Special prayer & a special invite

There are times when extra prayer is needed. This is one of those times for our town. I encourage everyone to take extra quiet time this week in meditation and prayer for our neighbors who may be hurting right now. Less talking to one another and more talking to God is good advice for us all.

On the positive side, remember that Super Bowl is coming next Sunday, and we'll have a special service. Via Lifechurch.tv, we'll have NFL players (past and present) talking about their faith in Christ.

Some of the players will play in the big game later that day.

It'll be a good time to invite family and friends to share church with you.

The old Chinese
Proverb says, "The best
time to plant a tree was
20 years ago, the
second best time is
now."

So – now – is the time to invite!

Love and blessings,

Wayne



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A dark spiritual time & a wise response

A major spiritual tragedy has hit our school and community.

The details of what happened are very important to the individuals and families who are directly involved, but are not nearly so important to most of us.

Some who are indirectly involved – but closer to the situation than the community as a whole – have some hard work to do.

School administrators, teachers and students have a lot to sort out – factually, personally and spiritually. How well or how poorly this is done will have consequences for many people for years to come. What they will say – to and about – those who have fallen and what they will do – for and with them – are urgent concerns. We can be sure that a lot of people will either grow up or grow worse in the spiritual aftermath.

But for the rest of us, in spiritual terms, the specifics are not the issue. We weren't there, and we aren't there. We will never know, in meaningful detail, what occurred and

what the people who are responsible are going through. It is not our place to determine exactly who is to blame and what is to be done about it.

So what should we do? That depends...

None of us should gloat and gossip. Instead, we should grieve and pray for those who must pick up the pieces and make sense of the circumstances. We must *really* grieve and *really* pray.

We can also offer to help, give aid and comfort if these are requested and – wait. We should trust God, show mercy, give encouragement if called upon to do so and patiently look on – *from a safe distance* – as others work things out.

Giving Summary for January

The giving total for January to this point is: \$1344.

Thanks to all who care enough to help with the church's ministries and future.

-- Church Treasurer Kristin Ross

Come as you are. But don't stay as you are. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.



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Welcome

Generations is a place of prayer, worship & personal involvement.

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday night children and youth meetings
 ... children at 5:30 PM (with a meal) and youth at 7:00
- Sunday morning service Coffee Shop at 10:00 AM. Worship at 10:25
- Sunday evening younger singles and couples ...beginning tonight at 6 PM
- Special Super Bowl Sunday LifeChurch message, February 1

...by video, NFL personnel – *including players from both competing teams* – who believe in Christ

Favorite Super Bowl Pot-luck meal after the service

Worship Team

Pastor: Bobby Garringer

<u>Sound</u>: Larry Zook

Serving at the Lord's Table: Wayne Lamunyon and

Steve Haltom

Closing Prayer: Richard Moore

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10:00 AM Coffee Shop Opens 10:25 Call to Worship Song:

"How He Loves Us" As the music plays, please move to the seating area. *All who wish – and are able – may stand at their seat as we sing.*

Announcements

See "Upcoming Events" above.

Prayer Requests & Prayer Lighting of the Advent Candle 10:40 Worship

All who wish and are able, are invited to stand as we sing. "Lord, I Give My Heart" "Nothing But the Blood"

10:45 Children's Message

"When Duck Duck Grows Up" (Psalm 139:13)

10:50 LifeChurch Message

"Jesus and We" - 4

11:20-25 Communion

Meditation: Colossians 1:21-23 *Proceed to the table and return to your seat. We will take the symbols together after prayer.*

11:30 Altar Call

"Shout to the Lord"

11:30-35 Offering & Dismissal

Meditation: Colossians 3:1-3

Prayer

List of Prayer Requests:



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