

# February 2019



## February Memory Verse:

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)**

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# february BIRTHDAYS

To protect from identity theft, birthdays are not listed in the on-line version of the Chapel Communique. Thank you for understanding!



This month **Golden Heirs** will meet on **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly fellowship meal. **Laura Cleveland** will be the guest speaker and will share folk stories. It should be a lot of fun! There will be lots of good food and fellowship so bring your favorite “potluck” dish! If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**February 2nd** — AWANA Pine Car Workshop

**February 3rd** — Superbowl Party (Young Adults & Youth)

**February 6th** — AWANA Pine Car Derby

**February 7th** — Ladies Night Out

## Testimonies

By Natalie Butcher

In 1 Peter 3:15b, the Bible says “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Your “answer” is your testimony. It is the story of your encounter with God and what role He has played throughout your life.

The focus for Marrable Hill Chapel during the month of January has been on testimonies. On Sunday mornings prior to worshipping with songs, different elders shared their testimony. We heard the testimonies of Benny Vestal, Joseph Hershberger, and Bruce Goff.



Several Sundays Bro. Ben Wasson shared that you have the power through the Holy Spirit to share your testimony, how to share it, and what should be in it. He explained that a testimony should explain how you were before you were saved, what happened when you were saved, and how your life changed after you were saved. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Katie Smith, Benny and Janell Vestal’s niece, came and shared her testimony.



The youth has also focused on testimonies. One Wednesday night, over 21 teens learned how to share their testimonies. They were encouraged to write it on a piece of paper. Many discovered that it was hard to write down. Blake Dailey and the adult leaders talked with students individually to encourage and help them write their story. Later in the evening, the students shared their testimonies with other students or adults. Some were nervous sharing, but it helped

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## Kids in Action (January)

By Ruth Guinn

We had four helpers write and deliver “Thank You” cards to different Marrable Hill Chapel staff members. They also delivered stuffed animals to the El Dorado Police Department. The students were Stella Martinez, Evalyn Cothran, Priscilla Martinez, and Bailee Cothran.



This was the first time we had tears delivering the animals. It doesn't take long for the kids to get attached to the stuffed animals & it's hard leaving them behind. The Police Department was grateful for the stuffed animals they share with local kids during difficult times. Thank you to those that donated stuffed animals for this ministry.





## D-Now

By Natalie Butcher



During the weekend of January 19<sup>th</sup>, the youth group held a D-Now (Disciple Now) event in the gym and church homes. A guest speaker, praise team, and boy's counselor were brought in from out of town. The weekend consisted of game times, worship, large group sessions, small group sessions, meals, sleep, and a scavenger hunt.



During the large group sessions, guest speaker, Tanner Hill, taught the students about amplifying Christ through their lives. Amplify means “to increase the strength or amount of; to make louder.” The first session discussed the well-known story of Mary and Martha found in Luke 10:38-42. Jesus told Martha that Mary had chosen the good part — sitting at the feet of Jesus and learning. We can’t amplify Jesus in our lives if we don’t



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## Ladies Night Out

January’s Ladies Night Out (LNO) started with eating sub sandwiches and desserts. We spent time visiting with each other and catching up with each others lives.



Alexis Alexander of United Way Union County was the guest speaker for the January Ladies Night Out. United Way supports many non-profits in our area. In 2017, they raised \$1.2 million dollars. Administrative salaries and other costs are paid for by an endowment, so 100% of the donations go to the local organizations in Union County.



United Way partners with Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Club, Camp Fire El Dorado, Community Living Arrangements, HOPE Landing, Literacy Council, Salvation Army, Single Parent Scholarship Fund, South Arkansas Children Coalition (CASA), South

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## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a program run by Samaritan's Purse that shows God's love through shoebox gifts with presents and the Gospel. In October and November, individuals pack boxes and bring them to the church. Marrable Hill Chapel also collects items and the ladies sew dresses and shorts for the shoeboxes throughout the year and prior to delivering the shoeboxes for shipping, church members meet to pack boxes with these items.



Last year, there were two separate times of packing boxes — November's Ladies Night Out (LNO) and the Sunday Night Growth Group. LNO was opened up to anyone — male or female. Both nights were great opportunities for our local church to come together to serve others — to become more like Christ. John 10:45

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know Him or have a relationship with Him. The second large group session focused on the two greatest commandments — love the Lord and love others. The last large group session focused on Barabbas and Jesus. The students were challenged to discuss the characteristics of them. Jesus was innocent and died on the cross for the sins of others. Whereas, Barabbas was guilty and did not have to pay for his crime. How are we like them? If we are to amplify Jesus, who should we look more like?



During small group time, the students, led by college-age counselors, Aaron Oltenbeck, Kennedy Webb, and Lauren Waller, went further in-depth into the topic of the large group sessions.

Before large group sessions, there was a time of worship with a praise



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Arkansas Developmental Center for Children and Families (EXCEL), South Arkansas Fights AIDS, and Turning Point.

One supported organization is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. According to their website (<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>), "Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age." Dolly started this program in 1995, because she was inspired by her father's inability to read and write. In the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia, 1,398,234 kids are registered and 115,144,128 books have been mailed. Alexis said that United Way helps fund books in Union County by paying Imagination Library a set fee per child. If a child, parent, or grandparent lives in Union County, you can sign up the child. You can sign-up by going to the site listed above. There are also brochures in our church library.

United Way and their partners have plenty of opportunities for you to help — either financially or through volunteering. You can help a child or adult read, tutor math, mentor, etc. For more information about United Way, go to <http://www.unitedwayofunioncounty.org/>.

Overall, it was a great evening of learning about United Way Union County and spending time with other ladies.



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DIFFERENCE

## Kids in Action (December)

By Ruth Guinn

In December, the kids had a pizza party at Larry's Pizza & sang Christmas carols by the piano to customers. They didn't want us to stop singing, but we had to leave for Courtyard Rehab for our Christmas program for the residents.



At Courtyard, we sang Christmas carols to the residents. Rebekah Cooley led the kids in singing. Andrew Clawson was in charge of hand bells. The kids passed hand bells out to the residents & we all played. The kids also passed out crafts they had made for the residents and candy cane bags with the Gospel story to the employees. It's hard to say who



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team made up of Brandon Dailey (Blake's brother) and Jordan Henry. Both played guitars and sang. Songs like "Good, Good Father", "Lion and the Lamb", and "Faithful You Are" were sung. At one point, Jordan stopped and discussed worship — focusing on praising God in song.



On Friday and Saturday nights, the students slept at the homes of Marrable Hill Chapel members. The boys stayed at the Hershbergers' house and the girls stayed at the McGoogans' house. Some of the meals and small group sessions were at the homes. Staying in the homes gave each group an opportunity to grow closer with each other — "breaking bread" and sharing life together. Thank you, Joseph & Joan Hersherberger and Joey & Leigh Ann McGoogan for sharing your time, food, and homes with our students!

The students also participated in a scavenger hunt. This hunt wasn't to find objects, but to find opportunities to serve. Students got points for raking yards, serving a church member's needs, random acts of kindness, and community clean-up (schools, parks, etc.). They also got points for sharing their testimony.

D-Now was a successful weekend! Students were able to grow in the Lord and grow in their relationships with others in the youth group.

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enjoyed things more — the residents, workers, or the kids. Special thanks to all the parents who helped.





## Christmas Boxes

In December, Marrable Hill Chapel collected food items to donate to people to enjoy a Christmas meal with their family. Church members donated hams, turkeys, mashed potatoes, dressing, canned vegetables, canned fruit, flour, sugar, and desserts.

On December 12th, the youth packed and wrapped the boxes that were delivered to over 20 families. Thank you for your contributions!

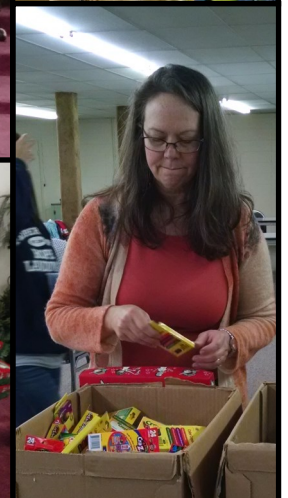


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says, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others...”

In total, 177 boxes were shipped to Samaritan’s Purse. Each box was prayed over — that the children and their families would know that God loved them and that they could be saved. Thank you for donating your time, money, and items. Lives will be changed for eternity, because of you.





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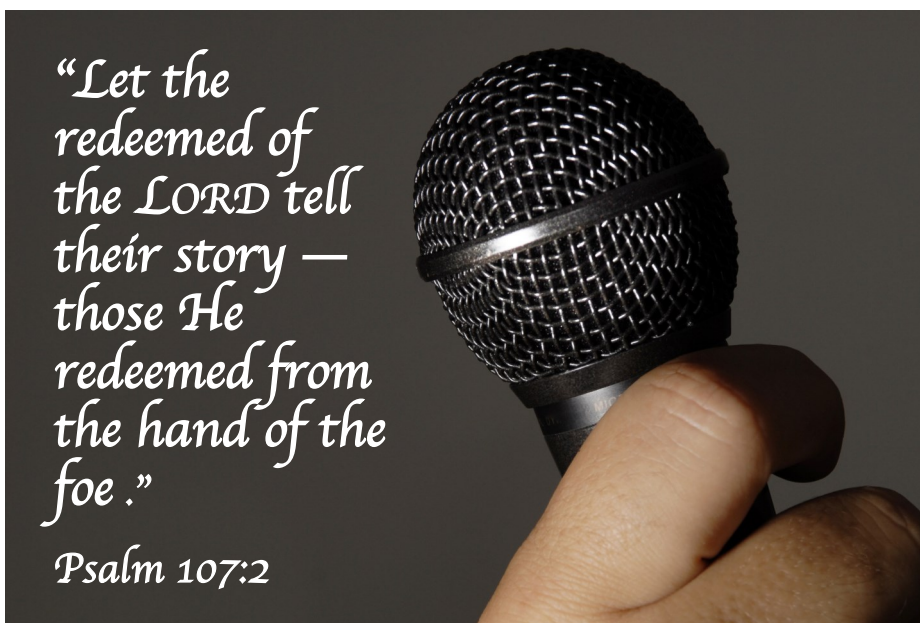


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being able to share with friends at church. In the future, Blake plans on having other opportunities for the students to share their testimonies. The more the students (and us adults) practice, the easier it will become.

If you missed any of the Sunday Morning Worship Services that emphasized testimonies, you can go to the Marrable Hill Chapel website to view them (<https://www.marrablehillchapel.com/worship-services>).

What has God done in your life? What is He doing now? What is your story? Share it with someone. You have the answer that will give hope to someone.



Chapel Communiques can be found on Marrable Hill Chapel's website (<https://www.marrablehillchapel.com/newsletters>).