

**Greeting**

Mrs. Karen McAmis

**Hymn 390**

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**Morning Prayer**

Rev. Susie Reeder

**Reading 707**

*Dedication*

Rev. Jon Nahlen

**Hymn 611**

*Let Your Heart Be Broken*

WYE VALLEY

**Sermon & Deacon Testimonies**

Pastor Blake Bengé

*Servant Partners*

Linwood Hobgood: *Connecting*

Brad Krauss: *Serving*

Eileen Hatch: *Giving*

Kristen Coggin: *Inviting*

**Hymn of Response**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Chorus:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

*[chorus]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

*[chorus]*

**Prayer of Commitment**

Mrs. Rita Ruble

**Music Feature**

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

Sanctuary Choir  
Dilworth

**Recognition of Decisions**

Pastor Bengé

**Spoken Benediction**

Rev. Geron Gambill

**Parting Music**

*The Blessing*

Brown/Carnes/Jobe/Furtick

WE EXIST TO LEAD PEOPLE TO DISCOVER GOD, DEVELOP FAITH AND DISPLAY  
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE IN OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS.

## INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to [info@snydermbc.com](mailto:info@snydermbc.com)
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

Are you visiting with us today? Just scan the QR code for more info. We'd love to get to know you!



## TAKE IT WITH YOU

Fellowship has always been a cornerstone of the Christian faith. Sometimes, we church folk use the word fellowship interchangeably with any form of socializing that happens in the church, but truly, the time we spend getting to know one another, sharing our lives and experiences is never wasted. God never intended for us to walk this journey alone, without support. Jesus even spoke to His disciples about their relationship with one another, urging them to unite and proclaiming that their love for one another would be how people would know they were Christ-followers. Our connection with brothers and sisters in Christ is not just comforting and helpful, it is essential to our growth and to our witness to others. It's so important that our church (and most others) have time for that connection baked into our regular weekly rhythm. At Snyder, we call it Sunday School.

Some of my earliest memories of church are in the Sunday school class. As a child, I can remember memorizing Bible verses and learning the stories of the Bible. As I grew up, I not only learned more about the Bible and Jesus, but learned to read and study the Bible, to ask questions and work out the answers. Over the years, I have had numerous discussions in a Sunday school class that were eye-opening, challenging, inspiring, thought-provoking, even life changing.

But Sunday School is about more than just the lesson...it's about the people in the class with you. In Sunday school classes, I have created some of the deepest, most significant friendships. Sunday school classmates have provided support, prayer, accountability, love, laughter and celebration.

This invitation is extended every week, but allow me to add to it in writing: if you do not currently attend a Sunday school class, I encourage you to give it a shot. Ask someone near you in worship if you can attend with them. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Hall after the 8:40 service, or next week around 9:40 or so and ask if someone will direct you to a class. Visit the Snyder website for a list of classes. Any member of staff or member of the church would be happy to help. Just take that first step to get into a small group of people who would love for their circle to get just a bit bigger. The connections you make there will help you to discover God, develop your faith, and display Christ-like love.

~ Katie Herring

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEACON ORDINATION:** Come this afternoon at 3pm in the Sanctuary. Those being ordained are Kristen Coggin, Eileen Hatch and Brad Krauss.

**SNYDER SPRING EXPRESS:** If you are interested in singing with the Sanctuary Choir at the Spring Concert on Sunday, April 28, join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:15pm.

**COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME HOME - KEEN TEEN BANQUET:** Saturday, February 10, 5pm If you have not responded to your invitation, you still have time! The deadline for sign up is tomorrow, Monday, January 29.

**SPRING CHAPEL PAINT CLASS:** Friday, February 16, from 6:30 - 8:30pm, \$35. Come for a fun and creative night of fellowship! Sign up by using the QR code in *The Bell* or come by the Church Office. Your payment is required at registration. The deadline for sign up is Monday, February 12. For more information contact Sheila Gasque at (910) 624-2926.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SNYDER STUDENTS:** Check out *The Bell* this week for great information about the ten scholarships available and how to apply. There is also information about additional scholarships given.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

SWOP's Winter Bible Study will begin on February 12 - evenings (6:30 - 8pm) and February 15 - mornings (9:30 - 11:30am). See *The Bell* for more information.

Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day will be on March 16.

2024 International Mission Trip to Nairobi, Kenya, July 18 - 30

See *The Bell* for more information!

# SERVANT PARTNERS

This afternoon we install four new deacons. What does that mean? Deacon is a transliteration of the Greek word meaning servant. The Bible gives us two examples of people who were deacons in this regard: Stephen (Acts 6:1-7) and Phoebe (Romans 16:1-2). Stephen served by distributing food to widows and Phoebe served both a particular church and the early mission endeavors of the Apostle Paul. The result of their service was church growth.

While our deacons are set apart for 36 months of servitude, together all members engage in the actions of the movement Jesus started. Deacons are those women and men who our members have elected as role models and examples of servant partners in the Good News.

## Key thoughts about Movement, Membership and Partnership

\_\_\_\_\_ makes things happen.

Matthew 28:19-20

Church membership can be encapsulated in one word: \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 1:3-5

- Church membership is a \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Good News.
- Church membership is not about gaining \_\_\_\_\_, it is about taking on \_\_\_\_\_ for the Good News of Jesus.

## Four actions in a Movement | Four demonstrations of Partnership

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As members of Snyder we are each a partner in the Good News. As we continue to take these actions the movement Jesus began will continue to grow in our church and world. May we be prayerful for each other and especially for our deacons as Servant Partners in the Good News.

# HOW TO GIVE TO SNYDER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

## Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to [www.snydermbc.com](http://www.snydermbc.com); select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

or

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions