

# St. Paul's Epistle

"St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
glorifies God by connecting people to Jesus  
through teaching, serving, caring, & telling!"

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For God  
SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS  
ONLY  
BEGOTTEN  
SON SO  
THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES  
IN HIM SHALL  
HAVE EVERLASTING  
Life

Friends in Christ,

"For God so loved the world..." Just six words and you know the rest of the verse. You know the reference too! This is, as many say, the Gospel in a nutshell, John three sixteen. And in the month of February it is good to reflect on God's great love.

During February we have Valentine's Day, a holiday emphasizing worldly love. But the greatest expression of love is a supernatural love, the love demonstrated on the cross. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son..." The fact that God gave His Son to die—for sinners like us!—is a miracle. That kind of love comes from beyond this world. It is not natural. And it is nothing short of amazing!

All love (even the proper expression of romantic love in a marriage relationship, between one man and one woman, according to God's design) is a good aspect of God's creation. But true selfless and sacrificial love flows only from God. And by this love of God we ourselves, as individuals and as a congregation, are known as Christians.

At this time let me share with you six verses from 1<sup>st</sup> John. By the Holy Spirit, the apostle writes, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us." (1 John 4:7-12)

The above words are profound, to say the least. Yet at the same time they can be understood in a simple manner as well. God has shown great love to us in Christ, therefore we are called to love one another with the same kind of selfless love. On the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13: 34-35)

Clearly, we are called to love each other. This is understood without question from these passages. But the real question is how? How do we love others? Answering that in the first sense is easy. It is only by God's grace and power in our lives that we can love others as we should. So let us continue to ask the Lord in prayer to help us love selfless and sacrificially.

Secondly, let us ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us in what manner we are to love others. And as we ask Him to show us how (by thoughts in our minds, opportunities that arise, or by burdens on our hearts) He will also direct our steps, our words, our actions, in carrying out what He has given us to do.

Each of our lives are different, so I can't tell you entirely how (in what manner) you should show love. But God can! And He will!!! So join me this month in asking the Lord to show us who to love, and how to love, that our Triune God would receive the glory, and people would be drawn to our Savior Jesus through our words and actions of love.

For God so loved you that He gave His one and only Son that you would not perish but have eternal life. Trusting in Christ, who died for you, may God richly bless you as you share His love this month with those around you.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Aaron Kretzschmar

## February 2023

8:15am Traditional Worship  
In-Church & Facebook Live  
9:30am Sunday School all ages  
10:00am WZDK 98.5 FM Radio  
10:45am CrossLife in the ARC

Holy Communion  
February 5, 19  
Staffed Nursery 8am until noon

### Bible Study

Adult Bible Study  
Great Women of the Bible  
Sundays 9:30am  
Pastor's Bible Study 9:45am  
Acts Bible Study  
Wednesdays 10:30  
Gospel of Luke Bible Study  
Wednesdays 6:15pm

### Looking Ahead

Stewardship Sunday  
January 29  
Voters Meeting  
January 29 at 12 noon  
Commitment Sunday  
February 5  
Ash Wednesday  
February 22

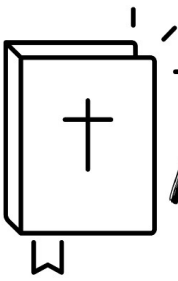


### 2023 Theme

Through the years,  
the Lord is faithful!"

"For the Lord is good; his  
steadfast love endures  
forever, and his faithfulness  
to all generations."

Psalm 100:5



# Notes from Miss Skylar



St. Paul's Family,

*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

Hebrews 4:12

It's only February, but we're already planning for this summer! Specifically for Vacation Bible School (VBS) which will be happening June 19th through 23rd! We will have a daytime VBS happening 9am to 12pm. Our theme for this year is Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light by Group Publishing. The whole focus of VBS will be to Shine Jesus' Light; when life feels dark, when people don't get along, when good things happen, when people are sad, and when people need help! How do you Shine Jesus' light in your life? Be sure to save the date so your children can participate and also so you can volunteer! We will have a volunteer information meeting on Sunday, February 19th, right after CrossLife service, around noon. This meeting will be a great chance for you to ask questions and get a feel of what to expect at VBS this year.

Happening this month! We continue our 2023 Bible Reading Challenge with verses focusing around Feasting on the Word of God! This theme is perfect for this challenge because it's the whole reason for the challenge; we are wanting to get into God's Word daily and by doing that we are growing closer to Him daily! So be sure to join the challenge because it's never too late, and feast on God's word daily with us! A bookmark with this month's readings can be found in your church mailbox, the narthex, the lobby, and by my office! You can receive a daily text reminder with the day's reading by texting "@stpaulsbrc" to 81010. There are also daily posts with the readings on our Church Facebook page; be sure to share the post on your page so your friends and family can join in the challenge too! If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me!

God's Blessings,  
Skylar Smith, DCE



# THE ANCHOR

St. Paul's Young Adults

Saturday, February 18th | 6:30pm  
To receive information and reminders  
text "@yaanchor" to 81010

## Enduring Faith

### February Sunday School Lessons

- 2/5 - A Merciful Substitute: Abraham and Isaac
- 2/12 - A Servant's Mission: Isaac and Rebekah
- 2/19 - Twin Troubles: Esau and Jacob
- 2/26 - A Family Grows: Jacob's Family

## KIDSLINKS

Wednesdays at 6:15pm in the ARC  
Join us for Devotions and Games

We need helpers for Wednesday Nights!  
If you love kids and are willing to be extra eyes and hands for KidLinks please consider helping out!  
Contact Skylar if you can help!

## Bible Reading Challenge

### February - Feasting on the Word

Join our 2023 Bible Reading Challenge! These daily readings look at verses that focus on a different theme every month. These verses may only take a few seconds to read, but we encourage you to read them multiple times throughout the day and spend time in prayer with God over the verses. We also encourage you, if you have the time, to READ MORE! These verses are a starting point!

Day 1: Hebrews 4:12	Day 15: Psalm 56:4
Day 2: 2 Timothy 3:16-17	Day 16: Deuteronomy 8:3
Day 3: James 1:22	Day 17: John 1:14
Day 4: Luke 11:28	Day 18: Psalm 119:114
Day 5: Psalm 119:105	Day 19: John 15:7
Day 6: Psalm 18:30	Day 20: Proverbs 4:20-21
Day 7: Matthew 7:24	Day 21: Colossians 3:16
Day 8: Psalm 119:130	Day 22: Psalm 119:11
Day 9: Matthew 4:4	Day 23: Psalm 130:5
Day 10: John 1:1	Day 24: Proverbs 4:5
Day 11: Psalm 33:4	Day 25: Job 23:12
Day 12: John 7:38	Day 26: Matthew 5:18
Day 13: 1 Peter 2:2	Day 27: John 17:17
Day 14: Proverbs 2:6	Day 28: Isaiah 40:8

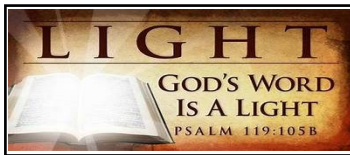
You can pick up a monthly bookmark at church, like our Church Facebook page to get the daily reading (and be sure to Like and Share the reading for the day so that your friends can see them too!), or text "@stpaulsbrc" to 81010 to get text message reminders.



# 2023 Middle School Youth Retreat





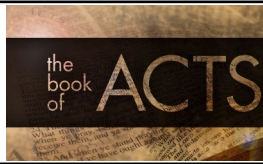


Here are several studies along with our 2023 Bible Reading Challenge on page 2 to help us be in His Word and in His light!

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

10:30-11:30 am in Room 316

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Skylar!



**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

Wednesday nights beginning at 6:15 pm in Room 317. Please join us!

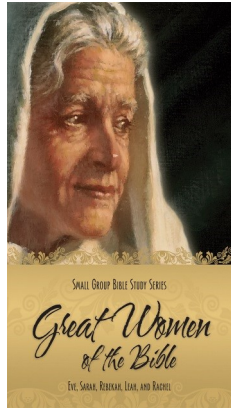


**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

9:30 am Room 317

**Great Women of the Bible**

Join us as June Asher leads this Bible Study that looks at the lives of only the most familiar women in God's Word. From Eve, the first woman, to those women who helped Jesus' apostles, participants will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these great women of the Bible.



**Sunday morning , 9:45am in the Fellowship room  
Pastor's Bible Study**

**In the Grip of His Grace: 40 Days through Romans**

- ◆ The Story We've Joined (Romans 9-11) – January 29
- ◆ The Path We Follow (Romans 12-13) – February 5
- ◆ The Fellowship We Find (Romans 14-16) – February 12

**Adult Confirmation Class**

on Wednesdays at 8pm in person and by Zoom. Talk to Pastor for more info

**Altar Flowers**



The Flower Calendar for 2023 is up in the breezeway.

Sign up early for your special day!



Come join the Handbell Choir Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the choir loft. February 1, 15



Come join the choir Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the choir loft. February 1, 15 New members welcome! For more info contact Mary Morgan



**Lent begins  
Midweek services**

**Lenten Worship Series  
Our Savior's Wounded Body**

Ash Wednesday:

*His Humbled Head*, Mark 15:16–20 – February 22

Lenten Midweek 2:

*His Holy Hands*, Matthew 27:35–42 – March 1

Lenten Midweek 3:

*His Battered Back*, John 19:1 – March 8

Lenten Midweek 4:

*His Faithful Feet*, Matthew 28:9 – March 15

Lenten Midweek 5:

*The Savior's Side*, John 19:28–35 – March 22

Lenten Midweek 6:

*His Unbroken Bones*, John 19:31–36 – March 29

Holy Thursday:

*His Blood*, Luke 22:7–20 – April 6

Good Friday: *The Light*, Luke 23:44–45a – April 7

Easter Day:

*Who's Wounded Now?* John 20:1–18 – April 9

Mini-Flock	Elder	From	To
01	Tim Herfurth	Allen	Brown
02	Bill Darwin	Bullen	Dubbs
03	Gary Nagy	Duffey	Holcomb
04	Ron Fritze	Holder	Locker
05	Joseph Woodbury	Lott	Mueller
06	Tim Nave	Nagy	Reardon
07	Mickey Whiteside	Redwanz	Smith
08	Roy Weiland	Smitherman	Yopek



# February 2023

† denotes Holy Communion celebrated during Worship

Church Nursery opens @ 8:00 am Sunday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
29 <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> 8:15am Traditional Worship & Facebook Live 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship 12:00pm Voters Meeting	30 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	31 8:30am 9:30 & 11 Exercise Class 9:30am Staff meeting	1 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks Dinner 6:00pm Bible study 6:00pm Handbell rehearsal 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:15pm Praise band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	2 8:30am 9:30 & 11AM Exercise Class 10:00am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Board of Fellowship	3	4 9:00am – 1:00pm Bldg use
5 <b>Commitment Sunday</b> 8:15am Traditional Worship & Facebook Live 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship† 2:00pm Memorial service for Babette O'Shea's son, Shawn 5:00pm HS Youth Night	6 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 10:00am LWML Meeting (mingle 9:30-10:00) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	7 8:30am 9:30 & 11 Exercise Class 9:30am Staff meeting 12:00pm choir rehearsal 6:00pm Education meeting 7:00pm Vestry meeting	8 10:00am Quilters 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks Dinner 6:00pm Bible study 6:15pm Confirmation 7:15pm Praise band 8:00pm Adult Confirmation	9 8:30am 9:30 & 11AM Exercise Class 10:00am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	10	11 2:00pm KTT "Be U" event
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*God's Blessings  
on your  
Special Day!*



Feb 1 Rebecca Widmar  
 Feb 1 Carol Alldredge  
 Feb 2 Joan Jarvis  
 Feb 2 Anna Marie Hamilton  
 Feb 4 LJ Alvis  
 Feb 4 Gavin Morgan  
 Feb 5 Kim Winters  
 Feb 5 Joseph Woodbury  
 Feb 5 Anneliese Kruger  
 Feb 6 Devin Schmelter  
 Feb 7 Nikii Asher

Feb 7 Ally McCay  
 Feb 9 Pam Meadows  
 Feb 9 Dylan Southers  
 Feb 10 Rick Daniel  
 Feb 10 Madeline Joiner  
 Feb 11 Sara Jones  
 Feb 11 Mike Ater  
 Feb 11 Chris Covington  
 Feb 12 Stephanie Holway  
 Feb 15 Kathy Ross  
 Feb 17 Paisley Ferguson

Feb 18 Melanie McNa  
 Feb 18 Jennifer Forthman  
 Feb 19 Mary Yocom  
 Feb 20 Jerica White  
 Feb 21 Noah King  
 Feb 21 Linda Holcomb  
 Feb 25 Mitchell Whiteside  
 Feb 26 Max Seagle  
 Feb 27 Dottie Martinson  
 Feb 28 Cheryl Baldwin

Feb 5 Jerry & Carol Alldredge  
 Feb 5 Billy & Mary Cox  
 Feb 12 Danny & Michelle Smitherman  
 Feb 14 Rick & Carol Dubbs  
 Feb 14 Ron & Alysia Johnson  
 Feb 17 Mike & Glenda Ater  
 Feb 20 Tim & Becky Ballentine




# Serving the Lord in Worship this Month at St. Paul's

	February 5	February 12	February 19	Ash Wednesday February 22	February 26
<b>Elders</b> 8:15am	Open	Tim Nave	Joseph Woodbury	12 noon: Bill Darwin 7pm Tim Herfurth	Bill Darwin
<b>Ushers</b> 8:15am	Graham Peebles James Thrasher Michael Kimmett Mathew Kimmett	Jim Disher Ken Hamilton Micky Whiteside Mike Widmar	Rick Daniel Jack Blaske Tim Nave Oliver Nave	Volunteers needed	Ron Neuendorf Roy Weiland Mike Ater Bob Seibert
<b>Acolytes</b> 8:15am	Owen	Emma	Katelyn		Owen
<b>A/V Techs</b> 8:15am	Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant	Rick Maschke	12 noon Bob Sullivant 7pm Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant
<b>Readers</b> 8:15am	Jeff Pittman	Rhonda Reece	Nancy Neuendorf		Luke Frasher
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open

**Altar Guild for February: Stephanie Holway and Helga Daniel**

**Counters for February: Leesa Pittman and Nancy Neuendorf**

<b>Elders</b> 10:45am	Tim Herfurth	Ron Fritze	Gary Nagy		Roy Weiland
<b>Host families</b> 10:45am	Ballentine family	Burrell family	Herfurth family		McRae family
<b>A/V Techs</b> 10:45am	Rick & Carol Morgan	James Gilchrist	Tim Herfurth		Mike Ringers



## Church Library

Thank you to Gary Nagy for organizing and categorizing our church library. What a great resource for meetings, Bible studies, and personal growth.



## Outreach Project

Thank you to everyone who contributes and prays for the visitors to our Blessing Box!

Please help to keep the Blessing Box stocked by placing non-perishable items in the Blessing Box or in the collection box under the Portico at the Sanctuary entrance.

We are blessing our neighbors - one can at a time!

## ATTENDANCE

2023 Year-to-Date Average Attendance

In-church attendees 124  
Facebook sign-ins 15

## FINANCES

**Current Loan  
Balance: \$238,506**

### Financial Plan Activity thru December 31, 2022

YTD FirstFruits Giving: **\$ 449,649** *Goal YTD: \$413,750*  
YTD Total Expenses: **- \$ 499,205**  
**- \$ 49,556** *2023 is a New Year  
to begin anew!*  
*PPP funds applied + \$ 12,130*  
*Plan Activity thru Dec - \$ -34,426*

Thanks to all for faithful giving in-person, by mail, and online.

**Online Giving is greatly encouraged!**

Currently, 35% of our Givers give safely online; to join them, go to the [website](http://www.StPaulsDec.com), download the app,



Secure Giving [on the website](http://www.StPaulsDec.com)  
[www.StPaulsDec.com](http://www.StPaulsDec.com)

## St. Paul's Legacy Endowment Commitments to Date

	Cash Balance	Future Commitments
3rd Quarter 2022	\$6,000	\$0
Total to Date 9/30/2022	\$9,000	\$0



Meet us in the Parlor  
every Thursday at 11am.  
Bring a friend!



St Paul's Quilters meet in  
Room 317 each Wednesday at  
10am. Join us.  
For more information contact  
Helga Daniel.



**CELEBRATING** St. Paul's is Celebrating its 125th  
**Anniversary Celebration**  
**125**  
**YEARS**

**October 8, 2023**

*In preparation, Ron Fritze and Beth Hornish  
are leading us through our history in  
preparation for this grand celebration.*

*Anyone wishing to participate in its planning may contact Beth or Ron!*

**ST. PAUL'S "MARTHAS" STEP UP!**

*"This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds  
which she did."* Acts 9:36

*"Serve the LORD with gladness!"* Psalm 100:2

October 9, 1898, St. Paul's Lutheran Church officially organizes. Shortly after, five women came together to form the Ladies' Aid society. They took as their theme verse Acts 9:36 and the focus of their ministry was "good works" providing support to the church and the Decatur community. Among their "good works" were raising money to help pay off the church debt by selling boxed lunches to the passengers on the boats that sailed the Tennessee River, holding rummage sales, bazaars, and oyster suppers. They also provided meals to Pastoral Conferences in 1929 and 1938.



In April 1937, during the ministry of Rev. E. T. Tonn, the name of the group was changed to the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary. The Auxiliary continued to support the church by paying for hard wood floors in the church, installing a water heater in the parsonage, repairing the parsonage front porch, putting shutters on the front windows, and having the candle sticks re-plated.

In 1942, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was formed as an auxiliary to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Their theme verse is "Serve the LORD with gladness" Psalm 100:2 and their focus was missions. During the ministry of Rev. E. T. Tonn, a society of the LWML was organized in November 1943 with eight members. The emphasis of the LWML is missions. They collected mites at every meeting which are sent to the national organization and the district to help spread the Gospel through Mission Grants. Over the years, their mites have help build schools, fund missionaries, develop programs at the Lutheran Church

– Missouri Synod colleges and seminaries, buy vehicles to help missionaries travel in their mission fields, help establish programs for children and cancer patients, and many other mission needs.

After World War II, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod sponsored the Relief for Europeans program, LWML gathered food and clothing. They also adopted an orphan in Finland and regularly sent food and clothing to support the orphan.

In 2017, LWML sponsored the formation of a Prayer Shawl Ministry. The ladies knit and crochet shawls, cancer hats, prayer squares, preemie hats, and prayer bears that have been distributed to members of the congregation, cancer patients, confirmands, the preschool and other members of the community.

At St. Paul's, the Ladies Auxiliary and LWML have worked together to support the needs of the congregation. In the past few years, these ladies have redecorated the parlor, purchased the tables and chairs in the Lobby, supported the youth in their Christmas projects, provided funding for various charities, and quarterly lunches for the volunteers at the Decatur Free Clinic.

In 2019, the Ladies Auxiliary and LWML merged and formed the Lutheran Women in Mission of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur, Alabama (LWM). Today's ladies continue to build on the legacy of those women who came before us. Currently, we support St. Paul's Preschool, Tennessee Valley Outreach (TVO), People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (PABLO), Decatur Free Clinic, African Radio Ministries, KTT (a ministry of St. Paul's), First Priority, Able Light (formerly Bethesda Home), Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary, Adullam House, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Prophets Christmas Project, Christmas gifts for Pastor and DCE, and purchasing palm fronds for making the Palm Sunday crosses.

LWM periodically holds fundraisers to support the programs that we support, and we always appreciate the support of the congregation in our efforts.

As we look forward to the coming years, LWM will continue to support the congregation and the community with its ministry.

*Beth Hornish and Ron Fritze*



**Please see the next page for opportunities to help us celebrate!**



# St Paul's Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary Planning.

Coordinator -- Craig Baker (for the moment, looking for help)



<u>Committees</u>	<u>Committee Lead</u>	<u>Committee Roles/Functions</u>
1. History/Publicity	Ron Fritze Beth Hornish ???	Quarterly/monthly Epistle article Slideshow for January to highlight event Pictures/Bios of past Pastors mounted on wall near Pastor's office Reach out to local media for coverage Publicity for Lutheran Witness or district paper
2. Celebration/Dinner	LWML	Lasagna, salad, cake Church, Thrivent to financially support Manage RSVPs icw Church Office
3. Hospitality	Ron Neuendorf/Ushers	Meet and Seat attendees
4. Worship	Pastor/Elders	Single Service 10:45am w/ Communion Location Sanctuary Celebration Meal to follow in ARC District President to provide sermon
5. Dinner Setup		Arrange seating in ARC to support meal
6. Invitations	Susan	Send invitations to Community VIPs Invitations to Past Pastors Manage RSVPs for celebration dinner
7. Outreach	Parish Outreach Elders	Contact past members, invite to celebration
8. Endowment	Endowment committee	Schedule Thrivent estate team to present to congregation Arrange one on one sessions for personalized planning help
9. 4th Avenue Church Visit /Recognition		Provide Ron opportunity to provide perspective on church move Recognize members who made the move
10. Decorations		Coordinate decorations for service and meal during celebra- tion Procure special gifts for members who made move from 4th Avenue Procure momentos of the celebration to church members.

**What an exciting plan to celebrate our 125th Anniversary with a Homecoming!**

**What interests you? Contact Craig Baker, Ron Fritze or Beth Hornish and join in the fun on this Team!**

Timeline		Stray Ideas
8-Oct	Celebration with service and meal	1. Provide momento for congregation members?
4-Oct	4th Avenue visit	2. Video interviews with oldest members about changes in community and St Paul's
early Jan	mail invites to past pastors	3. Encourage members to share memories or photos, post on bulletin board or in powerpoint
early Jan	institute slide show presentation	
Oct-22	begin <i>Epistle</i> Articles	



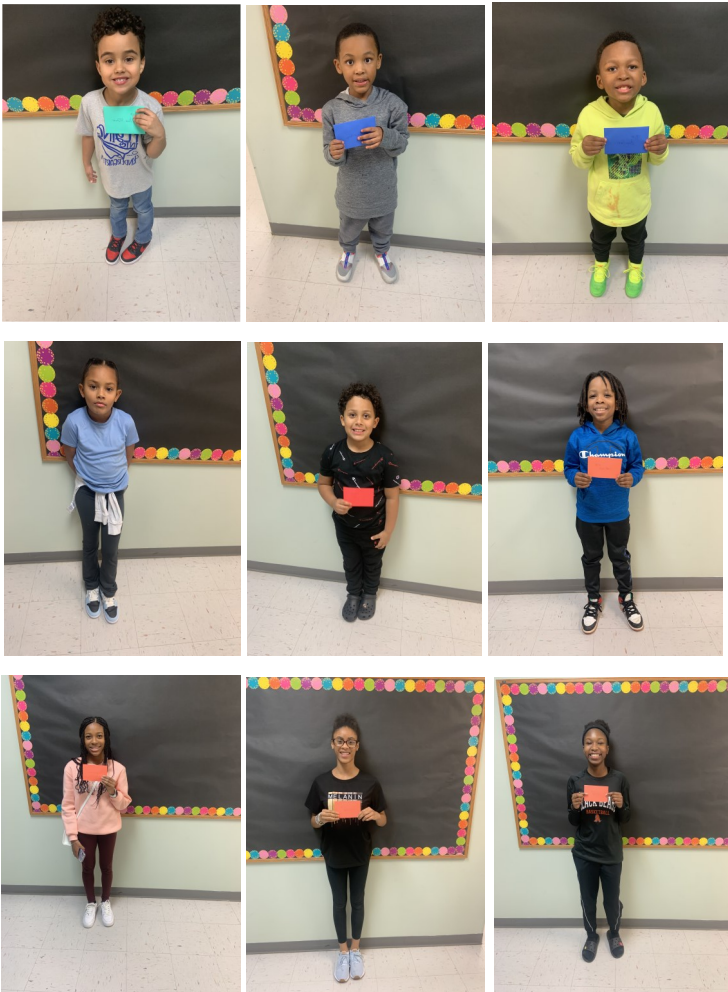
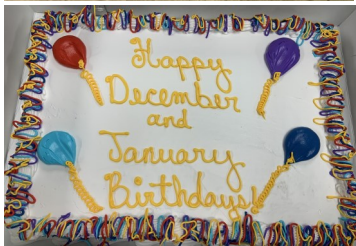
# Afterschool Care

## DEC/JAN BIRTHDAYS

Larry Johnson, KTT's Club grandfather, has been with us for seven years. He has built numerous relationships with the youth. He helps out in various ways. Some of his duties includes monitoring the door, cooking, and assisting youth when needed. He's very faithful in providing birthday cakes for the children.



**Earn to Learn second quarter winners all received gift cards for being the top in their grade levels.**



The middle schoolers enjoyed themselves on their Chick Fil A outing away from the little people.



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Charlotte Bradley, Director, KTT Inc  
(256) 666-8601

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit  
<https://www.facebook.com/KidzTweenzTeenzInc/>



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