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FELLOWSHIP DINNER



Come and enjoy the fellowship and delicious food at the Fellowship Dinner on Monday, February 11. It is held in the Carter Family Life Center and we begin eating at 6:30 p.m. You are asked to bring enough food for your family plus extra to share. The J.O.Y. and Men's Classes are the host. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun evening.

SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner



On Tuesday, March 5, we are holding a Free Pancake Supper from 5:30 -7:00 PM to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

The expression Shrove Tuesday comes from the word shrive meaning absolve. This is a day, observed by many Christians desiring to "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent of, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

It is always the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday. We ask you to come out and enjoy the fellowship of this Free Pancake Supper in the church Fellowship Hall. But also to consider the things in your life that you need to bring before God to guide you towards correction.

NEW
MEMBER



Taylor Colley accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized on December 16, 2018. Pray for Taylor as she begins this new journey for her life.



We will hold an Ash Wednesday Service here at the church on Wednesday March 6 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a time of reflection, preparation and prayer as we begin our journey towards Easter. We urge everyone to attend.

VBS 2019

JUNE 23-27



Mark your calendar and plan to be involved in a week of helping children learn that God is good.





8:45 SERVICE	SCRIPTURE	OFFERING PRAYER
FEBRUARY 3	Johnny Parks	Bill Gibson
FEBRUARY 10	Allen Bingler	Roscoe Faris
FEBRUARY 17	Richard Buckley	John Grady
FEBRUARY 24	Eddie Harlow	Boogie Hill

11:00 SERVICE	COMMUNION	OFFERING
FEBRUARY 3	Stan Martin	Mike Hill
FEBRUARY 10	Todd Archer	Bob Archer
FEBRUARY 17	Scott Carter	Greg Bugg
FEBRUARY 24	Mike McCollister	Mike Lynn

SERVERS:

8:45 SERVICE

Ray Bishop	Boyd Knott
Butch Dalton	Mark Parks
Bill Gibson	David Morris
Eddie Harlow	Mike Robertson

11:00 SERVICE

Bob Archer	Billy Marsh
Kevin Coleman	Brett Martin
Tommy Durrer	Josiah Walcott
Mike Lynn	

CLOSING PRAYER



8:45 SERVICE

11:00 SERVICE

FEBRUARY 3	John Grady	Kevin Coleman
FEBRUARY 10	John Lang	Mike Lynn
FEBRUARY 17	Eddie Harlow	Todd Archer
FEBRUARY 24	Bill Gibson	Ken Jones

SERVING COMMUNION TO SICK & SHUT-IN

Communion is taken to the sick and shut-in per the request of those at home, in a nursing home, or in the hospital. Call the office (977-1515) if you wish to receive home communion.

FEBRUARY:

3	Scott Carter
10	Bob Archer
17	John Grady
24	Boyd Knott



GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY:

Fred Reese Joyce Lewis
Waller Norford

COMMUNION PREPARATION & BUILDING SECURITY FOR FEBRUARY:

Rodney Southall and Kevin Coleman

WASH COMMUNION CUPS FOR FEBRUARY:

Nancy Hensley

NEED A RIDE



The Van Committee provides transportation each Sunday for those who need it. If you are in need of a ride the driver's schedule is:

FEBRUARY 3	Mike Lynn	295-7761
FEBRUARY 10	Bill Gibson	973-8184
FEBRUARY 17	John Grady/Billy Marsh	979-2494
FEBRUARY 24	Mike Lynn	295-7761

CHILD CARE



NURSERY WORKERS

8:45 A.M.

FEBRUARY 3	Jonae Buckley
FEBRUARY 10	Pat Durrer
FEBRUARY 17	Jonae Buckley
FEBRUARY 24	Pat Durrer

11:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 3	Judy Marsh / Donna Marshall
FEBRUARY 10	Pat Carter / Amy Hill
FEBRUARY 17	Beth Horn / Samantha Horn
FEBRUARY 24	Jackie Daniel / Pat Durrer

TODDLERS/RED BARONS TEACHER

Thea Gibson and Lila Robertson



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I wonder how much more often “I love you” is said in February than in other months. I googled it and didn’t find anything. But when you establish a “holiday” designed to promote romance (not to mention bolstering the greeting card, florist, chocolate, and restaurant industries), it makes sense that it would be said more than in, say, August, which has no holidays at all (seriously, can’t we even move Columbus Day to August just to throw it a bone?).

But while “I love you” is said more, are we really loving people as we should? Helpfully, God has given us a handy-dandy guide to help us find out. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 He shows us what love looks like in a simple, easy-to-understand way.

“Love is patient.” When we’re truly loving we deal with other people’s foibles, failures, and flaws with an understanding and compassion that gives them room to grow without giving up.

“Love is kind.” When we love someone, we respond positively and with a generosity of spirit to others because we genuinely care about their well-being.

“[Love] does not envy.” When we’re loving we celebrate others’ blessings rather than sulk because they aren’t *our* blessings.

“[Love] does not boast, it is not proud.... It does not dishonor others. It is not self-seeking.” When we’re loving as we should, we’re humble. We’re focused on what’s best for others, rather than on satisfying our own wants. Someone I read described it as, “not thinking less of yourself; but thinking of yourself less.”

“Love is not easily angered.” Connected to the above, we are usually angered by others when we don’t get what we think we deserve from them, or when our plans are disrupted by them. It’s another form of self-centeredness. Love is focused on others.

“Love keeps no record of wrongs.” When we’re genuinely loving to others, we forgive. And while we may not forget what a person did, we don’t hold it against him.

“Love does not rejoice in evil but rejoices in the truth.” When we love someone, we want truth to win out, but don’t gloat over a person “getting what he deserves.” Our ultimate hope is that the people in our life begin to hold to the truth because that’s what’s best.

“It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” When we love people, we don’t

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Youth Ministry Sarah Bowles

January was full of cold and warm weather along with some snow. We also had some fun while learning about God in January. Youth group started meeting back every Sunday night. If you have not been to youth group, it is for grades 3-12 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday nights. We start off with a snack, then we move to games, music, lesson, and small groups. We just finished a series on the basics of God and Jesus. We learned what Christ did, what Christ is doing, and what Christ will do. In January, we also had our 6-12 Lock-in that was rescheduled from November to January 18-19. There were about 12 kids who learned about what real love is while spending time with other Christian teens.

February is a wonderful month full of cold weather, possible snow, and Valentine’s day. Not much happens in February for the youth because the weather is so unpredictable, but there is one thing we love to do in February here at Cherry Avenue and that thing is snow tubing. There is not yet a date set aside for snow tubing, but if you are interested keep an eye out in the bulletin and in the announcements for the date, time, and cost for snow tubing. There will be youth group most Sundays in February, except for February 3. The college students will be getting together February 3 instead. I hope everyone stays warm and safe in the snow!

GOD
LOVES HIS
CHILDREN

Continued – *From the Cluttered Desk*)

give up on them. We choose to love them through the good times and the bad, through their mistakes and missteps.

When you look at love the way God does, you realize that it’s not about roses and heart-shaped candy; it’s about little choices we make throughout each day (though, guys, that’s not an excuse to skip the sentimental stuff with your wife). If you need an example to follow, Jesus is a pretty good one—just look at how He does all those things with us. And love like that never, ever fails.

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**MINISTER'S
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The Coming Season of Repentance
2 Timothy 2:21

Do you have problems dealing with sin? Now I assume that most of you reading this haven't committed murder or robbed a bank or anything that most people would consider big, but most of us have had issues with anger, lust, envy, greed, selfishness, stubbornness or any number of things that cause inter-relational stress. We indulge ourselves in these actions or thoughts because...well ... we maybe really want to indulge in them. Or perhaps we think that well they really aren't too bad, and God will forgive them. After all I am saved by grace. And that is true, we are saved by grace.

Fred Smith, a great Christian leader, once said *"You are the way you are because that's the way you want to be. If you really wanted to be any different, you would be in the process of changing right now."* *Take a second and ask yourself is that you? Are you hanging on to the sinful things in your life because you really don't want to change? You kind of enjoy their pleasure and company?*

And Randy Alcorn, of eternal perspective ministry wrote, *"Any concept of grace that makes us feel more comfortable sinning is not biblical grace. God's grace never encourages us to live in sin, on the contrary, it empowers us to say no to sin and yes to truth."*

Too often we see grace as an out that allows us to do nothing about our sins. I don't have any easy answers to help us in this area. In fact, I realize that rooting sin, particularly those that we have grown comfortable with, is not an easy task. But as John R. W. Stott wrote *"Sin and the child of God are incompatible. They may occasionally meet; they cannot live together in harmony."* But the first step is recognizing that it is sin and taking it in penitence to God. This is what the season of Lent is about.

I know that Lent is not something most Evangelical Protestant Churches practice, but I believe it has value for us all. Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. Please notice the underlined words, fasting and repentance and self-denial is what we do and while doing this we reflect on Christ's sacrifice and death. Lent is a period of 46 days that begin on Ash Wednesday. Many count it as a 40 Day period of time because the Sundays are celebrations of the Resurrection, reflecting Easter Sunday when Christ arose.

I am calling you to participate this year in practicing this period of sacrifice and moderation as we consider our sins and the death of Christ for those sins. On March 6, we will have an Ash Wednesday service here at the church at 6:00 PM to begin this time. On April 19 we will hold a Good Friday Service at 6:00 PM in preparation for our Sunrise and Easter Celebrations on April 21. Let us do as Paul recommended to Timothy: ***Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. 2 Timothy 2:21***

BIBLE SCHOOL



By Johnny Parks

FEBRUARY – the “LOVE” month is here!!! We send flowers, cards, and candy to those we love—our spouses, children and—oh, yeah, sweethearts (remember when??). We “love” the word LOVE. However, we can never, as humans, know the true depth of LOVE. **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16** Also, think on this (paraphrased): No greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends.

As you go to great lengths to show your love to family and friends, think about God’s love for us as demonstrated by Jesus’ sacrifice. It’s time for us to return that sacred love with devotion and action. To learn how to show that love, we need to study God’s Word and put it into action. Bible School is the place to start—literature is provided to explain the BOOK and we have good teachers to lead us.

God has admonished us in the book of II Timothy 2:15 to, study to show ourselves approved, a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly interpreting the message of truth (paraphrased). Also, Jesus used the scriptures to defeat the devil: see Matthew 4:1-11 – let’s follow His example.

Remember – I LOVE you – see you in Bible School!

Note: Fellowship Dinner – February 11 (weather permitting)



teach me, teach me
to walk in His light

LIBRARY NEWS



By Debbie McCollister

I can’t believe it’s February already. Did January go as fast for you? Does it seem like yesterday you made that New Year’s Resolution? And yet odds are you’ve already broken it.

Changes are hard to make. Our habits have been forged over the years, and usually we have forgotten how or why we started them. I’m discovering that it’s like money - it’s easier to break one dollar than a 100 dollar bill. It’s easier to break a small habit than a big one. And as I change those small habits, God is taking care of those hurts and hang ups that are the basis for the big habits.

Philippians 3:13-14 says, “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Our goal is to move forward. One small step at a time, if necessary.

Remember, you can’t start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one.

faith
hope
love

THE GREATEST IS LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



February 2019



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