

# Monthly Newsletter



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## COMING UP in February

**potluck THIS SUNDAY! 9 Feb** - The church is providing the Tenderloin meat and you are asked to bring the Sides. Some ideas are: stuffing, mashed potatoes, potato salad, green beans casserole, corn & dessert. Thank you for contributing to our meal!

**12 Feb 6:30pm- Wednesday nights Dinner & Bible study.** Doors open at 6 with dinner. Bible Study at 6:30pm. Adults are studying the book of Acts in the main area. Youth meet with **Pastor Matt** in the Youth Room. (Recurring every Wednesday night!)

**14-16 Feb - We are hosting guests!** Southern Hills Mission Team (about 24 people) are coming to visit and care for us from Abilene, Texas! They plan to do work for us on Saturday. Impact will provide lunch for them. **All of our church are invited to meet with them on Saturday evening about 7pm** at Impact to meet them, share about our collaborations with other organizations and what we do here at Impact Church. We will also talk with them about what they've learned and their experiences from being here in Temple, for the first time. We hope to have a time of spontaneous worship and prayer together- Church of Christ style! **Join us Saturday evening!** On Sunday, they plan to create and serve our lunch (*you can rest Kitchen Team!*) and lead our children's church (*you can rest Children's team!*) before they hit the road to travel back to their home city.

**15 Feb 4pm - Ladies Getting to know YOU Gathering!** Join us at 4pm\* at Tiffany's Art Studio (604 W. French Ave. - very close to church). Dinner provided. No need to bring anything else this time, **just come! We want to take some time to get to know YOU!**

(Note: \*We intend to continue the fellowship by joining the Southern Hills Missions group at 7pm at Impact to meet them and have a time of worship and prayer together!) Contact [Sejana](mailto:Sejana.sejana@impacttemple.com) [sejana@impacttemple.com](mailto:sejana@impacttemple.com) if you have any questions!

**19 Feb 6:30pm- Wednesday nights Dinner & Bible study.** Doors open at 6 with dinner. Bible Study at 6:30pm. Adults are studying the book of Acts in the main area. Youth meet with **Pastor Matt** in the Youth Room. (Recurring every Wednesday night!)

**22 Feb 8:30am - Men's Breakfast** at Impact. Breakfast will be provided! Just show up but if you have questions, contact Hal.(Recurring monthly last Sat of the month.)

**23 Feb - End of the month Potluck** Everyone is invited to bring and share the food you LOVE because it's the month of LOVE! Let's love on our kitchen team by offering them a regular break once a month to rest from kitchen service. See Gerald or Billie Sue for questions! (Recurring monthly last Sunday of the month.)

**23 Feb - Happy Birthday to all born in February!** Let's celebrate you with a song, cake, and a group photo. (Recurring monthly last Sunday of the month.)

**26 Feb 6:30pm- Wednesday nights Dinner & Bible study.** Doors open at 6 with dinner. Bible Study at 6:30pm. Adults are studying the book of Acts in the main area. Youth meet with **Pastor Matt** in the Youth Room. (Recurring every Wednesday night!)



## BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

**Coming up soon!** Our exterior church remodel will begin soon! This will *not* interrupt church activities, but we *will* communicate via email and social media if we need to be flexible (with parking, entry doors, etc.).



## COMMUNITY Events (Impact shares space with others - find out more here!)

**22 Feb 4-6pm** - Self-defense class (free). Open to women, children, male staff/volunteer leaders. Mr. Ezagui (pronounced EE ZOW EE) incorporates deescalation techniques in his teaching, which can be useful in a variety of situations! Contact Li'sa or Dolores (Impact Community Resources) for more information.

IMPACT Stories! (Read more stories on our website [here](#).)

## Prayer and the washing machine by Maria Hutton



Recently I was at church getting ready for service and visiting with Bill, our assistant pastor, about what the church needed. He mentioned there was a need for a heavy duty laundry appliance to help serve the warming shelter. We stopped and prayed right then for the need, and Bill and I brainstormed ways to collect the money for the one.

Later that day, at lunch, I was talking with a couple who were visiting. I asked what brought them to Impact, and they shared they were looking to help out and did I know any specific needs. Well, yes, I did! I introduced them to Bill, who took it from there.

It was such a blessing to be in on seeing a direct and immediate answer to prayer. Before I even knew to pray for the need God had supplied the answer. Before Bill shared with me, those people were on their way. Praise God for miraculous timing.

# A LOOK BACK January-ish 2025

## January Birthdays

We asked those born in January to come forward!  
**Johnny, 'Tex,' Maria, Bill, Matt,** Happy Birthday to each of you! Also, thank you Susan for your German Chocolate cake!



## Advent Series (2024)



Thank you to Dallas & Maria for providing written devotionals each week of Advent 2024 to take home. Thank you Matt & Sejana for your vision & coordination for our first church-wide acknowledgement of the Advent season! And of course a huge THANK YOU to all of our Advent readers!

We'd love to hear your feedback about the 2024 Advent experience. Reach out to Sejana with your input anytime.



## Sermons



Did you know our sermons are on [YouTube](#) as well as our website [impacttemple.com/watch](http://impacttemple.com/watch)?

- [EOY Sermon & end of Advent: 29 Dec 2024](#) (Roy)
- [Faith Sermon: 5 Jan](#) (Bill)

New series: Joseph: Gods' Providence and Life's Curveballs

- 12 Jan - [Dysfunctional Families & Joseph](#) (Roy).
- 19 Jan - [Joseph & A Failure to Lead](#) (Roy).
- 26 Jan - Potiphar's wife (Roy)\*unfortunately, this was unintentionally not recorded
- 2 Feb - [Actions & Consequences for Us and Others Judah and Tamar](#) (Sejana).

## A LOOK Forward

- 5 March - Ash Wednesday, Season of Lent, Passion Week, Easter 20 April (more to come!)
- 29 March - Men's breakfast
- 30 March - Church-wide potluck (Theme Green!) & March Birthday celebration!



Look Out for the NEXT Newsletter published at the end of Feb 2025!

Did you notice other information that should be shared here? Would you like to receive these emails directly in your in-box? Do you want to collaborate about finding your fit at Impact?

Let's talk and connect soon! Contact [Sejana](#)

# Introducing Impact's new "Connections Pastor"

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Connections Pastor  
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At Impact, we believe that Jesus invites everyone to Him, and church is a community to which all of us belong—not because of who we are, but because of who Jesus is.

As Connections Pastor, Sejana is committed to helping each person here at Impact discover their gifts and find their place of belonging in the Body of Christ.



[Sejana Yoo](#), MDiv, PBCC, CSD, MS ([FB announcement](#))

Sejana serves as a hospital chaplain, preaches at Impact Temple Church and various other congregations as a pulpit supply pastor, volunteers with the Christian Women's Job Corps in Waco, and serves as a spiritual director virtually and in-person. Embracing ministry in many forms, she works to build bridges of connection, empowerment, and faith.

As a former Army senior leader and having served in a variety of church roles in multiple churches, Sejana's life has been shaped by global moves and diverse cultural experiences. She remains committed to helping others cultivate a deeper relationship with God and integrate their faith into daily life.

Sejana's ministry is centered on deep listening and meaningful connection. She creates spaces where people feel heard, valued, and supported—whether in church, hospitals, homes, in the community, or online. With a gift for bringing people together, she fosters relationships where stories are shared, perspectives expand, empathy grows, and faith deepens.

Married to Daniel for 18 years, Sejana is a devoted wife and mother to their two children, Caleb and Madelyn, who are nearing the end of high school. She prioritizes family time, maintaining weekly game nights and shared dinners to stay connected.

To learn more about her work and passions, visit [www.sejanashines.com](http://www.sejanashines.com).

*Thank you for reading!*

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