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UMCOR Provides Needed Earthquake Disaster Relief



A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the most powerful earthquake recorded since 1939. In the hours that followed, at least 78 aftershocks were reported, followed by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude and a 6.3 earthquake February 20.

The earthquake and aftershocks also impacted northwest Syria, where 4.1 million people depend on humanitarian assistance. Syrian communities, many of them women and children, are simultaneously facing an ongoing cholera outbreak and extreme winter weather, including heavy rain and snow.

Tens of thousands have been killed in both countries, and deaths continue to rise as rescue/recovery efforts go forward. The humanitarian response is struggling to ramp up to meet the need among the devastation and winter weather.

UMCOR's longstanding humanitarian partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC), has multiple offices and project sites in Turkey. In IBC offices, people fill the halls as they seek shelter, warmth, and a hot meal. With the devastating damage to roads, transport and infrastructure, IBC has received hundreds of families in its Kilis Community Center for shelter, warm items, and hot meals since the first hours following the quake. Kilis is serving as a major hub for coordination and relief efforts, including for cross-border response into Syria. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has released initial solidarity grants to IBC and Forum for Development Culture and Dialogue (working in Syria) to help provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready to eat meals and first aid kits to those who have been displaced. UMCOR staff members are also in touch with other partners in the region. Additional updates will be provided as more information becomes available. **Please join UMCOR in prayer for the many people affected by these devastating earthquakes, including the rescue crews seeking survivors and those caring for the injured and displaced.**

Support relief and recovery efforts for this and other international disasters by donating to Advance #982450 at [UMCOR - Global Ministries \(umcmission.org\)](https://www.umcmission.org) or **by giving during offering time at Clair.**

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Clair Cheers on Chiefs' KIN-DOM



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During Men's Breakfast last Saturday, Rod Sander brought a new movie to our attention. It's entitled, *Jesus Revolution*, and will be showing in St. Joseph beginning Wednesday, Feb. 22. It sounds like a great story of awakening, transformation, and revival. Based on a true story, *Jesus Revolution* follows the story of Greg Laurie, who was one of the real-life people involved in the movement.

India McCarty from *Showbiz CheatSheet* writes that Laurie "converted to Christianity in the '60s after crossing paths with pastor Chuck Smith, one of the leaders of the Jesus Revolution. The movie also deals with the cultural clash that happened during the Jesus Revolution movement. Hippies and young people began attending church alongside more conservative older people, and both parties disagreed with the other's views on life and religion." Kelsey Grammar has the lead role of Chuck Smith. Check out this link to the movie trailer: <https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&p=95ebfb447e8bb3a7JmltdHM9MTY3Njg1MTIwMCZpZ3VpZD0zYzQ4NDViNS1IMDY5LTU1MTU1MmQwOC01N2QwZTEyYzY0OTUmaW5zaWQ9NTcyMw&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=3c4845b5-e069-6515-2d08-57d0e11c6495&psq=jesus+revolution+movie&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGFpbHltb3Rpb24uY29tL3ZpZGVvL3g4aHNndmU&ntb=1>

I'm looking forward to seeing the movie. Maybe in a couple of weeks those of us who have seen it can get together for conversation.

In other news... The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. We'll have a brief Ash Wednesday service at Clair at 6 PM followed by the first session of our new Bible study, *Seamless* at 6:30. It isn't too late to join in the 7-week adventure of an overview of the Bible and the thread that runs from Genesis to Revelation. We'll

meet at Clair on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 PM.

A daytime option is available from 1-2:30 on Thursday afternoons at Ebenezer UMC beginning Feb. 23. This will be a great way to deepen our understanding of the Bible during the Lenten season.

As always, Friends, it is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy



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"Love You So Much" Clair Choir!



Clair Kids enjoy a craft while learning!



Holy Spirit sticks to us!



Fruits of the Spirit



KC MEN'S CHORUS
PERFORMS PALM SUNDAY
3 PM AT CLAIR!
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CLAIR'S CALENDAR

February 22	Ash Wednesday Services 6 PM
Feb. 22-April 5	"Seamless" Bible Study 6:30 PM
March 12	Fellowship Luncheon
March 13	Starlite 3:30 PM
March 14	Ad Council 6 PM
March 18	Men's Group 8 AM
March 29	Serve Open Door Food Kitchen
April 2	Palm Sunday
	KC Men's Chorus at Clair 3 PM
April 6	Walk With Jesus service 6 PM
April 7	Good Friday Service Ebenezer 6:30 PM
April 8	Walk With Jesus service & children's egg hunt 4 PM
April 9	Easter Breakfast and Celebration 9 AM



Starlight plays
Valentine's Family Feud!!