

News & Prayer Requests

Today is Fellowship meal and Devo.

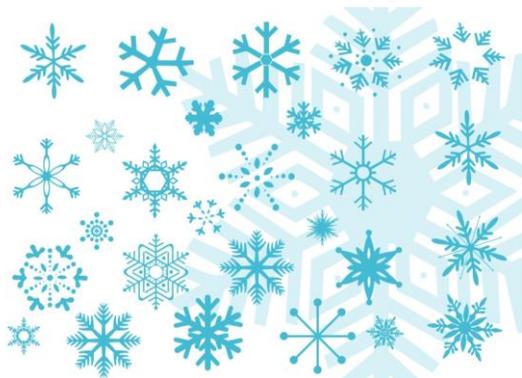
Edward Ragsdale is doing well. Edward and **Linda** are welcoming short visits but please call **Linda** at 325-372-3360 to arrange a time.

Ladies Bible Class is on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:30pm. The next class will be on January 27th. Location to be announced.

THANK YOU NOTE:

Thank you all for the Christmas bonus. I've enjoyed working on the lawns & bldg. for a long time, & I'm sad that I cannot continue, but age has a way of slowing a person down.

Love, **John Felts**



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Preacher's Corner

Church Family,

Psalm 144:1-2 says, "Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. He is my steadfast love and my fortress...in whom I take refuge..." This Psalm from David is a reminder that our battles have to go somewhere. The battles that David fought throughout his lifetime were numerous and did not only happen on the battlefield of war. David battled personal sin, grief, and the consequences of his actions. His battle with his son Absalom took a heavy toll on him, especially when Absalom died. He battled pride, even having to be disciplined by the Lord for commanding that a census be taken. David experienced many failures along the way. Failures that led him in a cave, on the run, and even into the land of the Philistines. His battles taught him that his own strength was insufficient to carry all the wounds that he had received along the way. As he said in the Psalm, "He is my steadfast love and my fortress...in whom I take refuge."

We never know the battles that our brethren may be fighting. The special kind of connection that we learned from Romans 12, connection through heart and mind empathy, is so important because it helps us to try and understand how our brethren feel and why. No battle was ever won alone. There is strength in numbers and to build that strength and unity, we have to have the kind of care and compassion for one another that is forged through empathy. We're to invest so much into one another that when they experience a success, we're rejoicing right there with them. When they're grieving, we're grieving together. What a joy it is to be a part of a church family like ours. A church family embodies these teachings! May the Lord bless you and keep you always!

- Ismael Berlanga