

# WELCOME

**Our vision:** Experience and share the love of Jesus.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith;  
not of yourselves, it is a gift of God;"*

Ephesians 2:8

## FACILITATORS NEEDED

During lent we will join together in a **church-wide small group study** titled "No Wonder they Crucified Him." **We**

## ONE CUP AT A TIME

**Get involved!** The Hospitality Team needs volunteers to help take care of our church family during various services and events. Contact Jennifer

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRA-

CommPres Preschool **now enrolling** for the **2019/20** school year.  
3 year-old and 4 year-old/VPK students.

## WITH OTHER WOMEN

The **WOW girls** are taking themselves out on Valentine's Day.  
The fun will start at **Logan's Roadhouse on 192 at**

## VALENTINE LUNCHEON

**Seniors and Snowbirds**, don't miss this beloved annual event.  
**Friday, February 15 at 11:30AM at Little Italy.**

## LUNCH WITH THE FATHER

Join **Kristin Tucker** and friends for this Facebook LIVE show.  
It's a great, interactive lunch-break encouragement.



**We are rejoicing with missionaries Paul and Debbi Scott-Robinson For the completion of Celebration High School in Utange, Kenya.**  
[commpres.org/missions](http://commpres.org/missions)

The altar flowers were donated by Don Miller in memory of his wife, Barbara Miller.

February 10, 2019

Hymns: 139 & 488

## services

Sun 8:00 am Traditional  
Sun 9:30 am Contempo-  
rary  
Sun 11:11 am Blended  
Sun 6:00 pm En-  
counter Thurs 7:30 pm  
Contemporary

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## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR Rev Dr William A Lewis

What's the best way to describe the spiritual life? Some say it's like climbing a mountain. You start at the bottom and gradually work your way up to the top. Others suggest it's like building a house. First you lay the foundation, then start adding rooms one at a time. What these pictures have in common is the assumption that spiritual growth comes in stages: first you do this and then you do that.

Everyone in our American culture understands walking with God means making progress. The only problem is it's hard to find Bible verses to support the idea that making progress is what it means to pursue God. If we honestly examine our spiritual track record, we're likely to come up with a very different picture.

In his book, "Eternity is Now in Session," John Ortberg suggests that following Jesus feels a lot more like playing monopoly. We don't go around the board just once. We go around again and again. We pass Go and collect \$200. Sometimes we land on Park Place or hit Free Parking. Other times we surrender half of our net worth or end up in jail. Your next trip around may be one of the best, or it may feel like the end of the world.

That doesn't align very well with the idea that spiritual growth is always making progress in the same upward direction. It is not uncommon to hear someone say, "I turned to the Lord and He healed my marriage," or, "He took my anger problem away." Those are wonderful moments but that does not mean from now on your marriage is on autopilot, or the anger under the surface won't erupt again. Those can feel like devastating setbacks. If we have the expectation that pursuing God always means climbing higher, it can feel frightening when we fall precipitously backwards. We may even doubt we really belong to God.

Thomas Merton said, "We are all beginners all

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