

Valentine's Cards for Backpacks



If you are interested in sending Valentine's cards to the 10 Monroe Middle School students who receive backpacks of food each week, please place your cards in the church office by February 10th. The Valentine's cards may include prayers, Bible verses, or the Gospel. The cards should be written in print and signed with your name.

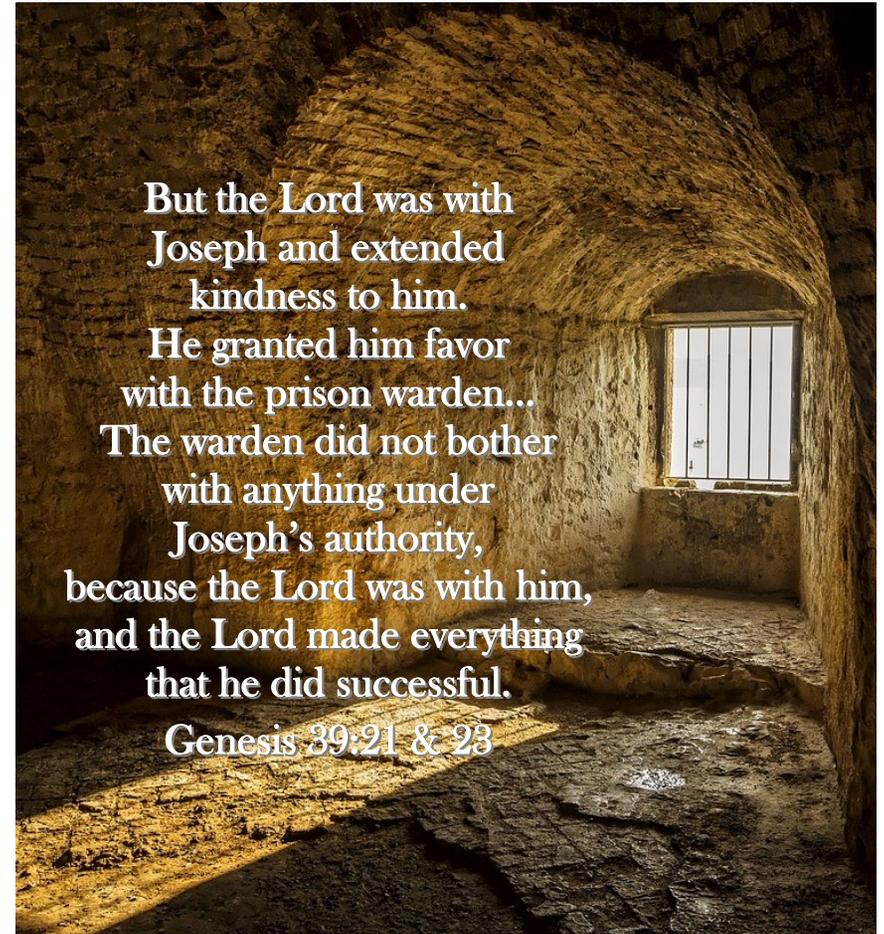
Mark Your Calendar

Exciting news for the Spring!

We are having a yard sale at the church in either late May or early June. As you begin your spring cleaning, gather any items you would like to donate, and we will let you know when to bring them to the church. Please make sure your donations are clean and in good working order. All proceeds will be used to purchase some needed items for the church. When the time comes, we will need volunteers to organize, price, and work the yard sale. Thanks so much for serving and supporting your church!



February 6, 2022



But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him.
He granted him favor with the prison warden...
The warden did not bother with anything under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him, and the Lord made everything that he did successful.

Genesis 39:21 & 23

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Sunday, February 6 2022

The Pitfall of Injustice (Genesis 39:21-23; 40:4-8, 20-23)

The Point: Press forward in spite of injustice.

The Bible Meets Life: In *Rocky Balboa* (2006), Rocky said, "It ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward; how much you can take and keep moving forward." While Joseph never had the chance to see a Rocky film, there's a good chance he would have resonated with that line. In today's session, we will see how Joseph chose to press on, even though the days of disappointment continued.

Have you walked through a season when you couldn't seem to catch a break? Did you ever wonder if good days would ever return? Maybe you lost a job around the same time a loved one died. Or you were going through a painful divorce just as you also received troubling news from the doctor. Life can throw many things at us. We may even be tempted to let our hope in God fade.

As you read this part of Joseph's story, be encouraged that the Lord will always see His children through. As Jesus said: "You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).

Live It Out: Pray. Pray for patience. Patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit at work in your life. Pay attention to situations this week where you tend to lose your patience. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you endure patiently in these moments. **Write.** Write an inspiring Bible verse on a sticky note and attach it to your computer. Every time you're tempted to whine about your circumstances, pray that verse. **Read.** Read through a great devotional book this month, like *Experiencing God* or *The Pursuit of God*. Draw from the well of others.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

How to Avoid Life's Pitfalls

- Sunday, February 13 The Pitfall of Hard Times
(Genesis 41:28-32, 47-54)
- Sunday, February 20 The Pitfall of Bitterness
(Genesis 45:1-5, 9-11)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Indoor Worship
10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

- 6:30 PM Youth
6:30 PM Online Worship

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, January 30
Indoor: 28
Online Reach: 118

Wednesday, February 2
Online Reach: 63 Youth: 9



Deacon's Meeting TODAY
@ 2 PM in the sanctuary.

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:
\$18,566.08
January Offering
To Date: \$12,386.00



Prayer Requests

Adin Beatus
Scott Biggs
Kent Chapman
Gary Clontz
Sherry Crandall
Lela Crump's Grandson
Woodrow
Peggy Dean
Wanda Goodwin
Sadie Griffin
Nan Helms
Gracie Gaskins' Family
Bob Murray's Family
Lory Parker
Leland Stephens' Family
Mary Jane



Baby Bottle for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

If you feel led to donate to the HELP Pregnancy Center in Monroe, please place your change, cash, or checks in the large baby bottle in the vestibule.



The baby bottle will be out through February.

