

Look At What's Comin'

Tonight: 6:00 p.m. Annual church business meeting

Feb. 11th, Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Valentine Banquet,

The Cooley's will be presenting their music ministry to us once again. They certainly are not strangers to our church, attending when they are not singing in other churches in town, or out of town. We appreciate their many years of ministry in music all across the U.S. and to our church also.

Ladies, if you can help please with the meal which begins at 5:00 pm
Last names beginning with letters—

A—L please bring side dishes or salads;

M—Z please bring desserts.

Ladies Luncheon (dutch treat)

Agenda? - Food Fun Fellowship

Feb. 16th (Friday) 11:30 a.m.

Town & Country Restaurant

4702 W. Kellogg (943-0761)

(Sign-up sheet in the chapel)

March is MISSIONS MONTH

Schedule of Services

Sun. Sch. 10 am / Worship 11 am

Sun. Evening - 6:00 p.m.

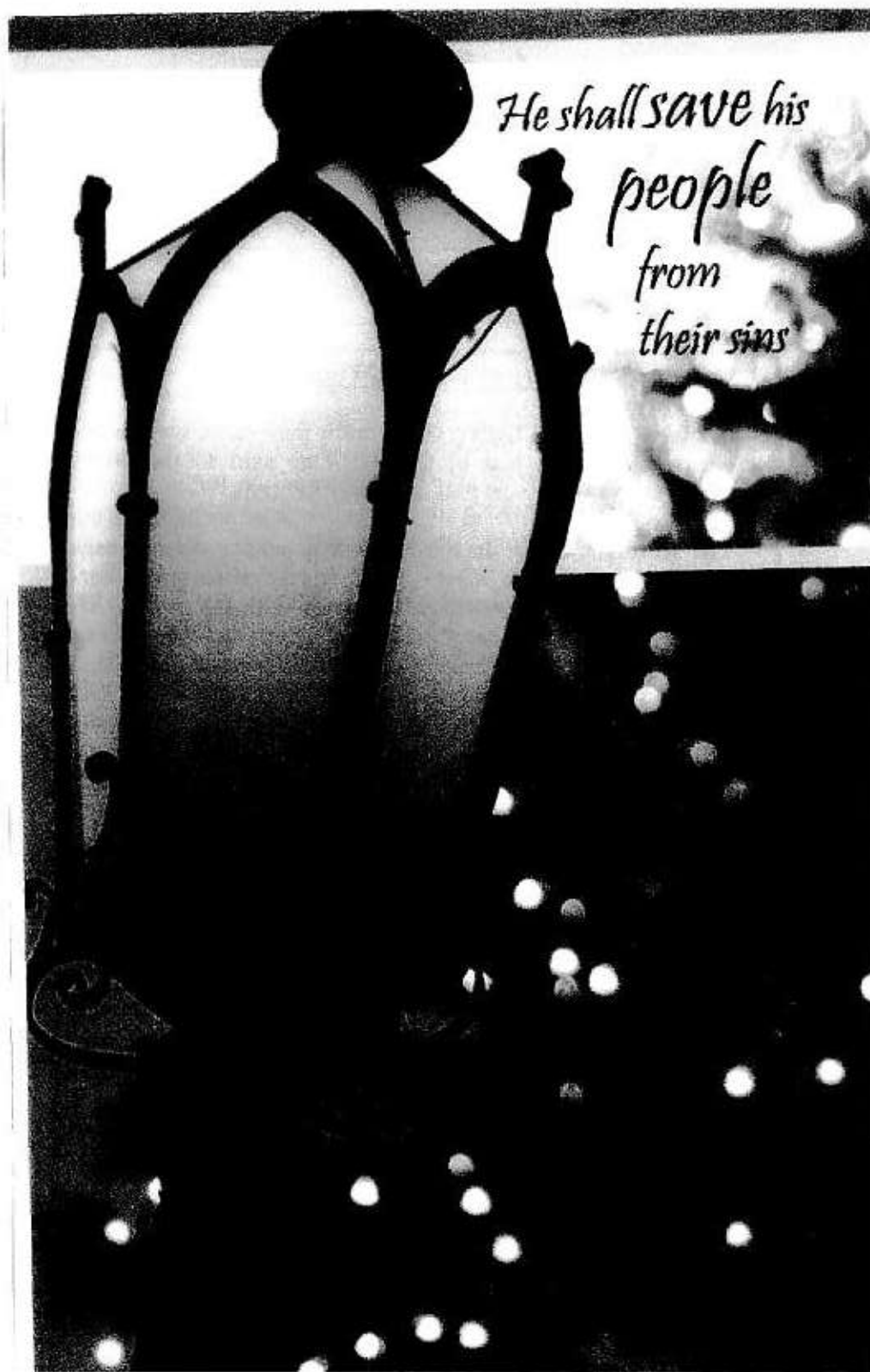
Wed. Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Last Sunday's Report

Attendance 73

General Offering \$ 3,896.00.

Missions 1,045.00



He shall save his
people
from
their sins

Friendship Baptist Church
2209 E. Pawnee, Wichita, Ks. 263-0269
Dr. Ray Melugin, Pastor Feb. 4, 2018

Fruit? In Winter?

As two walked a barren desert trail, they came upon a desert flower that had just blossomed. One said to the other, "Look! Even in the desert you can find blossoms."

The word for *winter* in the Hebrew is *setav*, which means *the season of darkness*. Winter is the season of darkness, barrenness, and death. However, winter ends with the month, *Nisan*. Nisan ends the season of darkness, that breaks the death of winter. Nisan is the month when earth again bears its fruit, and flowers again begin to blossom. Nisan is the month of new life, You see, the month *Nisan* means "the beginning." It's the month when the Hebrew year begins anew. Nisan is the month of redemption, the month of Messiah. It's the month Messiah chose to enter Jerusalem, to die on the cross, and to rise from death to life. Nisan is the time of new beginning. So when Jesus comes, it will be a new beginning, it will be Nisan. His coming will bring new life...a new birth. In other words, Nisan will end the winter.

As the seasons of the year, our lives will cycle through different seasons of growth, slow down and stagnation, renewal, and fruit. Churches also go through these kinds of seasons, such as dry spells, awakening, revival, new life, etc. Winter is a season of darkness, hiding, shadows, barrenness, when little or no fruit is produced. The coming of Christ ends the winter of barrenness. Nisan begins the spring of our lives...the power of Nisan. That's where we must always stay, in the season of new life, of new beginnings, of blossoming, and the end of winter. Our mission must be to break out of the winter and out of every darkness, and bear the fruit your life was to bear. 2 Cor. 5:17 "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature"

We Cannot Do Without Our Missionaries

The Cassady Family Missionaries to Spain

Good News!

We are excited to tell the news that the entire Cassady family has been granted visas by the Spanish government. What's next is waiting for the Spanish Consulate in Chicago to issue us an appointment to pick up the printed documents, which are the visas. This has to be done within 30 days of notification that the visas were granted. Once we receive our visas, we are free to purchase airplane tickets and leave for Spain!

God's timing was longer and the process was more challenging than expected, so we truly appreciate those that have encouraged us through prayers, and financial support. It has been a trying time for us but God has kept us focused and encouraged through His word and through the family and friends that never gave up. Thank you so much!

Prayer Requests:

- Your prayers please for God's guidance, protection, and blessings
- For our family, as our children have begun telling their friends that we are leaving for Spain...so there is the emotional side of this change in our lives.
- Securing airline tickets and hunting for a house in Spain. Obviously, the house must be "move in ready" when we arrive.
- For God to start preparing and softening the hearts of those we will minister to in Spain.

Trusting Him!

Chad, Yvette, Elizabeth, Clyde, Quinten Cassady