

**The Youth Group's annual Baked Potato Fundraiser will be held NEXT TODAY, FEB. 16TH**, after morning worship. Join us for a baked potato bar and dessert! Money raised will go toward our summer mission trip to Riverside Christian School in Lost Creek, Kentucky. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

### Get Into the Word!!!

Sunday School Classes meet each Sunday at 9am!

*Christ's Crowd*– meets behind Sanctuary, studying teachings of Jesus

*Fellowship Hall Class*– meets in Fellowship Hall, studying 2 Timothy

*Youth Class*– meets downstairs in Youth Room

**Interested in Baptism or Membership?** Our next Membership and Baptism Sunday will be **Sunday, March 23rd**. If you have not been baptized as a believer in Jesus, but would like to, or if you are interested in becoming a member in our church, talk to Pastor Jeff soon!

**MEN OF THE CHURCH!...** We are looking to begin a Men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings! If you are interested in being a part of this new study, talk to Josh Lantz!

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2025: \$8,749

Given in February (as of 2/9): \$2,379

2025 Budget giving needed (Jan-): \$8,749

2025 Actual Budget giving (Jan): \$7,958

(\$791 under budget for the year)



**February 16th, 2025**

**Today's Message:**

**The Taxman**

**Luke 5:27-32**

**9am– Sunday School**

**10:15am– Morning Worship**

**Pastor Jeff Estep**

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### Calendar:

*Sun., Feb. 16th Youth Baked Potato Fundraiser, 11:30am  
Youth Group, 6pm*

*Tues., Feb. 18th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am*

*Sun., Feb. 23rd– Youth Group, 6pm*

### Upcoming Birthdays!!

Fri., Feb. 21st– John Wesseler Sun., Mar. 2nd– Jamie Estep

### Prayer Concerns:

- Congratulations to Michael Barr and Shelby Poe on their engagement! We are praying for you as you prepare for life together!
- Eva E.– continuing to recover from concussion
- Willie– begins radiation treatments this Wednesday
- Becky– Anthony's robotics team qualified for State! Pray for them as they prepare to compete!

***Prayer Focus** Pray that we might each find ways to encourage others who are going through trials which we have experienced in our lives."*

***Leading Worship Today**– Megan Long*

***Serving Today**– Nursery– Peggy Miller*

**February 16th, 2025–**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude, Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn- #2–** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture Reading–** Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**Hymn #382 –** Be Thou My Vision

**Message—** *The Taxman*  
Pastor Jeff Estep

**Responding with Worship –** The Worship Team

**Dismissal**

*If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.*

*Sermon Notes:*

Jesus sees Levi not because of what he's \_\_\_\_\_, or even what he will \_\_\_\_\_, but for who Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ him to \_\_\_\_\_.

Two reasons that Jesus chose you: He \_\_\_\_\_ you, and a comeback story magnifies His \_\_\_\_\_.

We must not give the impression that people must \_\_\_\_\_ their lives before they come to Jesus.



**Who are people we love to assume are beyond the reach of Jesus? Jesus saw Levi, transformed him into someone who made incredible impact on the world. The person we might assume is unreachable may be Gospel's greatest champion.**

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday–** Luke 5:27-32    **Monday–** Romans 5:1-8

**Tuesday–** Ephesians 1:1-5    **Wednesday–** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Thursday–** 1 Corinthians 5:1-11    **Friday–** John 17:6-19

**Saturday–** Ezekiel 34:1-16

**Upcoming Sermons:**

**2/23– Such Great Faith!–** Luke 7:1-10– Jesus is King of the Jews! Yet when a sick servant needs healing, Jesus praises the unflinching faith of a...Gentile!

**3/2– Dry Your Tears–** Luke 7:11-17– A widow's only son dies. In any culture this is tragic. In 1st Century Israel it meant a life of destitution for the poor mother. Then Jesus happens upon the scene.

