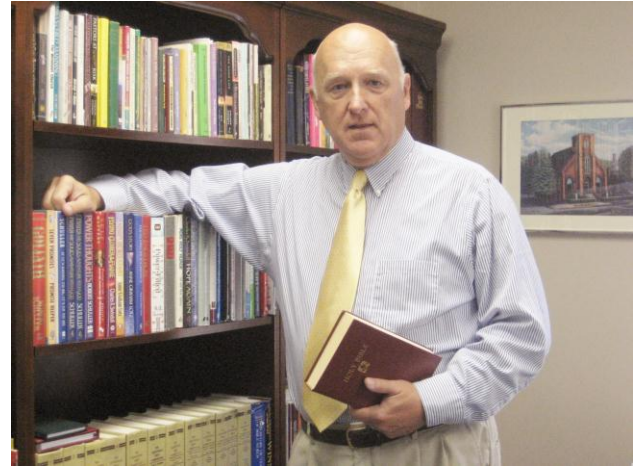


## February 2012 Issue

### **Message from your pastor ...**

I closed the last sermon in January with a focus on the hymn, *God of Grace and God of Glory*. This hymn was written as the church faced the Great Depression. The hymn calls upon God to grant us wisdom and courage *for the facing of this hour and for the living of this day*.

This is our hour and our day. This is the time of our great challenge. It is true that we face uncertainty at every turn but this is the very hour to which God has called us as his people to excel and fulfill our call and purpose.



God does not require that we have solutions for the challenges of our time. Solutions are purely of his doing. We call upon God because we know that the solutions do not rest in us. Psalm 127:1 teaches us that, *unless the LORD builds the house, its builder's labor in vain*.

Our requirement is to be a people of determination, a people committed doing our best for Christ. Once we determine that we will be our best and do our best then our challenge is to call upon God to give us the wisdom and the courage *for the facing of this hour and for the living of this day*.

Can it be that God has greater plans for our small church than we have considered dreaming? Will we rise during this hour to serve God and others with a passion that exceeds the commitments of our past? I challenge you to join me in taking this hymn to heart. Make the words part of your prayer life. God grant us wisdom and courage.

*Pastor Doug*

### **MEMBERS – OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

Our annual meeting will be held following our service on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. This year our meeting is very important because we will be bringing you restated Articles of Incorporation and new Bylaws for your consideration and vote. Please make the meeting a priority.

### ***“Understanding Your Neighbors Faith.”***

This class being taught by our pastor is off to a great start. We are holding two sessions – Tuesday night at 7PM and again on Wednesday at 10AM. It’s great to see the interest as we begin offering some valuable studies during the week.



### **Sound & Video Improvements**

We’ve upgraded our audio capabilities and added closed circuit video so that we can now better serve our “overflow” area. We’ve used the overflow each Sunday this year. Additionally, you can now not only listen to the sermon on our website but you can see Pastor Doug as he preaches. Don’t miss it! Be sure to share this with others as a means of introducing them to our church.

We are still accepting contributions toward this important project. Our goal is \$6,000 with contributions to date of \$2,695. There are still some pieces of the project to be completed.



### **ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Our church directory is now available on our website. We have a few more pictures to take but we have made great progress. Those of you on our email list have received an email that contained your password to access the directory. You can use the directory from the website anytime or you can print out a copy of all or part of the directory for your use. We will constantly be updating the information so make sure your information is accurate. If you do not have internet access let the office know as we will provide some printed copies. This is just one more, great feature of our website.

### **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE GOLF OUTING – it’s our first!**

We anticipate playing at Whiskey Creek on Saturday, March 3 or 10. We will decide the date soon based on your input. We want to use the 2 for 1 rate they offer in the afternoons. The cost for 2 will be \$50 with a cart for 18 holes. If you wish to only play 9 holes the cost remains the same. We anticipate also having some refreshments following our golf at the parsonage just off the 17<sup>th</sup> green. Sign up quickly and indicate the Saturday that works for you.



### **January Report**

Needed	\$15,500 - \$3,100 per week for 5 Sundays
Received	<u>\$17,161</u>
	\$ 1,661

## OUR LEGACY FUND

I remember sharing in a recent sermon how it is not significant to end life with position or power because when you die you no longer have that position or influence. I also noted that it is not significant to end life with money in your hand. All the money in the world can do nothing for you when you are gone. What does matter is making a difference with your life.

Now is the time to grab the opportunity and make a difference in something that really counts. I know you love your church and its ministry. The church, even if you are relatively new among us, has already made a difference in your life. You know this church really counts. What we are doing here for Christ not only matters now but needs to make a difference for years to come. You can make your life and your resources (regardless of their size) really count. Plan and take action now so that when your life on this earth ends you will have done something that really counts for time and eternity. Make sure these doors never close and the message preached here is never silenced. If all who can do something we can accomplish this together.

John Buch heads up our ministry of planned giving. Talk with John or if you wish, Pastor Doug so your questions can be answered and you can begin to take this important step. If you don't plan ahead it won't happen. Do it now and be blessed!

*"The true meaning of life is to plant trees... under whose shade you do not expect to sit." - Nelson Henderson*

You can plant one of those trees by leaving a legacy that will provide shade to current and future members and friends of TAECC.



**INASMUCH**  
**UNITED**

You've heard me mention this in a recent sermon. We are making plans now to be a partner of INASMUCH UNITED – Fort Myers. Ron Janacek and Lori Main are our coordinators. Just keep listening.

**INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT FOR THE  
LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.  
— JESUS**

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## IMPORTANT DATES IN OUR FUTURE

### March 25<sup>th</sup> – Church wide Annual Picnic

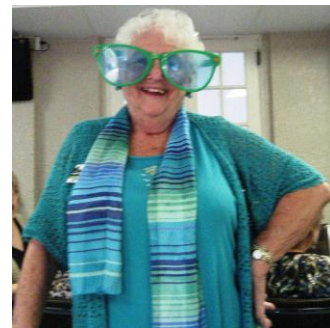


This year we have been invited back to the beautiful Bochette Gardens across from the church. We have also booked the Dixie Strollers as our musical entertainment and we will be having a very special clown for our kids. Just like last year the food will be great as well! The picnic follows our informal morning worship service. Be listening for more details!

### April 1 – Palm Sunday (includes our Spring communion)

**April 8 – Easter Sunday** - it's going to be an awesome service so begin inviting your friends and family now!

### SENIOR'S ENJOY A COOKOUT - (great food & a little Bingo)



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