

# The Levy Update

## Wednesday, February 12th

Library Hours 5:15 PM—5:45 p.m.

Call to Dinner at 5:30 PM—Cost: \$10.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for kids 4-12 & kids 3 & under are free (R.S.V.P. by noon Tuesday)

Menu: — Chicken Fried Steak, Mac & Cheese, Roasted Potatoes, Rolls & Peach Cobbler  
Missions Class for Kids at 6:00 p.m. in Children's Library  
Midweek Prayer & Praise at 6:15 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, February 14th

All You Can Eat Fish Fry from 4:00—6:00 p.m.

## Sunday, February 16th

Biscuits & Gravy at 8:00 a.m.

Library Hours 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Youth & Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Story Time at 9:00 a.m.

1st-6th Grade Activity Time at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Charles Graham Concert at 6:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 19th

Library Hours 5:15 PM—5:45 p.m.

Call to Dinner at 5:30 PM—Cost: \$10.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for kids 4-12 & kids 3 & under are free (R.S.V.P. by noon Tuesday)

Menu: — Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Strawberry Spinach Salad, Garlic Bread & Banana Pudding  
Missions Class for Kids at 6:00 PM in Children's Library  
Midweek Prayer & Praise at 6:15 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Levy Baptist Church wishes to express their Christian love and sympathy to Sam Cross in the loss of his Mother, Linda Smith Cross; to

Cindy Cotten in the loss of her Aunt, Thomasene "Tommie" Stauffer Bennett; to Carnell Proctor in the loss of her Uncle, Woodie Castleberry.



At the end of the year, the Wall Street Journal published an encouraging article stating that Bible sales are booming in the United States— up 22% in 2024.

At a time when Pew Research Center finds that 28% of adults in the US consider themselves religiously unaffiliated, Bible sales are rising swiftly alongside books related to religion, guidance, and context for Bible engagement. Publishers attribute this rise to several things, including a more anxious and fretful generation grappling with answers to life's most pressing questions and solid marketing efforts to engage people with the Bible.

In the Wall Street Journal article, an interviewed individual said, "[I] started to read the Bible this year after feeling unfilled by years of advice on self-care, staying healthy, and pursuing a career. She said she also sought stability as 'things just went off the rails a little too quickly' throughout society."

This is playing out all over the place and all around us. Folks are finding that the 'freedom' that culture has offered has continued to fall flat and leave empty.

Sadly, we've likely never been more depressed, anxious, or alone than at any other time in human history. Yet, there is a renewed hunger and desire to understand the meaning and purpose of many of life's most pressing questions.

That's where we have good news to offer. We don't have to shy away from the biblical truth and narrative; we can come alongside folks in their quest for the Truth.

Keep lifting up, Jesus, dear brothers and sisters. You are loved and prayed for,

*St. B. T.*



Memorial gifts are necessary to the well-being of any congregation because of what they represent – one person's legacy, one congregation's act of worship.

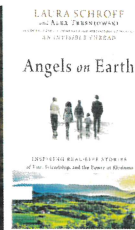
A memorial gift has been received in memory of Linda Cross by: Life Truths 2 Sunday School Class



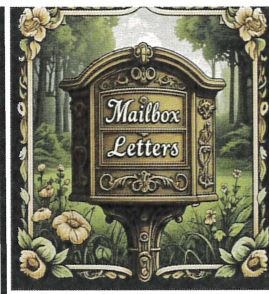
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Gary Brazear and Steve Baxter for replacing the light in the steeple.

## New In The Library



Angels on Earth: Inspiring Real-Life Stories of Fate, Friendship, and the Power of Kindness



In the mailbox...

We want to thank the people of Levy Baptist Church for all the prayers for our great-grandson, Casen, who has had three surgeries related to repairing his heart. Many lives have been impacted because of what God has done for Casen.

It is good to know that LBC is a praying church.

Thank you,  
Shirley & Bo Gateley

Oh, how I thank the W.O.M. and all my other LBC family for thinking of me. Leaving my home, church & friends has been quite a transition for me and the card all of you signed and sent me lifted my spirits.

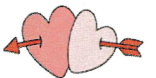
I love you all and appreciate you more than I can tell you!  
God Bless You All!

Love,  
Margie Fernandez

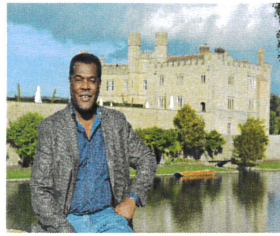


On Sunday, January 26, 2025, Levy Baptist joined together to celebrate the birthdays of our special individuals born in January. The celebration was held in the church's dining hall and was filled with love, laughter, and delicious food. Those honored were all who had January birthdays, but the following were with us in person

for the honor:  
Richard McCall  
Terence Callihan  
Emily Vesecky  
Pat Jones  
Cindy Cotten  
Jo Brazear



The highlight of the celebration was a wonderful cake made by Donna McCall. The cake was moist and delicious, and everyone enjoyed a slice (or two!) during the celebration. The birthday individuals were beaming with joy as we sang Happy Birthday to them. We look forward to many more celebrations in the future.



Charles Graham's ministry in song has taken him all over the United States and overseas. He has ministered in several countries, including England, Scotland, Wales, Norway, Germany, France, Canada, Israel, Africa, and South America. Graham has ministered at the Governor's Mansion in Atlanta, GA, and for various Mayor's Prayer Breakfasts in other parts of the country. Graham was born and raised in southeast Arkansas, five of thirteen brothers and sisters. He attended Southwest Baptist University and Central Missouri State University before graduating in 1984 from the

Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Graham has recorded six gospel albums, including his most recent release, "You Amaze Me."

Graham's music includes contemporary tunes along with favorite standards. Young and old alike will enjoy the variety of songs and styles. His concerts are lively, fun, and heartwarming. For an event you are sure to enjoy, plan to see and hear Charles Graham on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Levy Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. A freewill love offering will be taken.

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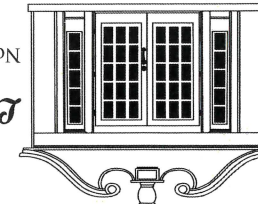
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