sunday, I'll offer the fourth and final session of "The Church and LGBTQ." I hope to see you there.

Dear Monte Vista Family,
So many of you have been willing to share your time, love, food, and prayers; it would be hard to thank you individually. From the bottom of our hearts know we are so grateful and so proud to be a part of this church family. We love each and every one of you.

Love, Richard and Carlene Talley