

# The Messenger



Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....

## A Father's Love

By Pastor Bruce Grentz

### February 2022

- 02/14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 02/5 8AM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
- 02/21 PRESIDENTS DAY
- 02/11 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
- 02/15 NEWS LETTER ARTICLES DUE BY MIDNIGHT NO ARTICLES WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTER 02/18
- 02/27 ANNUAL MEETING

### February Hospitality Team Coordinator:

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Toby McKeehan, aka Toby Mac. One of the most popular Contemporary Christian music artists ever. He has been at the top of the Contemporary Christian music charts many, many times. I've always been impressed with his creativity. He blends words with music in an inimitable way. His style is truly his own. He writes lyrics and sings songs that ring true in the hearts of minds of many Christians. Also, he and his wife, Amanda, have 5 children.

In 2009, he received a Grammy for the Best Rock Gospel Album and in 2011 he won the Billboard Music, Top Christian Artist award as well as the Top Christian album. He is allegedly worth \$10 million. He's been to the top of his profession. He looks like one of those Christians who is gifted beyond the normal Christian and that nothing could ever touch him.

But tragedy struck him on October 23, 2019. His son, Truett McKeehan, died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl and amphetamines. Truett had followed in his dad's footsteps and started singing, doing shows and recording. Right before his death, Toby watched his son do

his first live show and he sent Truett a text expressing his love for him. In it he told him how proud he was to see him performing on stage. Truett texted back, "**love you dad,**" before adding, "**you have always believed in me**" and "**make me feel like a superhero.**"

Toby Mac and his wife, Amanda, absolutely loved their son. He celebrated that love in a fitting tribute that he wrote in a song entitled "**21 years.**" I've watched him perform this song many times on Youtube.com and I recommend you watch it as well. Like me, I don't think you will be able to get through it without crying.

But what's so powerful about this song? Well, it's February and I think of my wife whose birthday it is early in the month and Valentine's day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. So let's say, for me, it's a month that helps me focus on love. And Toby Mac helps us do the same in his tribute to his son, "21 years."

Toby Mac presents the gospel clearly in his Denver concert. He says a lot of people have come to his wife and him since his son's death and said things like, "You'll see your son again." Toby declared that he honestly believes that, but the question is why? As I first watched this, I thought he was

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going to say, why did this have to happen? But he didn't. Instead, he asks why will he get to see his son? He states boldly that it is isn't because his son's good outweighed his bad? No, he was his wild child. The answer is simply John 3:16, **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life."**

He goes onto say that salvation is a gift that has to be received by faith in Jesus and he is sure his Son received that gift. He talked with him many, many times about Christ and he knows his son is in heaven. He, also, says he and his wife love the thought that **"God gave his first-born son so we could see our first-born son again."**

Mac begins the song lamenting the fact that he has no more time with his son and how difficult the first days were after his death. He asks the Lord, **"How could you give him and take him away? What I would give for a couple of days."** He goes on telling his son, **"You said, you said, you would turn it around. Thought you had time to straighten it out. Told me that you were my prodigal son. But this isn't home. Is it just across the Jordan? Or a city in the stars? Are you singing with the angels? Are you happy where you are? Well, until this show is over, and you run into my arms, God has you in heaven, but I have you in my heart."**

We have many loved ones in our hearts and lives as well. But let's tell them this February and every day how much we love them. Let's show them as well as Jesus did us by sacrificing himself for us on the cross. This February as we celebrate Valentine's day, let's not keep that love to ourselves. Let's tell everyone of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who loved all of us and gave himself for us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bruce

## **OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch**

As the newly appointed Council President, I would like to reiterate the commitment that I made when running for one of the open council positions. I will serve God's church and represent every member of the congregation to the best of my ability and in accordance with my Lutheran faith. This will be a difficult challenge, since the congregation consists of members with varying views and differing opinions, and since what the church means to any one of us at any point on our journey can change depending on where we are on our walk of faith at that moment in time. However, while our differences are very real and must be respected, we do all share a common faith in the Triune God; and have chosen the Lutheran Faith, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church, as the avenue to exercise our relationship with our God. I believe that if we all work from this point of commonality rather than focusing too intensely on any differences, then we can all move forward in faith together. I ask for your prayers for myself and the other members of the council, that we may have wisdom and discernment, as we strive to make decisions which may not always necessarily seem to best serve any one member's interest, but which will be in accordance with our Constitution, which will best serve the general membership and God's church as a whole; and which in the end will best serve all of us. Thank you for your support, I look forward to serving you this coming year in my role as Council President.

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**FELLOWSHIP Ministry:** Nancy Gerry (Chairman) - Annie Coyle (Council Liaison)

**GROW Ministry:** Justine Ashcraft (Chairman) - Josh Ashcraft (Council Liaison)

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** Elton Sutherland (Chairman)- Dave Engen (Council Liaison)

**Bible Study**—We will be resuming January 21st, 2022 at Black Bear Diner in Layton at 6AM, with a study of “The Augsburg Confession and It’s Apology.” We will be studying our Lutheran roots as presented to Emperor Charles V on June 25, 1530 in Augsburg Germany. We will be meet for breakfast and Christian fellowship along with the Bible study. All are welcome.

**Christian Men’s Network**—For over 40 years the Christian Men’s Network has been a highly effective global movement of pastors and leaders dedicated to training men toward their roles as servant-leaders in their families, church, and culture.

The goal of CMN is to Build Men, Build Churches, and Transform Culture. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, God does it...one man at a time. You can find the “ChristianMensNetwork” channel on YouTube or on the web at [cmn.men](http://cmn.men).

Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you need encouragement or have questions. (801)510-3994

**Living on the Edge**—Living on the Edge exists to help Christians live like Christians.

Daily Discipleship: True Spirituality is a new 17-day journey exploring Romans 12 that will help you develop the habit of being in God's Word every day. Not only will this help you learn how to study the Bible, but Chip will also show you how to put true spirituality into practice in every relationship of your life. Learn more by visiting [LivingontheEdge.org](http://LivingontheEdge.org). If you have any questions please contact Elton Sutherland, 385-244-5499.

**Prayer Time**—We encourage everyone to tune in to the pastor’s Facebook page Live at 7PM on Wednesday nights to take part in prayers for who ever needs them as led by our pastor. This is an awesome time and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you, Pastor, for leading our church in a way that honors God.

**Security Team**—We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of the church. If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share, please contact Alan Huss. (801)725-1373

**Building and Grounds**—We always have tasks that need doing and John would love to hear from you. Contact John Crossfield or the church office if you are willing to help tackle a project.

**Men’s Ministry Fellowship Breakfast**—The next men’s fellowship breakfast will be held on February 5th, the breakfasts will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. Joe Heman will be hosting this month. The next breakfast will be held on March 5th, Leo Seeber will host. If you have any questions please contact Dan Kartak.

**MISSION & SERVICE Ministry:** Kathy Sutherland (Chairman) - Elton Sutherland (Council Liaison)

**Second Sunday Offerings**—The second Sunday offering for February is Open Hand Food Pantry. OSLC has been a part of this worthwhile ministry for many years through Janet Tow. Open hands serves groceries and prayers for needy families in the Ogden area. Help is always needed to purchase food, and donations of time are appreciated, too. Since Roy Baptist Food Pantry has closed this pantry is even more important.

**Souper Bowl of Caring**—Every year, the Utah Food Bank sponsors this event to encourage giving to help feed the needy in our state. OSLC has joined in the past, donating to First Baptist Church of Roy's food bank. Since the food bank is no longer serving the community, we will take all donations (food and monetary) to the Utah Food Bank of Ogden. Look for donation bins from Feb 1 to 13.

**Coupons for Military**—Military members and families who are stationed overseas cook, clean, and do yard work just like active duty military families in the states. They shop at stores and commissaries on the military base where they are stationed. Thank you to so many of you who have donated coupons that have been mailed and helped overseas families in the past few years! Because of our travel plans, I will no longer be able to collect them for Our Savior's and mail them. Your help is needed: If you get coupons in the mail, in the newspaper, or in magazines, please cut them out and mail them to one of the military bases listed at this web site: [ocpnet.org](http://ocpnet.org) Overseas Coupon Program network lists overseas bases where the commissaries make those coupons available to shoppers. Choose a base to send your envelope to, simply address it, and mail it! Because mail goes out of the country, only 1 ounce packages with 1 stamp can be sent without excess paperwork and cost.

Other companies send coupons to troops, also, but sorting and labeling is required and I have found ocpnet is the easiest with which to work. If I can help you with this new challenge, please do not hesitate to call me!

**Donate Wisely**—If you are like me, you get envelopes with free greeting cards, ink pens, calendars and requests for financial help. Each of these groups is a non-profit organization. Help for National parks, animals, hungry children, and nature conservancy, etc. all have genuine need of your support. Please put all of these needs in your prayers. But before you write a check or fill your credit card number on the form, check the organization to make sure it truly uses the money you provide toward their programs and are not paying their executives or renting expensive offices. The web site we use to vet non-profits is Charity Navigator. On their website, you enter the name of a charity and see the ratings. We look most closely at the percent of the donations that go to the programs and not the administration. Not every non-profit has a rating. "Zambia Scholarship Fund" is run from the kitchen of a family in Bear River City, Utah. Only 3% of donations is used for printing, postage, etc. 97% goes to education in Africa! However, they have no Encompass score on Charity Navigator. We had to use other resources for them, their website.

Please let me know if you need assistance in your own vetting as you consider supporting charities or any of our Second Sunday Offerings.

**Ministry Leader Needed**—I would love to use the next two months helping a new Mission and Service Ministry leader. We will be moving in April or May and will not be able to serve in this capacity; it is rewarding and easy to

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP Ministry:** Mark Nourse (Chairman) Trent Schmid (Counsel Liaison)

**Music**—Planned for the remainder of the season of Epiphany and the upcoming season of Lent. Ash Wednesday Service is March 2nd at 6:30 pm. Lenten Midweek Services will be every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm until Holy Week. Pastor Bruce will offer a series of Lenten homilies to help us be introspective and contemplative as we focus on our Lord and His sacrifice for us. In coordination with the Fellowship Ministry, it was agreed, there will be **NO** midweek Lenten suppers due to continued high Covid numbers.

We deeply miss the having Jeff, Wendy, Steve, and Trent in the band and wish them well in their retirement.

We are so grateful for all those that have volunteered their time and talents for our new music team. If you see Mark, Jake, Melissa, Lindy, Curt, Vicki, Pam, Antonio, Anden, Jim, Gail, please let them know how much they are appreciated.

**Acolytes**—Sheila Courtney is doing a wonderful job coordinating and training the acolytes. Thank you to all the youth who are serving. You are loved.

**Alter Guild**—Santee Isaacson is doing a fantastic job as leader of the Altar Guild. We want to thank all the ladies on the team for helping.

**Media Committee**—we need volunteers to operate the Narthex Cam at the 10am Contemporary Worship Service. Operating the Narthex Cam is fun and easy. Please contact Barb McFarland if you are willing to help the congregation in this way.

**WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY:** Mary Kartak (Chairman) Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)

Statistics shared by Fox 13 reported 12,990 new COVID-19 cases on this, the day I write a Reach and Welcome newsletter article for February. At a time like this, literal reaching out is not welcoming and nearness itself is not generally welcomed.

I hope and pray that by the time you receive this mailing, there will be a marked downward trend in numbers of infections, hospitalizations and deaths. Meanwhile, I believe that the best thing any of us can do is pray. Pray for yourself, your family, your friends and neighbors, your community, your country and your world.

Please stay safe. Follow precautions consistent with the GOLDEN RULE. Remember those less fortunate than yourself. Turn to fellow believers, your Bible, and prayer to help you cope. Know above all that YOU are a child of God.

Welcome Leo Seeber to the role of council liaison for the Reach and Welcome ministry. Thank you for being involved in the work of the Council.

Apart from Reach and Welcome and regarding the Hospitality teams, there continues to exist a need for 2, perhaps 3, team leaders. This is a most rewarding role and readers are asked to prayerfully consider volunteering. Call or text 801-540-2396. Thank you.

Below is a favorite scripture from the NIV version of the Bible. It seems especially pertinent during these troubled times.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

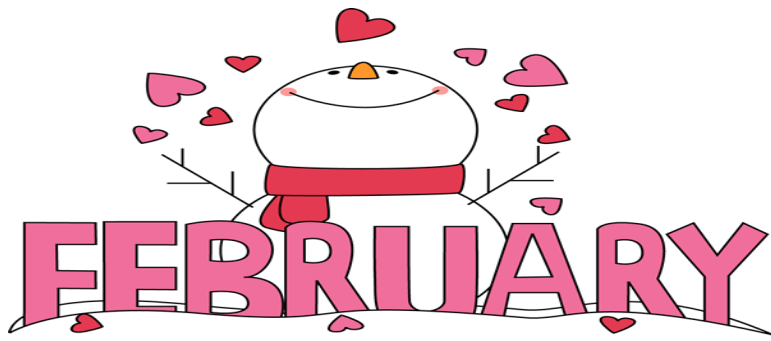
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6-Feb	8:00 AM	Lexi Grentz	??	Russ Smith	??	??		NA
6-Feb	10:00 AM	Courtney Barrett	??	Sabrina Wolf	??	??		NA
13-Feb	8:00 AM	Lexi Grentz	??	Stacy Ames	??	??		NA
13-Feb	10:00 AM	Boston Barrett	??	Diane Nath	??	??		NA
20-Feb	8:00 AM	Lexi Grentz	??	Russ Smith	??	??		NA
20-Feb	10:00 AM	Brady Kaiser	??	Jim Campbell	??	??		NA
27-Feb	8:00 AM	??	??	Don McFarland	??	??		NA
27-Feb	10:00 AM	??	??	Mary Leschke	??	??		NA



1 Feb Michael Underwood  
 2 Feb Brooklyn Gathercole  
 2 Feb Dillion Sandberg  
 2 Feb Luke Ashcraft  
 3 Feb Jean Sojourner  
 4 Feb Minuette Grentz  
 5 Feb Charlotte Deamer  
 5 Feb Ken Rueckert  
 7 Feb Dan Kartak  
 7 Feb Dave Mansfield  
 7 Feb Luca Grossi  
 7 Feb Olivia Grossi  
 9 Feb Carla Cross  
 9 Feb John Deitsch  
 11 Feb Bill Lange  
 15 Feb Sue Allen

16 Feb John McFadden  
 16 Feb Samantha Hall  
 16 Feb Terrie Schad  
 17 Feb Brinley Zelfer  
 17 Feb Debby Boe  
 18 Feb Daniel Atkinson  
 18 Feb Kris Gibson  
 19 Feb David Engen  
 20 Feb Sabrina Wolfe  
 21 Feb Mary Kartak  
 22 Feb Amy Zierenberg  
 22 Feb Stephanie Nourse  
 25 Feb Mallory Atkinson  
 25 Feb Pam Campbell  
 26 Feb Tim Fasig



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**March Newsletter Articles  
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## **February Lectionary**

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
<b>6 Feb</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 14:12b-20	Luke 5:1-11
<b>13 Feb</b>	Jeremiah 17:5-8	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:(1-11) 12-	Luke 6:17-26
<b>20 Feb</b>	Genesis 45:3-15	Psalm 103:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-	Luke 6:27-38
<b>27 Feb</b>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 99	Hebrews 3:1-6	Luke 9:38-36

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