

February 2026

CHURCH NEWS

Evangel Newsletter



A Global Methodist
Congregation

A Note from Pastor Kelly

Dear Members and Friends of Evangel,

There is a current song written by Anne Wilson and Matthew West called My Jesus. Look it up on Youtube if you have not heard it before. It is not a traditional hymn, but it tells a great story. Here are the lyrics:

My Jesus



*Are you past the point of weary
Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling
'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus*

*He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life*

*Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen (amen)*

*Who can wipe away the tears
From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
Let me tell you about my Jesus*

*Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh*

*Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Let my Jesus change your life*

Evangel, as we look back on this past year, it is a testimony of what Jesus has done. It is a way of saying "Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus." Oh yes, there are the big things that Anne listed in the song: "He makes a way where there ain't no way, Rises up from an empty grave, Ain't no sinner that He can't save." And we ought to sing and shout "Hallelujah" over and over and over when God is doing these things!

But let's keep remembering what we have seen God do at Evangel in recent years. First, he has done all the things listed in the song. Jesus did rise from the dead and we are witnesses and share in that resurrection ("For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:5). Jesus showed us a way when there seemed to be no way. When we not only replaced the aging and worn out roof, but did so without going into debt. Through your amazing gifts and many years of the Trustees being good stewards of gifts given in the past, we have a brand new beautiful roof. We are poised and ready to share the Kingdom of God another 100 years in this wonderful building that God has given us. Add this to the recent success of joining the Global Methodist Church, and all of your generosity that went into that.

We all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). And Jesus came to save us. One of the great lessons from this year was that we need to be in the business of multiplication. We learned that the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. We have been praying that the Lord of the Harvest would provide workers.

It was at the end December of last year that Dave Jones learned that he was being ordained in 2026. God is raising up workers for the Harvest from our very own Church! I wonder who is next ...?

So, thank you for being part of what God is doing here at Evangel. The overall financial giving has been very generous, even if giving to the general fund was reduced somewhat due to giving to the roof project. (Remember, the weekly general fund giving supports Evangel's annual budget: staff compensation, administration expenses and ministry expenses. Maintenance on the church building is not a part of the general budget.) Evangel's budget is a tangible telling about what Jesus has done. So make sure you do: tell 'bout my (Your) Jesus. Tell through your giving, tell through your faithfulness, tell through your testimony, tell through worship, service and outreach.

*Just tell 'bout Jesus. And,
THANK YOU for doing so!*

Dear Evangel Church,

I deeply appreciate the support I have received from this church ever since I was little.

This scholarship gives me a foot in the door, helping me not only keep up but also excel in my future endeavors.

More than many may realize, this scholarship allows kids like me to pursue our dreams and achieve greater success. Your generosity truly makes a lasting impact on our lives. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Sebastian Gomez



Thank you to you and the scholarship team for the generous gift. It has allowed me to pick up an extra class and pay for textbooks so I can continue accelerating toward my goals and dreams of becoming a physical therapist. I also want to thank you for the continued support. Being away from home for the last two years while trying to figure out where I fit in this world and the relationship God desires me to have with Him has not always been easy. Your community's support truly means more to me than I can express.

Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,

Rylan Amon



**IT IS FOR FREE-
DOM THAT CHRIST
HAS SET US FREE.**

**STAND FIRM,
THEN, AND DO**

**NOT LET YOURSELVES BE BURDENED AGAIN BY
A YOKE OF SLAVERY. GAL 5:1**

Encounter Christ in a real, intimate & personal way through teachings, testimonies, and worship. Experience His presence like never before.

MARCH 20-25, 2026

Webster Conference Center, Salina

register at
Women.encounterthecros.com

Launch Information:

Friday, 4pm from Fellowship Bible Church,
Topeka. Return Sunday, 5pm

For more information, contact

Stephanie Watkins,
steph0watkins@gmail.com



**We are asking for
your Help!**

Nueva Vida After School
Tutoring Supplies are
running low. We are in need
of small bottles of water (8oz)
and healthy snacks for the
students we serve. And we
would welcome anyone who
wants to try tutoring (you
don't need to be a teacher or
speak Spanish).

Please contact Sherry Kuglin
(785)364-7143.



NATIONAL EXTENSION WORKING GROUP

Nutrition and physical activity are key to managing Type 2 Diabetes—but where do you start?

Take Action to Manage Your Diabetes

- Explore healthy meal and snack options
- Participate in cooking demonstrations and tastings
- Connect with others living with diabetes
- Get ideas to be more physically active
- Learn how diabetes affects your overall health

For more information, visit: k-state.edu/diningwithdiabetes

Dates: February 17, 24, March 3 & 10, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Evangel Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, KS

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes all four sessions)

Registration is required.

Scan or call to register

Call or email:

785-364-4125 or thatfield@ksu.edu



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Jackson County Food Pantry

is in need of re-stocking. The need is for the following items: Peanut butter, mac & cheese, cereal, canned meats, pork & beans. If you can help with these needs, it would be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations may be left in the office. Thank you.



This year we'd like to make a change!



This month is all about sharing love with others. Our Giving Tree will be set up in The LINK by the main entrance to support the residents of The Holton Healthcare Center.

We're collecting special gifts to stock their Bingo Store, where residents can "buy" prizes using points they earn. Donations can include smell-good items (lotions, moisturizer, body wash for men & women), cozy men's socks, yummy snacks (chips, popcorn, beef sticks, pop), activity items (crossword or Sudoku books, coloring books & supplies), gently used jewelry, and small room decorations.

Please pick up a tag (or a few!) from the tree, purchase the item listed, and return it unwrapped to the church office. Your generosity will bring joy, warmth, and Christmas cheer to our neighbors at The Holton Healthcare Center!

Volunteers Needed!



We would like to ask for your help as we take a moment to thank **Judy Jones** for the love and devotion she has shown in caring for the beautiful flower beds at our church. Judy feels it is time for her to step back, and we are grateful for all she has done. Now we are inviting new members to step forward to help care for the church flower beds. This ministry includes tasks such as watering, pruning, and deadheading flowers. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the church office at (785) 364-3834.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!



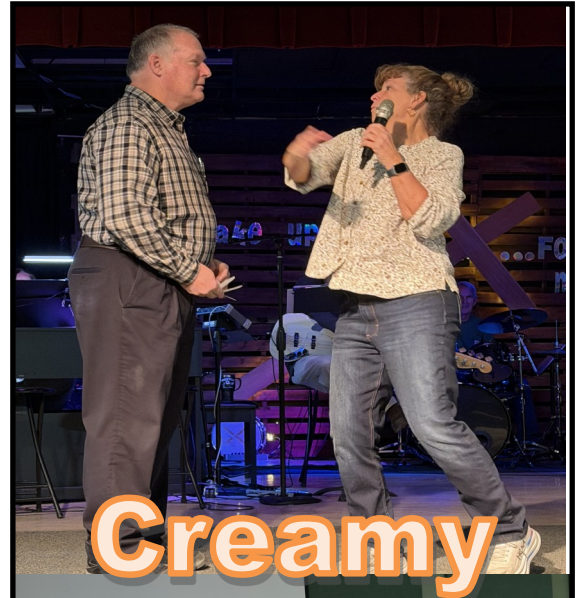
A Wonderful Day at Evangel!

Thank you to all the ladies

that attended our January 11th Women's Gathering. We had over 50 wonderful women that shared in the "Legacy of Shoes in the Bible". We may never think of shoes the same way again! Thank you also to those that purchased Fenton shoes and donated to our gathering. We made \$300 for future projects, missions, and meetings. Mark your calendar for our next Women's Gathering which will be Sunday, April 19th. It will be a "blooming" fun time.



Please Pray for our pastors
and lay Leaders as they
attend a
Global Methodist
Gathering in
Wichita KS,
February 27-28, 2026.



Band of Brothers
A Christian Men's Ministry
Breakfast

Join us Saturday,
Feb 7th, 7:00 a.m.



**Breakfast will be
served and will be
done by 8-8:30.
See Mike Spade for
more information.**

Pitch
TOURNAMENT
Feb. 1st

5:30-7:30 pm

Bring finger food to
share 5:30-6 pm Social
half-hour 6-7:30 pm
Tournament



Band of Brothers
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breakfast



Join us Saturday,
Feb. 21st, 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be
served and will be
done by
8- 8:30.
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more information.

The LifeJourney Team!!

is looking to expand. We are in need of some kitchen help on Sunday mornings. This involves cleaning up the morning refreshments, washing the coffee pots and putting away the condiments after the service is over. On Communion days, you would clean up the Communion Table and put away the paraments. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office, Jennifer Shaw, Sandy Allen or Pastor Kelly.

Join us on
Ash 
Wednesday

February 18th, 2026

**6:30 a.m. and Noon
in the Sanctuary.**





Pastor:

Kelly D. Sipes

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Administrative Assistant:

Gladis Gomez

Nueva Vida and Associate Pastor:

Hector Sanchez

Minister of Maintenance:

Tiffany Kuglin

February 2026

Happy Anniversary

- 14 Chris & Tracy Mercer
- 14 Thomas & Shelly Swendson
- 18 Chris & Toni Kucan
- 21 Roger & Barbara Collins



- 3 Kenley Dale Carpenter
- 3 Ellie Klepees
- 4 Cheri Cashier
- 5 Karen Binkley
- 5 Diane Gruver
- 5 Sherry Kuglin
- 8 Janis Bowser
- 8 Mateo G. Pol
- 9 Mary Lou Birkbeck
- 9 Haley Rhule
- 9 Matt Taylor
- 11 Kennedy Smith
- 12 Jerry Cashier
- 13 Micaela Pol
- 14 Valentina Avalos
- 14 Lindsey Sue Foster
- 14 Elli Porter
- 16 Kim Mick
- 16 Camdyn Moulin
- 17 Dixie Haag
- 18 Toni Kucan
- 19 Tye Shupe
- 19 Laura Stauffer
- 22 Miriam Pol Lux
- 24 Marclare Bell
- 25 Jolene Brauer
- 27 Lora Larison

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<https://www.facebook.com/evangelholton/>

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Prayer Requests:

Other Concerns:

Jacob Maforo (GMC Missionary to Zimbabwe), Kim Mick, Phil Lloyd, Sharon Karns, Linda West, Sheryl McDaniel, Mary Schulz

The Prayer List is updated weekly.

We will remove names after six weeks unless we hear from you to continue the concern. Thank you.

To add a prayer request, please contact: Sheryl McDaniel at

364-3896 or

smcdaniel364@gmail.com

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