

# Ministry of Caring

February 3, 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

### **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

**Prayers for Bob Sullivan's family on the passing of his brother, Ronnie Sullivan.**

## Calendar Items

- **Feb. 8-** "LGBTQ and The Church" second session after worship
- **Feb. 10-** Senior Adults potluck lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall
- **Feb. 15-** "LGBTQ and The Church" third session after worship
- **Feb. 20-** Packing for Mobile Food Pantry from 1:30-2:30 PM
- **Feb. 21-** Mobile Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 AM

## 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. They have already provided several evenings of shelter in January.

## DONATION

Donations of granola bars, fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, and poptarts are needed for the MVBC Blessing Box.

## Reschedule

### **Church Announcement**

Due to recent weather and continuing "LGBTQ and The Church" series, we will be delaying the Ministry Celebration to **Sunday, March 8**. The Leadership Council will meet on **Tuesday, March 3**.

## Connect

# RESCHEDULE

**Senior Adults will meet next Tuesday, February 10 at noon. You were sent an email by Vicki yesterday. Come next Tuesday, bring your favorite dishes. Annie and Elaine will be sharing about their mission trip to Costa Rica**

• Please join us for a baby shower honoring

**Haleigh & Trevor Freeman**  
(Chris & Amy Gilliland's daughter)

• as they prepare to welcome baby

 **Laurel** 

February 8, 2026  
2-4 PM  
Fellowship Hall

• Registry: <https://my.babylist.com/haleigh-freeman-baby-reg>

## From Your Interim Pastor

I've shared six tips for interpreting the Scriptures well. Let's consider a seventh. Ask and answer a question: If I applied the text in accordance with what I've come to believe it means, what about my life would be affirmed or changed?

Remember, it's okay to be affirmed by a biblical text. Some of us look only for how Scripture might challenge our beliefs. We need to be open to the comfort and affirmation the Scriptures sometimes provide. For example, most of us have found solace in Psalm 23.

That being said, don't be afraid to allow a text to challenge your core convictions and well-established habits of thought or deed. Perhaps you've had such an experience. A good friend and parishioner of mine once told me she laid aside her long-standing racism because the more she studied the life of Jesus, the more she realized she had been wrong. She went on to become a public advocate on behalf of minorities in her town.

Try asking the question, and go where the answer leads you.

Mike

P. S. After two weeks of weather cancellations, I look forward to seeing you at the second "The Church and LGBTQ" session this coming Sunday.



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

  
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