

ARCC NOTES



NOTES FROM THE ROAD

"God is still speaking!" Christianity has enough centuries and cultures behind its belt to have been "about" a number of things. In its second and third centuries, a lot of it was about otherworldly escape (small wonder, given the faithful's place in the world at the time). From Constantine's Roman empire till well after the Counter-Reformation, it was too often about political power. During much of the 19th and 20th centuries, a lot of it was about missional expansion.

Now, I think, the heart of any authentic contemporary Christianity is about compassion.

When we receive compassion, don't we sense that God has spoken clearly to us of God's love and care? When we offer compassion—action that arises out of sympathy for the sufferings of others—God speaks through us. Clearly, concretely, compellingly.

God is still speaking when our compassion speaks in God's name. —This is a good time to be Christian, isn't it?

What I'm listening to: continuing to lean into what Holy Wisdom seems to be whispering about embracing a certain spiritual, creative restlessness, at least once a day I'm playing Tift Merritt's "Still Not Home." There are a bunch of Youtube vids of Ms. Merritt doing it live, but here's the album version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HNOxZiWWgA> ... and when we play "official" links, artists get paid. Not much, but it's some support.

—Doug

Fast Track: New Testament

The Disciples Fast Track New Testament class (Green Room) will discuss Paul's letter to the Hebrews on Sunday, February 11. This is an interesting letter and should make a great discussion. Please come.

After Hebrews, we will be uncovering Revelation. This book is not for the faint of heart. Please check the newsletter next week for details.

Mardi Gras-Valentine Dinner & Trivia
 Tuesday, February 13, 5:30pm
 Ribs by Billy Bess-Please bring a dish to share
PLEASE RSVP by Friday, February 9



Golden Boys will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.



John & Deborah Browne, Del Brunton, Connie Gibson, Kenny Werner, Luther Hunt, Bonnie Hennessy, Mary Ann Heinsman, Maxie McKenzie & family, Bill Pratt, Mark Faith, Tom & Nelda Simpson, Bill Cox, Gerry Thomason, Vera Brown, Ada "Dottie" Cruce, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, family of Diane Barlow, Emily Goode, Carol Gleason, Dorothy Lowes, Jean Dinwiddie, Carla Jordan, Brian Lear, Dwight Taylor, Edna Murphy, Liz Meyer, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.

Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.

Worship Notes February 4
Attendance: 63 Regular friends: 18
Offering: \$4,160

February 11
God Still Speaks Through Jesus
Mark 9:2-9

Thursday, February 8
 8:00am Women's Breakfast Group at Cracker Barrel

Sunday, February 11
 9:30am Worship Service
 9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6th grade
 10:30am Fellowship
 10:45am Sunday School

Tuesday, February 13
 8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake
 5:30pm Mardi Gras/Valentine Dinner & Trivia

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday
 9:30am Bible Study
 6:00pm New Life Singers practice

Serving on Sunday February 11

At the Table: Steve Jordan (c), Jim Main (o)
 Distribution: Peggy Bentlage, Adrian Wills + ushers
 Communion Prep: Kilja Israel
 Scripture Reader: Billy Bess
 Greeters: Barbara Farrar, Felicia Fox
 Ushers: Lavetta Bratton, Anne McDonough
 Abbey Road Adventures: Karen Piker
 Worship Capt.: Melanie Sherinski
 Soundboard: Breedon/Dean

