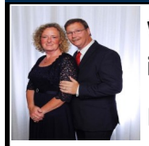
PASTOR BOB'S PEN



White as Snow: The Beauty of God's Cleansing Grace

Few things capture our attention like a fresh snowfall. The world is suddenly quieted. Familiar landscapes are transformed. What was once dull or scarred becomes bright, clean, and breathtaking. Snow has a way of covering everything evenly—fields, rooftops, roads, and trees—wrapping the earth in a blanket of white beauty that feels almost holy. Scripture often uses snow in the same way: as a picture of God's majesty and His cleansing grace.

The Bible reminds us that snow is not an accident of nature but an intentional act of God. *"For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth"* (Job 37:6, KJV). Snow falls because God commands it. Its beauty points us upward, reminding us that creation itself declares the glory of its Creator. When snow falls, it does not rush or struggle—it simply obeys the voice of God. That alone is a humbling lesson for us.

Snow is beautiful, but it is also revealing. It shows every footprint, every disturbance, every flaw in the landscape. In the same way, God's holiness exposes the reality of our sin. Against the pure white of His righteousness, our lives quickly reveal stains we cannot hide. Isaiah spoke honestly to God's people when he said, *"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"* (Isaiah 1:18, KJV). Sin leaves a deep mark, but God's grace goes deeper still.

Snow also covers what is broken. Jagged rocks, dead grass, and muddy ground disappear under its blanket. Scripture uses this imagery to describe the work of forgiveness. David prayed, *"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow"* (Psalm 51:7, KJV). Notice David did not ask merely to be forgiven, but to be cleansed—to be made new. Only God can do that kind of work in the human heart.

PASTOR BOB'S PEN CONTINUES

Yet snow does not make the ground pure by itself. It points us to something greater. True cleansing comes only through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The whiteness of snow is a reminder of the righteousness that Christ gives to those who trust Him. His blood, shed on the cross, does what no human effort can accomplish. *"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood"* (Revelation 1:5, KJV). What seems like a contradiction—blood making us white—is the miracle of the gospel.

Snow also falls gently, often silently. God's work of grace is frequently the same way. He changes us not always through dramatic moments, but through faithful obedience, daily repentance, and steady growth in holiness. Over time, the Lord reshapes us, covering the old life and forming something new. Paul tells us that in Christ, *"if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV).

Finally, snow does not last forever. It melts away, reminding us that earthly beauty is temporary. But God's cleansing work is eternal. When Christ makes us clean, that work is complete and lasting. One day, those who belong to Him will stand before the throne of God fully redeemed. John saw that glorious future and wrote, *"They have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb"* (Revelation 7:14, KJV).

The next time snow falls, pause and look closely. Let its beauty remind you of the majesty of God. Let its whiteness point you to the cleansing power of Christ. And let its quiet arrival call your heart to worship the One who alone can make sinners beautiful—white as snow.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 01

9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00AM Morning Worship Services
6:00 PM Evening Service

Wednesday, February 04

6:30 PM Mid-Week Services/Student Ministry/TeamKid/Mission Friends
7:40 PM Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters
Ronnie & Debbie Adams

Welcome Center
Laura Meyer \ Debbie Adams

Card Ministry for February —Carol Kurty

February Ushers
Ronnie Adams—Chris Brandstetter—Larry Courtney
Ronald Harding— Mark Henry—Dale Thompson

Deacon of the Week
David Turner—270-217-1749
Safety Team for Sunday, February 1—#4

Report for January 25, 2026
ATTENDANCE REPORT:
Sunday School: N/A Morning Worship: N/A
JANUARY GIVING REPORT:

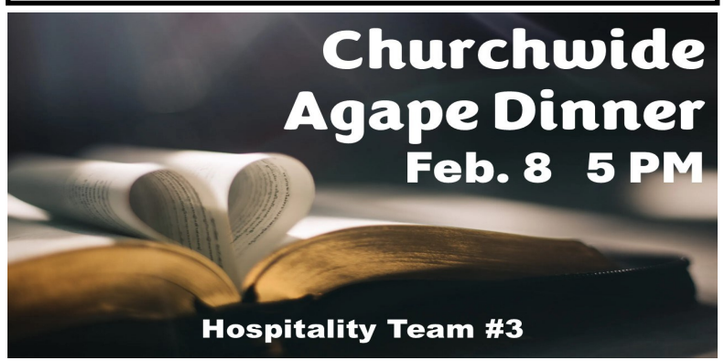
Required Weekly ……..…….....$7,842.52
Offering Received…….....$N/A
Designated Received…….....$N/A

**** FOR THE RECORD****

BY PROFESSION…….. #1 Johnathan Bartholomew
#2Briell Moore
#3Who will witness to this one?

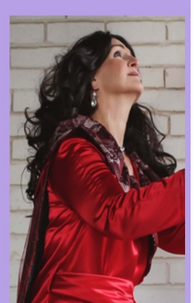
BAPTIZED…….. #1 Noah Gray
#2 Cody Gray
#3 Who will win this one?

BY LETTER/STATEMENT….. #3 Matthew Deweese
#4 Tiffany Deweese
#5 Who will reach this one?



Splash of Joy

Queen Esther, Heroine of the Jews


Rita Sweatt

Saturday, March 28
Cost: Ticket with meal - $25; Ticket only - $15
Meal – 5:30 PM; Program – 6:30 PM
Meal seating is limited

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Guests— if you are a guest today, Pastor Bob would love to meet you. Please go by the main foyer immediately following today's service and meet him.
Business Meeting—the date is to be determined.
Baby Shower—for Kelia Rodgers, on Saturday, February 7, at 2 PM in the fellowship hall. IT'S A GIRL! Everyone is invited to attend!
Food Pantry SOUP donations—the food pantry is collecting soup through Sunday, February 8. If you would like to donate soup please drop it off in the lobby!
Women's Ministry Meeting—will be Tuesday, February 10, at 6 PM. Soup and desserts will be provided. Be sure to sign up in the lobby if planning to attend.
Deacon Meeting—will be Thursday, February 19, at 6:30 PM.

MEET THE STAFF….

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