

The CHIMES

PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Stephen Price-Gibson

SESSION

Clerk:

ELDERS

2012

Gary Feind
Kathleen Johnston
Scott Matteson
Orlena Moyer
Tiffany Tarvestad

2013

Steve Case
Doug Giles
Patricia Hild
Steve Miller

2014

Shirley McCammond
John McKirahan
Lissa Woodruff

DEACONS

2012

Suzzie Bresley
Sally Bryson
Diane Panowicz
Janet Pickens
Ken Slominski

2013

Tim Hanson
Jean Johnson
Mary Jo Morrow
Carol Smith
Julia Tye

2041

Kit Alff
Robin Bowers
Mike Bryson
Sally Olsen
Dirk Shultz

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Ed. – Tiffany Tarvestad
Congregational Life – Gary Feind
Evangelism – Lissa Woodruff
Finance – Steve Case
Memorial – Orlena Moyer
Mission – Pat Hild
Personnel – Scott Matteson
Property & Grounds – Steve Miller
Worship & Music – Kathleen Johnston

FROM THE PASTOR: Looking Ahead to Lent

The holy season of Lent will begin this month on Ash Wednesday, which will come on February 22. Lent is the traditional Christian time to prepare ourselves spiritually so that we can fully appreciate and participate in the events of Holy Week: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, his crucifixion and death on Good Friday, and his rising from the dead on Easter. Lent is to Easter as Spring Training is to the baseball season, or studying is to taking a final exam. It is possible to play baseball without practice or to take a test without studying, but both the game and the exam will go better if we have prepared for them.

During Lent we want to better understand the person and work of Christ and he has done for us: what it means to call him the Son of God, his living and dying for us, his descent in hell, how his death on the cross overcomes our sin, and the quality of the eternal life he has won for us, and the claims of faith in a culture like ours that places so much emphasis on reason and science.

And that is why I invite you to *Time-Travelers, Ghosts and Zombies: A Lenten Study*. These science-fiction and fantasy characters that fill our TV sets, movie screens, video games and the pages of our books will lead us into a better understanding of how through the Bible our God reveals to us that we are reconciled by Jesus Christ who has redeemed us in the power of his Holy Spirit.

And yes, there *are* time-travelers, ghosts and zombies in the Bible.

The Lenten Bible Study will be offered as part of Wednesday Night Live. The Bible Study will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning on February 29 and ending on March 28. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m., so come and enjoy a delicious meal with friends. And please feel free to invite guests to be a part of the meal and the Lenten Study.

See you in church!
Stephen

ALL IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations:

Worship & Music Committee's recognition for special services to our congregation for FEBRUARY is **Peggi Jenkins** for serving as clerk of session in 2011, and all **outgoing Elders (Jon Abegglen, Richard Elliott, Mimi Frerichs, Ron Panowicz and Lynnda Shaffer)** and **Deacons (Karen Diestler, Beth Johnson, Ruth Slominski, and Sara Sup)** who have served the church.

Steve Miller and Jacob Hild who have been selected to represent the Presbytery of Central Nebraska at the 2012 General Assembly in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 30-July 7, 2012. Steve is a Elder Commissioner and Jacob is a Youth Advisory Delegate.

Thank You's:

To the church: Thanks for the poinsettia and the winter bouquet and especially thanks to everyone for your prayers and visits. **Bernice Frauen**

Dear First Presbyterian Friends: Thank you to so many of you who helped and gave Doug great support over the 15 months that he fought esophageal cancer. You were so thoughtful to send cards, come by for visits, or make phone calls. Plus flowers from Sunday worship and maybe a casserole or soup now and then, we really appreciated it all and Doug felt your love and support. He was really positive the whole time and so hoped he would be able to conquer this – but God had other plans for him. So we really feel really blessed to have your prayers and friendships. It meant so much. Thank you! Love, **Emily State**

First Presbyterian Church, We are grateful to the congregation for all your help and cooperation in allowing our Preschool East Campus be at the church. God's blessings to all of you! Thank you! **Ms. Sue, Ms. Jodi and Ms. Kristeen, YMCA Little Learners Preschool**

Sympathies to:

The Family of June Sergeant who entered eternal life on Sunday, December 25, 2011. A memorial service for June was held on Friday, January 6, 2012.

Emily State and Family with the death of Doug State on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Doug's funeral was held on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

Directory Corrections:

Rodger and Kay Payne, 4704 Country Club Lane, Kearney NE 68845

NEW DIRECTORY

A new directory listing members with their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses is in process. Please call the church office (234-4543) with any corrections by February 10th.

Thank you, Rose Miller



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESSION NOTES

The Session held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 17th. Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session.

The selection of Session Officers and Committee Assignments was conducted at this organizational meeting. Scott Matteson was elected to serve as Clerk of Session for 2012. Charlie Pickens was elected as Treasurer. Steve Miller was elected as Presbytery Commissioner to represent our church.

Committee Moderators and Session members helping on committees were approved as:

Christian Education: Tiffany Tarvestad

Congregational Life: Gary Feind

Evangelism: Lissa Woodruff and
John McKirahan

Finance & Stewardship: Steve Case and
Doug Giles

Memorial: Orlena Moyer

Mission: Pat Hild and John McKirahan

Personnel: Scott Matteson, Doug Giles,
and Shirley McCammond

Property & Grounds: Steve Miller

Worship & Music: Kathleen Johnston and
Shirley McCammond

The 2012 budget, 2011 Annual Statistical Report and 2011 Annual Report were reviewed and approved.

COMMUNION SERVERS

Instead of eight communion servers, only six will be necessary for the time being. If you are willing to serve communion (first Sunday of the month and Maundy Thursday), have been, or are now a Deacon or Elder, please contact Kathleen Johnston, current Worship & Music Committee Moderator, at 236-9247.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5

Following 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

All-Church Potluck

following the Annual Meeting

sponsored by the

Congregational Life Committee

Bring a covered dish to share.

Table service and drinks

will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

PRIME OF LIFE

Prime of Life will meet on Sunday, February 12, 2012. Please note Prime of Life moved to the second Sunday in February because of the SuperBowl. Hosts for February are: Gayle and Wilma Woodruff, Dewaine and Betty Fisher, Vi Pimper, and Myron Haines. Contact one of the hosts to confirm your attendance. The Taize service is the program.

Prime of Life is a social group that meets at the church on the first Sunday evening of each month for a light meal, delightful program, and wonderful fellowship. We want to extend an open invitation to everyone of the "mature age" of 55 or older. Singles and couples are welcome.



LADIES OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

The Women's Bible Study circles began the third week of September, but we still encourage you to sign up for our evening group, the afternoon group or the suppertime group – whatever fits your schedule. This year the study is *Confessing the Beatitudes* created by Margaret Aymer.

B.A.G. Ladies Circle

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Church Library

Hannah Circle

7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20

Janet Pickens' Home

Ruth Circle

1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

Church Classroom



Women's Bible Study

BOOK BROWSING

Facts from February found under 90E:

Loving Each Other by Leo Buscaglia

A Love Worth Giving by Max Lucado

Lovingly by Helen Steiner Rice

To Love and to Cherish by Dorene Waggoner

And under 09F *Parenting with Love and Logic*
by Foster Cline, M.D. and Jim Fay

Or choose whatever book your heart desires.

GOD LOVES YOU!

OUR LOVED ONES IN MILITARY SERVICE

Brent Anderson, nephew of Mary Kulhanek, is currently serving in Afghanistan. Brent enlisted in the Army in July, 1989. After graduating from basic training, he went to Ft. Bliss, TX for Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as a 24 T or Patriot Missile System Operator/Maintainer. Brent was deployed with his active duty unit to Saudi Arabia on Aug. 10, 1990 for the Gulf War (Desert Storm). He was a Patriot operator, whose mission was to protect the port of Daharan while other military personnel offloaded. The Patriot operators ended up shooting down SCUDS during the war. Brent got out of the Army in July, 1992, and enlisted in the NE National Guard in 1999. He was a generator mechanic for the 267th Maintenance Company. Brent was deployed to Iraq from Dec., 2003-Feb., 2005 and was stationed at FOB (forward operating base) Speicher next to Tirkrit. During this deployment, Brent's unit suffered the loss of Jeremy Fischer and Linda Tarango-Griess. This was a very sad time for everyone in central NE. Following this deployment and the anguish that comes with losing fellow soldiers in war, Brent left the National Guard. He enlisted AGAIN in the NE National Guard with B Co2-135th Aviation in May, 2008 as an aircraft refueler and was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in May, 2011. Brent is currently a gunner on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. During this deployment, tragedy struck again with the loss of Dave Carter and Patrick Hamburger. Dave was the pilot and Pat was the flight engineer on Extortion 17, the helicopter that went down with the Navy Seals in August.

Brent is scheduled to return to Grand Island in late May 2012. Among those anxiously awaiting his return are his wife Kelly and their children Courtney (14) and Keifer(9).



THE AMERICAN BOYCHOIR

On Monday, April 23, the American Boychoir will be traveling to Kearney from Colorado Springs. The Worship and Music Committee has volunteered our church to host the boys overnight. Founded in Columbus, Ohio in 1937, the choir has been located in Princeton, New Jersey, since 1950. Its members – boys in grades 4 through 8 – come from around the country to pursue a rigorous academic and musical curriculum at the American Boychoir School.

There are 30 boys in the choir, so we need 15 families who could provide them with lodging and breakfast. To show their appreciation for our hospitality, the choir has offered to do a private mini-concert for the host families upon their arrival at our church. If possible, we would also like to offer them a potluck dinner. They will be traveling to Lincoln the next day.

If you could host two boys (separate beds), please let Sandy McKirahan or Kathleen Johnston know. This is a great opportunity for our church to extend our hospitality to the United States' premier concert boy's choir.

2012 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENTS

Per capita apportionments for Central Nebraska Presbytery in 2012 will be \$27.83 per active member. Per capita dollars help support the ministries of the Central Nebraska Presbytery, the work of our Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and the General Assembly. Each church is asked to pay \$27.83 per active member in its congregation. This money is then used to support the work and mission of the larger church. Any member wishing to pay their per capita may do so by check in the amount of \$27.83 per member in your household. Please mark per capita in the memo on your check.

2012 COFFEE HOST

The Deacons Need YOUR Help! **Wanted: Coffee Hosts for 2012.** If you are one of the many who enjoy the coffee fellowship time after church, then ***WE WANT YOU!*** *Please sign up on the chart in the narthex.*

2012 FLOWER CHART

The new 2012 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Please take a few moments to sign up to contribute flowers to glorify God's house on Sunday and to honor or celebrate your loved ones!



2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2012 stewardship envelopes for your pledges are available in the Narthex. More offering sets are available if you didn't receive a set. Contact Rose in the church office.

CHIMES DEADLINE

Just a reminder if you would like something published in the *Chimes*, the church's monthly newsletter, *deadline is the 20th of each month.* Thank you!

EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS

Why not consider giving a gift of Fair Trade coffee, tea or hot cocoa? These products make great additions to a gift basket. Just add some mugs to the basket and you're set for an easy gift!

Taize Worship Service

Sunday, February 12, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

A **TAIZE** Worship Service will be held the
Second Sunday of each month

The TAIZE Community was first developed in Taize, France by Brother Roger Shutz in the 1940's with an ecumenical group of church people from all over the world. It is from this community that TAIZE worship has come.

Our faith begins and ends in worship; yet so often our worship can be submerged in a welter of instruction, edification and moral exhortation. In many churches on a Sunday morning there is little opportunity for corporate quiet, for reflection, for focusing in on the God who speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. The great contribution made by the TAIZE Community has been the popularization of a more contemplative approach to worship.

TAIZE worship includes candlelight, prayers, readings, soft music, and silence. The service is very meditative and offers a wonderful opportunity to be silent and center on the Lord.

The service is open to the entire community.

Come as you are – and bring your friends.

Sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Kearney

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

January 11 – March 28 – 5:30-8:30 p.m.

<u>February 1</u>	<u>February 8</u>	<u>February 15</u>	<u>February 22</u>	<u>February 29</u>
Baked Chicken/Rice	Stromboli	Stew	Pork Chops	Burritos
Green Beans	Pasta Salad	Peaches	Mashed Potatoes	Spanish Rice
Fruit Cocktail	Chips	Dinner Roll	Peas	Cupcakes
Cupcakes	Cookies	Brownies/Bars	Cake	

5:30-6:00 pm Adults - Sunday Spice; K-5th Grade – Vocal Choir

6:00-6:30 pm Dinner Time for all groups

6:30-7:00 pm K-5th Grade & Adults - Bible Study

6:30-7:00 pm Middle/Senior Youth Groups – Group Time

7:00-7:30 pm Games for all groups

7:30-8:30 pm Middle School Youth Group – Confirmation Class

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE ON FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 6:30 P.M.

Hope to see you there!!!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

The youth group is hosting a SouperBowl Can drive collection at the church. Donations will be given to our local food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to church. We will have an area in the Narthex available to collect the items. We are collecting items now through Souperbowl Sunday which is February 5th.



RECREATION DAY Saturday, March 10 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Parents and Grandparents, mark your calendar and plan to bring the little ones to church on March 10th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Light snack provided. We have a lot of playing in store – Dodgeball, 4 Square, and Basketball. Nursery Supervision provided for the younger children. No registration necessary. For more details contact the church office.

YOUTH GROUPS' SKI TRIP

Youth group is going on a Ski trip this Spring, to Mt. Crescent in Honey Creek, IA. The group will overnight in Omaha and activities planned are:

- skiing
- snow tubing
- zibob sledding
- (Mini sled with steering capabilities)
- lazor tag
- roller skating

It will be a lot to pack to do in just two days! For more information please contact Jeff & Rona Newby or Tiffany Tarvestad.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Wednesday Night Live meets every Wednesday this month beginning at 5:30 p.m. It's fun for all and programming is designed for all ages. The common meal costs \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. Please join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes are open! Whether you are 3 yrs or 103, please join us Sunday mornings for Sunday school. The bell rings at 9 am. While we take attendance, we don't give tardies or report cards!

We have three adult classes to choose from. Thank you to all who participate, we couldn't do it without both teachers and students ☺

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Spring Term 2012	Time	Adults	Kids	Middle School	Senior High
	5:30-6:00	Sunday Spice	Vocal Choir	Free Time	Bible Study
	6:00-6:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
	6:30-7:00	Bible Study	Bible Study	Group time	Group time
	7:00-7:30	XXX	Games	Games	Games
	7:30-8:00	XXX	XXX	Confirmation	XXX
	8:00-8:30	XXX	XXX	Confirmation	XXX
		5:30-7:00pm	5:30-7:30pm	5:30-8:30pm	5:30-7:30pm

Dates held

January 11th - April 1st			
Sunday Spice: Three Groups			
WNL Sessions	Wednesdays	Sundays	Group
1	11-Jan	15-Jan	
2	18-Jan	22-Jan	
3	25-Jan	29-Jan	
4	1-Feb	5-Feb	
5	8-Feb	12-Feb	1
6	15-Feb	19-Feb	2
7	22-Feb	26-Feb	3
8	29-Feb	4-Mar	
9	7-Mar	11-Mar	1
10	14-Mar	18-Mar	2
11	21-Mar	25-Mar	3
12	28-Mar	1-Apr	

Sunday Spice	Group
Tiffany	1
Paulette	2
Barb	3

Bible Study
Bev Pickens
3, 4, & 5 curr
Senior High

Kitchen Crew	EM-C	Vocal Choir	Games
Rose	Charlie	Sharon	Tiffany
Mary	Rich	Peggi	
Janet	Myron		

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIMES FOR MISSION

The Mission Committee has designated that Dimes for Mission collected January through March be sent to the Relena and Tommy Myers family to be used for the camp as they see fit. The Myers family are members of our congregation who moved to Canada to be directors at the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat. This camp is a Presbyterian sponsored church camp. The camp relies on donations and funds from their presbytery in Canada and from camp registration monies. They are always in need of funds to replenish supplies, maintain buildings, and help with the many costs involved in running a camp. The Myers and big brother Toby are expecting a baby girl and have plans to move back to the states in the next six months where they are looking at some different ministries in western Nebraska, Rapid City area, and Colorado.



Dimes for Mission

SAVE LABELS FOR CASH

Please save your *Best Choice* labels (UPC symbol) and bring them to the church where a box will be located in the church office. For every 1,000 labels we will receive \$30. *Best Choice* products are available at Grand Central Apple Market. Some *Best Choice* products excluded are aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans, and cigarettes. *We have reached 1,000 labels but keep collecting for another 1,000 labels. Thank you!*

TREE OF WARMTH

The Deacon "Warming Tree" Committee took the wonderful donations to the S.A.F.E. Center on Thursday, December 29, BEFORE the snow storms came this year. Thanks to many of our congregation's members and their children.

We were able to deliver the following:

- 9 Blankets, throws and 1 beautiful hand-crocheted afghan
- 13 Girl's mitten and hat sets
- 18 Boy's mitten and hat sets
- 18 Winter/Scarves or warm muffler
- 1 pair leggings
- 2 pairs warm night booties
- 18 pairs warm mittens/gloves

The Deacon's Committee of Diane Panowicz and Ruth Slominski would like to thank each of you who contributed to the S.A.F.E. Center project. If you have other coats, mittens, gloves, blankets and other warming pieces, please contact either Diane or Ruth and they will see that they are delivered to the S.A.F.E. Center's office very soon, so that they will be given to those who need them to stay warm this winter too. Thanks, bunches! May God Bless each of you and may each of you stay warm also!

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Lenten Lunches are held every Friday at Noon during Lent. The lunches are sponsored by the Kearney Ministerial Association and are open to everyone. The theme this year is built around *We Are Called....* The community is invited to the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive. The cost for the lunch is \$5 per person, with a portion of the proceeds being given to local missions. The first service will be on February 19th.

NEWS FROM SUSIE

(Susie Frerichs, local Presbyterian Missionary in Mexico)

January 14, 2012

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Greetings to you from El Frijolillo where it is 60 degrees and drizzling, and feels like 40 degrees...and remember, that is both an indoor and outdoor temperature. Fortunately, the drizzle does not make it indoors, just the mud we bring in on our feet!

These are relatively calm days after the blur of activity between Christmas and New Years. Most of Abraham's family was here for the holidays though we spent a good share of our time hopping from one Christmas service to the next. It was a happy time for sure and with a bit of sadness that the "party" was over, we have returned to our daily routine, Abraham in the fields (selling his orange crop, dividing bee hives, harvesting a bit of honey, and killing weeds in the corn fields and orange groves) and I at home preparing meals, cleaning house, and preparing classes and sermons for our Sunday visits to the Divine Savior church in La Laguna. This week I also attended classes of the Presbytery's Bible Institute, prepared to teach Introduction to the Bible, but found I did not have any students (my class is a first year class and it appears we won't have first year students this year)! With 5 faculty members and 5 students, I think it is safe to say I am not indispensable.....at least for the moment. We will see if any first year students sign up in February.

This next week (19th-21st) I will attend the presbytery's first ordinary meeting of the year during which I will be received as a local missionary (I was received in membership at the Most Holy Trinity PC of Frijolillo January 8th). On the 22nd, Abraham and I will travel to the city of San Luis Potosi to retrieve my new resident visa and from there we will visit friends in Monclova, Coahuila and friends and my parents in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas before I head to San Antonio, TX for a 2 day meeting for PCUSA's former Mexican personnel (at Mo Ranch the 28th and 29th). One of these days I will get up to visit all of you who have contributed to my support over the years, but I am hoping to get Abraham's tourist visa first so we can travel together.

After the presbytery meeting and upon our return from the border, I will send a new update with more news and information about how you can continue to support the ministry here in the Huastecas. For the moment, please know how appreciative we are of your continued support of my salary and benefits (now actually severance pay). According to PCUSA reports, your church contributed \$800.00 in October and \$400.00 in November.

God's grace and peace be yours in this new year.

In Christ's love,

Susie Frerichs de Hernandez

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER LIST

LITURGISTS

February 5 – Ann Young
 February 12 – Kent Lilly
 February 19 – Julia Tye
 February 26 – Carol Smith



ACOLYTES

February 5 – Christopher & Brian Barua
 February 12 – William Hoback
 February 19 – Ella Lindstrom
 February 26 – Cade Nicol
 March 4 – Ethan Kinney



GREETERS

February 5 – Carson & Heidi Cobb Family
 February 12 – Jeff & Rona Newby
 February 19 – Dean & Alma Gaeth
 February 26 – Jon & Leslie Abegglen
 March 4 – Gayle & Wilma Woodruff



COFFEE HOSTS

February 5 –
 February 12 –
 February 19 – Gordon & Jill Gealy
 February 26 –
 March 4 –



HOSPITAL CALLERS

January 29-February 4 – Kathy Morrow
 February 5-11 – Suzzie Bresley
 February 12-18 – Lorraine Feind
 February 19-25 – Jean Johnson
 February 26-March 3 – Judy
 Rothenberger



REMINDER

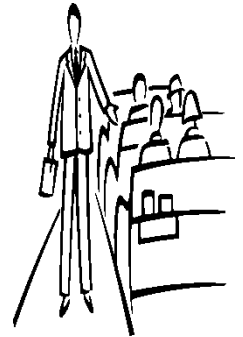
If your schedule does not permit you to be here on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone else and notify the church office at 234-4543.

USHERS

February 5
 Dean & Alma Gaeth
 Charlie & Bev Pickens
 Kathy Morrow
 Janet Pickens
 February 12
 Kent & JoAnn Lilly
 Pete Peterson
 K.C. & Karen Diestler
 Mary Kulhanek

February 19
 Jennifer Rothenberger-Dennis
 Dewaine & Betty Fisher
 Vi Pimper
 Judy Rothenberger
 Jane Stoppkotte
 February 26
 John & Bev Gustafson
 Steve & Matt Case
 Barb Friskopp
 Georgia Byn

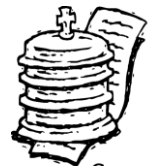
March 4
 Bob & Kay Eckwert
 Alan Rees
 Jean Johnson
 Mary Jo Morrow
 Beth Johnson



USHERS

COMMUNION SERVERS

February 5 – Steve Case
 Barb Friskopp
 Kay Payne
 Rodger Payne
 Judy Rothenberger
 Julia Tye



Communion Servers



KID'S PAGE

FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.



FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

• • • • DIRECTIONS • • • •

To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



gain as or ear van an for give
gave her on it one other he an a

B _____ w _____ h each

ot _____ d _____ give

_____ e an _____ if _____ y

of you h _____ grie _____ ce

a _____ st some _____ .

For _____ as t _____ L _____ d

for _____ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Colossians 3:13, NIV

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WHAT ***NOT*** TO TAKE INTO THE NEW YEAR!

Self-help books – Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6)

Tape measure – Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14)

Rearview mirror – Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14)

Gavel – Stop wasting time judging others. Instead, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38)

Life vest – Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experience Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33)

Garage-door opener – We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25)

Handcuffs – Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through – and despite – us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44)

By Gregg McCaslin (reprinted from Holdrege Presbyterian Church *Spire* Newsletter)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

Evelyn Cavenee	St Luke's Villa, 2300 E 32 nd Place #207, Kearney NE 68847	2/1
Margaret Holzrichter	805 West 24 th Street, Kearney NE 68845	2/2
Germaine Oldfather	3310 West Cottonwood Road, Kearney NE 68845	2/4
Shirley McCammond	410 West 33 rd Street, Kearney NE 68847	2/7
Sharon Rees	4721 Heather Lane, Kearney NE 68845	2/7
Shawni Wright	PO Box 63, Elm Creek NE 68836	2/7
K.C. Diestler	4203 Sunset Trail, Kearney NE 68845	2/8
Alexander Regenos	4 Elm Drive, Kearney NE 68845	2/8
Ava Lindstrom	3114 Avenue G, Kearney NE 68847	2/10
Tyler Kratzer	4727 28 th Avenue, Kearney NE 68845	2/12
Dwayne Anderson	110 East 39 th Street, Apt #F3, Kearney NE 68847	2/13
Evelyn Vohland	PO Box 373, Gibbon NE 68840	2/13
Barb Andersen	1209 East 67th Street, Kearney NE 68847	2/15
Sandra Asher	3411 Lakeview Drive, Kearney NE 68845	2/15
Natalie Kratzer	4727 28 th Avenue, Kearney NE 68845	2/15
Anthony Vollmer	Doane College, 1014 Boswell Ave, Ste 903, Crete NE 68333	2/19
Sue Hankins	3105 9 th Avenue, Kearney NE 68845	2/21
Kylee Stoppkotte	1613 West 40 th Street, Kearney NE 68845	2/22
John (JD) Icenogle	3210 20 th Avenue, Kearney NE 68845	2/23
Rona Newby	5809 Avenue O Place, Kearney NE 68847	2/25
Robert Byrn	5355 Cottonmill Avenue, Kearney NE 68845	2/27
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