

Week 2 – Feb. 17 – Feb. 23 Scriptures

Sunday	<i>Ex 25:1-9</i>
Monday	<i>Ps 27:4-6</i>
Tuesday	<i>Ex 35:4-19</i>
Wednesday	<i>1 Chron 29:16</i>
Thursday	<i>Ecc 3:3</i>
Friday	<i>Haggai 2:9</i>
Saturday	<i>Gal 6:10</i>

O Lord, Creator of heaven and earth;

We give you thanks for beautiful spaces

Where we live, worship, and serve.

We ask that you inspire in us steadfast spirits

As we seek to build fellowship, develop community, and serve our neighbors in this Place of Grace.

May our church home be a sacred space where we experience your grace and share it with others.

Empower us to give generously

So that we may be your hands and feet in this world.

Continue to guide us along our journey, serving others in your name.

Amen

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Place of Grace



This brochure offers an opportunity for daily meditation on the spiritual aspects of this capital campaign. Consider adding these meditations to your daily prayers from February 10 to March 3. Some challenging questions have been included as opportunities for digging deeper. Maybe jot down notes or write in your journal. Light a candle. Sit in silence with God.

Pray about and ponder this question:
How can participating in the Place of Grace Campaign help to strengthen my spiritual life?

Spiritual Priorities

As a mother raising four girls, I had to set my priorities and stay on a schedule to keep up with the girls' activities and school; our lives were structured. I got up earlier than my family so I could start my day in God's Word and in prayer.

After my girls grew up and after I quit working, my days no longer had to be as structured as they once were. I wasn't getting up as early and I wasn't starting my day in God's Word or in prayer. My spiritual priorities had shifted. I was still praying all throughout the day and I was still reading God's Word here and there, but I no longer started my day with Bible reading and prayer. I noticed a difference in how I reacted to things that didn't go well and a shift in my attitude, and it wasn't for the better.

We all have priorities and as Andy says, "Everyone has a god; there's something they get up for and spend their time doing." How we spend our time and money is a useful gauge of our spiritual priorities. My planner and checkbook have reflected an improvement in my spiritual priorities, but they're still not where they should be, but thankfully, God is still working on me!

One way He is working on me is through our Place of Grace capital funds campaign. I know I can't be useful through this if I'm not in His Word and constantly talking to Him *and* listening. He has shown me things I can eliminate so that I can give more to help take better care of His FUMC-LJ house. He has impressed upon my heart the importance of improving FUMC facilities to continue His ministries.

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1. As I plan for the next three years, how is my personal budget a moral document, reflecting my spiritual priorities?

2. What will it take for me to have "enough" so that I can give back as generously as I would like to give to God's work through FUMC?

3. How might God be inviting me to stretch and grow spiritually during this capital campaign? What am I supposed to learn from this moment in my spiritual path?

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