



Tranquil Tidings

Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ in our Community since 1820.



You will be
blessed when you
come in
And blessed when
you go out.
Deuteronomy 28:6



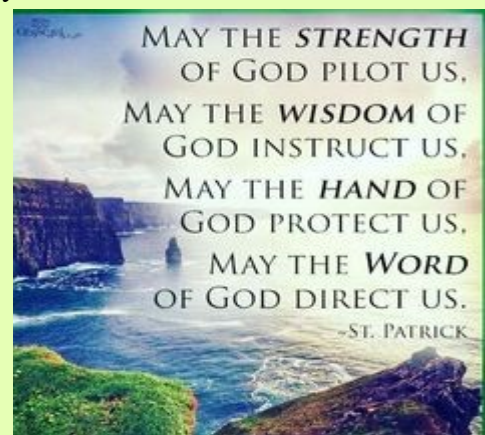
Rev. John P. Bolin

Don't believe in luck.....believe in God.

Scriptures teach humans not to believe in luck because it is arbitrary and unpredictable. On the other hand, God is unchanging, and always has His character. For Christians, believing in luck should be a no-no. Not only does it move away our faith from God, it also makes us believe that there are events in our life that God has no control of.



The Bible does not support the concept of luck as pure chance or randomness. Instead, the Bible emphasizes the sovereignty of God and His role in orchestrating events in the lives of individuals. The idea of "casting lots" to make a decision is mentioned in the Old and New Testament, but the Word of God shows that "every decision is from the Lord". The Bible speaks about luck in many places, providing insight and advice about the importance of hard work, relying on God's provision, and recognizing that luck is a result of prayer, faith, and action.



From an earthly perspective, things may seem to happen at random, but throughout the whole of Scripture, it is clear that God is in control of all of His creation and is somehow able to take the random acts of natural law, the free will of both good and evil men, and the wicked intent of demons and combine them all to accomplish His good and perfect will (Genesis 50:20); Job Chapters 1 and 42; John 9:1-7). And Christians, specifically, are given the promise that God works all things, whether seemingly good or bad, together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).



STEWARDSHIP

February Offerings

Yearly Budget: \$ 214,746.00
 Needed weekly for budget: \$ 4,129.73
 Yearly Budget needed to date: \$ 33,037.84
 Yearly Budget received to date: \$29,779.55
 (-3,258.29)

Giving is Worship

Giving back to the One who gave

SERVING

March Trustee of the Month

Jerrel Goldman
 (H) 864-223-6087
 (C)864-554-6118

March Counters:

4 Cindy Davis
11 Linda Goldman
18 Patsy Anderson
25 Ann Coker
Apr 1 Sandy Shaffer

Altar Guild Volunteer for March:

Gail Murph

Ushers for March:

Janet Robinson and Olivia Bayne

Lay Speakers for March

3 Jane Price
10 Martha Vincent
17 Rev. Jim Davis
24 Sandy Shaffer
31 Jane Price

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 3	Exod 20:1-17 Ps 19 (UMH 750) 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
March 10	Num 21:4-9 Ps 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830) Eph 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
March 17	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:1-12 (UMH 785) Heb 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
March 24	Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11: 1-11 Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839) Liturgy of the Passion Isa 50:4-9 Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764) Phil 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39(40-47)
March 31	Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) 1 Cor 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

ALTAR FLOWERS

3 In honor of our Children's Sunday School Class
By Cindy Davis and Gail Murph

10 In honor of my grandson Grant Witt
By Benzie Witt

17 In honor of Rebecca and Zane's Wedding
Anniversary and our grandchildren.
By: Deanna and Danny Willis

24 Palms—Glory to God

31 Palms—Glory to God

CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

- 2 Cathy Anderson, Helen Watson
- 3 Joey Giles, Barbara Richey
- 4 Benzie Witt, Katie Greer
- 6 Lisa Dunn, Wyatt Thompson, Fred Price
- 10 Brandon Durham, Gail Murph
- 11 Linda Hagan, Mary Rylander
- 12 McKinley Townsend, Rebecca Vickery
- 16 Harold Davenport, Steve Palmer, Benjy Simmons, Bill Clinkscales
- 18 Mark Harrison, Heather Lewis
- 20 Tommy Nickles
- 21 Cate Hamilton, Owen Thompson
- 22 John Bolin
- 24 Brandon Strickland
- 29 Trey Rambo
- 30 Evan Fallaw, Will Allen, Carrie McCall
- 31 Anne Willingham

Birthstone: Aquamarine/Bloodstone

Anniversaries



- 3 Harold and Susan Davenport
- 10 Willy and Starr Jeffreys
- 15 Steve and Carolyn Durham, John and Carrie McCall
- 16 Jim and Judy Davis
- 20 Jack and Cheryl Simpson
- 26 Mike and Lori Buist
- 28 Lee and Gail Murph, Zane and Rebecca Vickery
- 30 Billy and Lisa Dunn

Flower: Jonquil or Daffodill



WINDS OF MARCH

*Winds of March, we welcome you.
There is work for you to do.
Work and play and blow all day.
Blow the winter cold away.*

Thank you 

H

Dear Tranquil family,

Thank you for remembering me and my family in your thoughts, memorials and prayers in the death of my sister, Jane McFate.

She would have loved all of you. Your love and kindness helped ease the heartache.

God bless you.

Jackie Hall and Family

Thank you 

R

My Dearest Tranquil Family,

I cannot thank you enough for your love and support during these last few months that Gary was not well. There were many times I struggled trying to keep up with my obligation to you and this wonderful church yet, I was lovingly supported with your love, prayers, notes, and your covering of the office for me in my times of absence. You let me cry on your shoulders. You let me share my feelings. You let me come and go as I could. You let me remain in your fellowship of friendship as you consoled me.

Thank you so much for the memorials in Gary's memory.

People need to know Tranquil and I hope that those who are reading this will come to understand the great church that you are as I am SO BLESSED to be a part of it.

With love, Jane

Prayer Requests



Ashton
Richard Butler
Sam Byrd
Channing
Dolly
Sylvia Goff
Harper Reese
Larry and Francine

Lucille
Our Country and Leadership
Sonny
The Roper Family
Those in addiction
Teresa Medlin
Unspoken



Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864-223-5333, tranquilmc@wctel.net or by accessing the church website at www.thetranquillife.org.



PLEASE RETURN!

At the end of our Baby Bottle Campaign, all bottles were returned except 4. If you have a bottle at home, please return to the office. Thanks so much!



Daylight Saving Time



Sunday, March 10 2024—Sunday, November 3 2024

Set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed.

Daylight saving time became a national standard in 1966 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act, which was established as a way to continue to conserve energy.

Daylight saving causes us to lose an hour for one day but allows people to get up earlier in the morning and experience more daylight in the evening during the summer months.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LENT 2024

March 3	Lenten Service	5:00 p.m.
March 10	Lenten Service	5:00 p.m.
March 17	Lenten Service	5:00 p.m.
March 24	Palm Sunday Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion	6:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	6:00 p.m.
March 31	Early Morning Worship Service (Breakfast will follow)	8:30 a.m.
March 31	Easter Worship Service (no Sunday School)	10:00 a.m.

I choose to believe in
GOD'S
magnificent **grace**
HIS awesome **timing**
and HIS tremendous **favor**
and NOT in luck or fate.
C.L. Murphy



In Honor

In honor of March Birthdays

By the following:

Fred and Jane Price

In honor of Clyde and Leslie McKaba

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

In honor of Jane Roper

By the following:

Bubba and Cindy Davis

In Memory

In memory of June Trotman

(Bubba Davis and Ann Tharpe's sister)

By the following:

Sue Goist

In memory of Jane McFate

(Jackie Hall's sister)

By the following:

Fred and Jane Price

In memory of Gary Roper

By the following:

Nancy Buchanan

Richard and Ann Coker

Carolyn Ferry

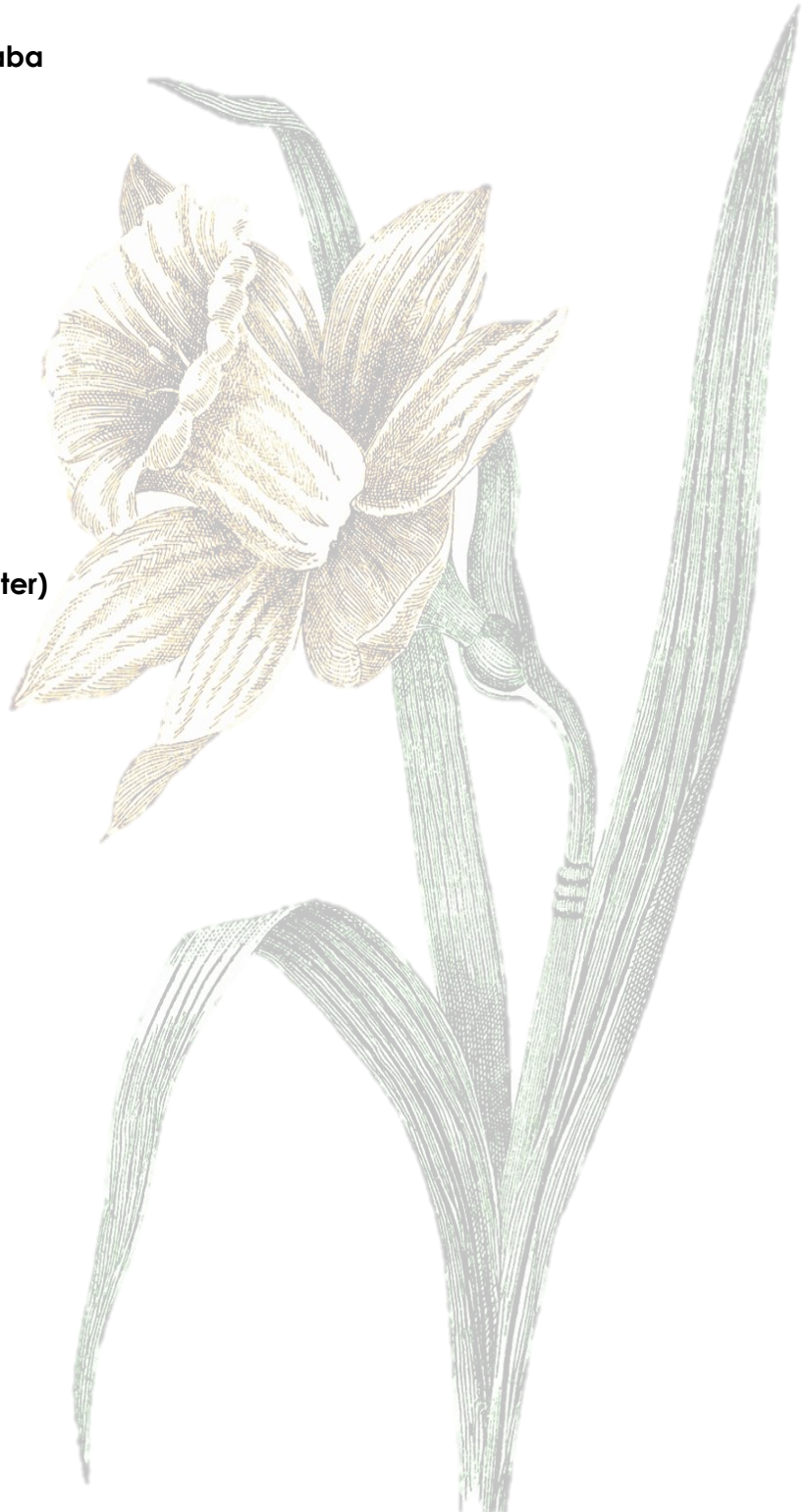
Jackie Hall

David and Yvonne Hill

JoAnn Purkerson

Bill and Elaine Turner

Helen Watson



Memorials and Honorariums

Tranquil greatly appreciates the gifts that have been made in honor and in memory.

Meetings & Practices



DAY APART PROGRAM

for Greenwood UWF
Saturday, March 2, 2024
9 – 9:45 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Program
Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP



BE PRESENT



CHOIR PRACTICE

Sundays—March 3, 10, and 24
2:00 p.m.,
Brockwell Sunday School Classroom



Tranquility Circle
Monday, March 18, 2024
6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall



Pauline Botts Circle
Monday, March 18, 2024
Noon—Montague's
Hostesses: tba



BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays - 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Lenten Study

He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado
Wednesdays, March 6, 13, and 20, 2024
5:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

Community Lenten Pilgrimage Schedule

Greenwood Churches Community
LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

March 6—First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church
1635 Cokesbury Road

March 13—First Baptist Church
722 Grace Street

March 20—Main Street United
Methodist Church
211 Main Street, North

March 27—First Presbyterian Church
108 East Cambridge Avenue

Worship each week begins at
12:30 p.m.

Lunch is served before AND after
worship.


\$2 donation requested to help cover the
cost of the meal.

1st seating at 12 p.m.

2nd seating at 1 p.m.

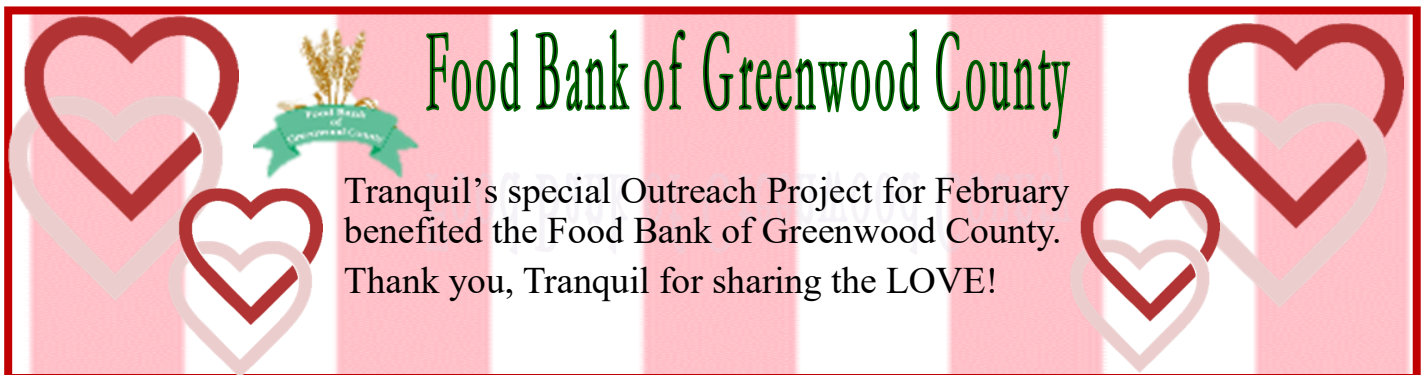
Offering each week goes to the Greater
Greenwood United Ministries. Offering
plates are at the exits as you leave the
service.

REACHING OUT... In our community



Food Bank of Greenwood County

Tranquil's special Outreach Project for February benefited the Food Bank of Greenwood County. Thank you, Tranquil for sharing the LOVE!



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



Lent

PRAYER

Prayer is the action that leads people to God. We take time away from the distractions of the world to turn to God, to contemplate, to listen and talk to Him, to read His words and meditate on them, to be one with Him. Prayer gives meaning to Lenten practice, which should draw us closer to Him.

FASTING

Fasting is restricting consumption, depriving yourself of both good and bad things for the glory of God. This normally means watching what you eat, on a day that is practiced, one regular meal and two small ones. During Lent, we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence is practiced all Fridays of Lent.

ALMSGIVING

Alms are money, food or other material goods donated to people living in poverty. Providing alms is often considered an act of virtue or charity.



Lent is a solemn 40-day period of preparation for the Christian feast of Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is marked by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, as well as repentance. It commemorates the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and resisting temptation, before starting his public ministry. Lent aims to focus on Jesus sacrifice on the cross and the miracle of his Resurrection.

March



Worship Services are available on Facebook, You Tube and our Website www.the.tranquillife.org.


<p>3 Worship—11: 00 a.m. Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Classroom Lenten Service 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Stillwell Class Bkfst. 7:30—10:45 a.m. Worship—11: 00 a.m. Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Class Lenten Service—5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17 Worship—11: 00 a.m. NO Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Classroom Lenten Service 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.— Fellowship Hall Pauline Botts Circle Noon—Montague’s Tranquility Circle Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>19 </p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24 Palm Sunday Worship Service 11: 00 a.m. Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Classroom</p>	<p>25 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>31 EASTER He Is Risen Service 8:30 am. (breakfast to follow in the Fellowship Hall) Worship Service 10: 00 a.m. (no Sunday School) NO Choir Practice</p>	<p>Have you visited Tranquil’s Web Page? You can access Worship Information, the Monthly Newsletter, Online Giving, Online Worship, the Thought for the Day, Current Church Ministries, Kid’s Corner, Contact and Staff information and so much more! Prayer requests can also be submitted. CHECK IT OUT!!!! www.thequillife.org</p>		

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1 	2 DAY APART PROGRAM For Greenwood UWF 9 – 9:45 a.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. Program Fellowship Hall
	7	8	9
	14	17	18
	21 Mountain Movers 7 p.m.—Brockwell SS Classroom	22	23
	28 Maundy Thursday Service with communion 6:00 p.m.	29 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 6:00 p.m.	30



ON MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those wishing to make an announcement(s) in the newsletter please do so two weeks in advance, if possible, to provide adequate time for publishing.

DEADLINE to submit information is by the 23rd of each month unless otherwise noted.



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HE IS RISEN May you feel Christ's love in your heart and be filled with his peace and joy this Easter and always.

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