**Worship**

**Announcements**

**Message:** *God, Government and Grace 1 Pet 2:13-17*

**Fellowship Hospitality**

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1. **Ladies Valentines Breakfast coming UP !** This Saturday February 18th we will have a Ladies Valentine Breakfast from 9-11 at Trav and Cindy’s house. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Cindy (mtneumann@gmail.com) by this Thursday the 16th.
2. **Read Ahead!** –Next week we continue with our series in 1st Peter. The passage is 1 Peter 2:18-25 on Hope When Treated Unjustly.
3. **Building Update.** Last week, the Smithsburg City Planning Commission informed us that the fire marshal had completed their initial review of our plans. We do not know any of the details at this point and are eager to get the written review this week. Please continue praying!
4. **Finance Update:** Brad and I are grateful for your continued faithfulness in your financial support of the church. Our giving for January was a little over our planned expenses. If you would like a copy of this year’s budget, please see Brad.
5. **2016 Giving Statement.** Please see Pastor Brad if you have not received your 2016 giving statement.

1Peter 2:13-17

* + 1. **13 [Be subject] [for the Lord's sake]** to every human institution, whether it be to the **emperor** as supreme,

**14**or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

**15**For this is the will of God, ***that*** by doing good you should **put to silence the ignorance of foolish people**.

**16**Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

**17**Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the **emperor**.

**Point 1: Our Responsibility to Government**

**[Be subject] – content of submitting and yielding to God ordained authority.**

**[for the Lord's sake] – the motivation, basis and reason for being subject**