

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:

Today, March 1:	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:55 am	Fellowship Time
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	4:45 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Small Group Fellowships
Tuesday, March 3:	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Visitation for Bonnie Skinner
	2:00 pm	Bonnie Skinner’s Funeral
	6:00 pm	Men’s Bible Study @ Ed Payne’s
	12:00 pm	Men’s Bible Study Lunch
Wednesday, March 4:	5:30 pm	Catechizers
	7:00 pm	Evening Bible Study
	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
Thursday, March 5:	2:00 pm	Officer Training Class
	9:30 am	Jeanne’s Sewing Class
Friday, March 6:		
Saturday, March 7:	Move Clocks <i>Forward</i> One Hour Before Bed	

The **Small Group Fellowships** will meet tonight at 6:00. The Kuhn-Nielsen group and the Mullen-Scholten group will meet here at the church; the McReynolds-Smith group will meet at the home of Mark & Sandra Inouye, 614 Chimney Hill Circle, Evans.

We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper** in the morning service next Sunday. Come with hearts and lives properly prepared so that we might benefit most fully from this means of grace Christ has given to His church.

Please pray for these Westminster families this week: **Eddie & Jennifer Cotner, Joe & Patsy Dowling, and Scott & Marsha Duffin.**

Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time starts next Sunday. Remember to **move your clocks forward** before bed this coming Saturday night in order to be on time for church next week.

**All PrimeTimers** (aged 50+) are invited to join us next Tuesday, March 10 at 12:30. Our special guest is Andrew Barnick, a friend of the Ransom family, who will bring us some special music and we will play “Guess the Hymn”. Please bring a covered dish to share and a friend, and join us for some wonderful fellowship!

**Friendships in Bloom Women’s Brunch** will be held at the church on Saturday, March 21 from 9:30–11:30 am for women of all ages. The Ministry Team of the Women of Westminster (WOW) will provide the food. Join us in getting to know one another better in a casual, relaxed setting. We want to cultivate friendship and fellowship with one another so that we might build one another up in the Lord Jesus Christ. Come and be a blessing and be blessed by building friendships with other sisters in Christ. Please sign up in the narthex.

Starting this month, there will be a box located in the foyer labeled **“Operation Christmas Child Donations”**. We will be collecting particular items throughout the year to be placed inside shoeboxes this November! This month, toothbrushes, combs and brushes are needed. Thank you for your participation in this ministry!

Children’s Workers:

March 1: Nursery– *Jessica Karius* Toddlers– *Kay Cee Ling* CC– *Karrie Harmer*  
March 8: Nursery– *Mary Thomas* Toddlers– *Wanda Miller* CC– *Karrie Harmer*

**Diaconate House Duty:** March – *Randy Waters*

The Promise and Benefit of Baptism, Genesis 17:7-8

Membership requires certain duties and grants certain privileges.

Can you have membership privileges and have someone else meet the requirements? We just have to show up.

My Promise from God in Baptism

The Promise - **I will be their God.**

God speaks to us in baptism, and we respond in faith.

I will enter into a relationship of grace with you.  
I will bind Myself to My own word, to do what I have promised.

**The Promiser** - I will be your God.

Who is this God that is promising to be our God?

The One who was offended by our sin promises to be our God.

**The Promisee** - I will be **their** God.

To whom does God give the promise to be their God? To the descendants of Abraham

The Reason for Baptism, is it Different for Children and Adults?

The promise belongs to them both as members of the covenant.

My Benefit from God in Baptism

Sign and Seal of the Promise

God has given us a sign and seal of the covenant.

Sign that the Spirit of God cleanses us from sin by the blood of Christ

It is a sign of regeneration, and engrafting into Christ. Union with Him

What is Baptism a Seal of?

Dormant regeneration? Presumptive regeneration?

Baptism is a seal of the promise of the gospel.

The sacraments are a gospel ministry to the people of God.

It is like having a check written out in your name.

Baptism is for all of life, For all Times

The visible gospel is proclaimed to all again by the water.

Baptism calls us to Separation from the World

God has set us apart to Himself as His people.

The water in baptism is not magic; it does not work automatically.

Our duty is faith. To take God at His word, to walk in His promises.

Adore the mercy of your God in being willing to be your God.

Adore the mercy of your God in being willing to be the God of your children.