



FEBRUARY 4, 2024 | 11:00 AM

**STRONGER TOGETHER**  
CONNECTED. REALLY?

**Greeting**

Mrs. Karen McAmis

**Hymn 338**

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

**Morning Prayer**

Rev. Geron Gambill

**Hymn**

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

**Youth Choir:**

Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

**Congregation:**

Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,  
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race, search my heart while I run this race,  
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

**Music Feature**

*Musette*

Merritt Coggin, pianist  
Bach

**Hymn 333**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

**Sermon**

*Stronger Together: Connected. Really?*

Pastor Blake Bengé

**Hymn of Response 411**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

TRUST IN JESUS

**Prayer of Commitment**

Mr. Steve Poulk

**Music Feature**

*O Come Let Us Sing*

Youth Choir  
Berry

**Recognition of Decisions**

Pastor Bengé

**Spoken Benediction**

Rev. Jon Nahlen

**Postlude**

*Postlude on "Evangel"*

Mrs. Donna Davenport, organist  
Doane/Thompson

*Thank you to Snyder Music Academy student Merritt Coggin for sharing her gifts with us in worship today. To God be the glory!*

## 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!



SCAN ME

**STRONGER TOGETHER**  
CONNECTED. REALLY?

The Surgeon General released a report in April of 2023 entitled *Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation*. This compilation of studies, surveys and reports provides a grim picture of America's mental and physical health due to increasing isolation. Scripture teaches that people are wired for friendship with one another and with God. Yet in our current culture that is not easy and is becoming increasingly counter cultural. Thankfully, those who follow Jesus often do so counter to the culture and to the benefit of the culture.

It is not good that man should be alone.

- God

**A slow walk through Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

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**Jesus' example in Mark 14:33-35**

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**Worlds Away from Real Relationships:**

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**Really Stepping Toward Connection:**

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As mature followers of Jesus we have to lead the way relationally. Seeking, building and providing healthy relationships for others. As His disciples we are always stepping into connection and stepping out to invite others into connection.

### Resources

*Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation* - The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community

*Americans Are a Lonely Lot, and Young People Bear the Heaviest Burden* - Rhitu Chatterjee. NPR Website

*\*How to Build Meaningful Connections* - Jeff Brodie. Connexus Church Podcast

## TAKE IT WITH YOU

The Bible is full of scripture referencing the benefits of being together.

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* Matthew 18:20

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."* Colossians 3:16

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."* 1 Thessalonians 5:11

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."* Ecclesiastes 4:9

We have said on many occasions that we can't imagine what it would be like not to have the prayers and comfort of friends during difficult times. God intends for us to have relationships in which to share our journeys.

One of my favorite things to use with children is a parachute. It takes the entire group to achieve the goal of whatever we are doing and to have the most fun. If someone drops their end, we lose momentum, and if we have balls in the middle, we'll lose some balls. Team building, smiling together, sharing together...and in a circle.

We have many ways to connect at Snyder: Sunday School, Hilltoppers, Launch Pad, Snyder Women's or Men's Ministries, Bible Studies, Classes, Lifegroups, Choirs, Praise Team, MOPS, Vacation Bible School, WMU, Mission Action Groups, Committees that could use your gifts, Tech Team, Operation Inasmuch and much more! Get connected with others in ministry! It's biblical and it's God's will.

Our preschool choirs are learning the song, "Whisper a prayer in the morning, whisper a prayer at noon, whisper a prayer in the evening, to keep your heart in tune." Out of nowhere this week our preschool granddaughter said, "Mommy, I think I'll whisper a prayer in the morning, and then at noon and then in the evening." Transferring what she learned in her choir to her own little life.

May we spend time together with hearts in tune, learning the needs of our church family and God's direction, so that we are always ready to whisper a prayer...morning noon and night for the needs around us.

~ Kerri Hurley

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS** have been placed in memory of Asa and Runette Bullard, Edward (Bud) and Louise Carlin, and in honor of their families from loving friends.

**MISSION ACTION MEETING:** This group will meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 11:30am on the Mezzanine.

**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.

**SUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Snyder Kids will be receiving an offering at the end of each service on February 11 to help eliminate hunger in Cumberland County.

**ELOISE JENKINS WMU ROUNDTABLE:** They will be meeting on Monday, February 12, at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

**SWOP'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY - A STUDY ON COLOSSIANS - BE COMPLETE:** You have two choices of times to attend - Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8pm (starting on February 12) and Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11am (starting on February 15). Books will be available at the first meeting. Cost: \$10

**8:40 WORSHIP CHOIR:** This choir will sing again in the early service on February 18. If you are interested in singing with them, join them for One Big Rehearsal on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:15pm.

**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.

**SNYDER WOMEN OF PURPOSE (SWOP) - LIFEBOOKS FOR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN:** This mission project for women and youth girls will be held on Saturday, February 24, from 9am - 1pm in the Parlor. Notebooks with scrapbook pages will be made so that foster children have a place to put pictures of their families and things happening in their lives. Please sign up by calling the Church Office by Wednesday, February 21.

**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:**

- 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!

## 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

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