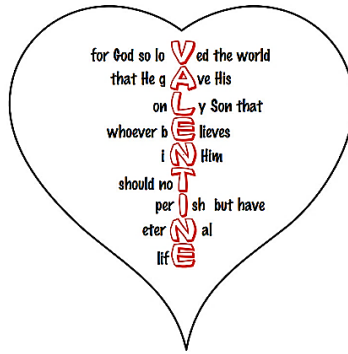


John 3:16



THE PASTOR'S PAGE – FEBRUARY, 2017



February is here, though the mild temperatures may make us believe it is spring. We are well into the New Year and much is happening and planned for 2017. Our Co-ordination and Connection Team has worked on the calendar of events for the coming year, and we will publish a list for those that would like one for planning of ministry events in the coming months.

We will try to keep the church reminded of upcoming events by posting them in the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. If you know or have need for posting events, meetings or to make appropriate church wide announcements, then feel free to call the office. Remember, we also have a phone -tree, Facebook page and web site that can be implemented for announcing needed information.

Both Sunday AM worship service and the Sunday evening bible study are being well attended and supported. I appreciate your kind comments and encouragement as to both the preaching and the teaching sessions. We will continue to make every effort to both instruct by scripture and to lead by example as the Lord gives us strength and opportunity. Please make an effort to attend both the Wednesday night prayer meeting and the Sunday night bible studies in that these are times of interaction and growth in learning the application of scriptural principals for living our lives to both honor and please God.

Our building project committee has had their initial formation meeting and will be forging ahead in the process of planning and preparing for possible recommendations of future building facility needs. Please keep them as all aspects of the various ministries of the church in prayer.

We are seeking the direction of God in our youth ministry. I want to personally thank the youth leader's team for again stepping up and taking responsibility for this ministry. After the departure of Justin, our numbers within the youth attendance have again increased. This is due to the fact that these volunteers "resonate" and "relate" with the youth of our church. They are leaders that our youth both like and respect.

We are thankful to Tracy Knowles who has graciously stepped up to take some of Shannon Jackson's responsibilities with the Team Kids. This was done in order that Shannon may partner with Camron and the other youth team members to help plan, teach, mentor and lead our youth. This combination of having both a mentor to the young men and a mentor to the young ladies is the best of both worlds. This total team has both my appreciation and support. I am asking each of you to stand behind this ministry and these great volunteer leaders. While I fully understand that some of you are concerned as to when we will hire a full time minister of Youth, please know that the process will be slow and arduous. During our last search, we experienced much disappointment in the lack of "qualified" people for this position. I have discussed this situation with Brother Richard Weeks our EBA director as well as several other pastors and church leaders, and their experiences are similar. We have within our own ranks the greatest of resources: members that love our children and youth and are willing to volunteer their precious time and talents. Let us be thankful and let them know we appreciate their unselfish service.

Our Deacons are updating their Family Ministry list. You can be of great assistance if you will complete one of the forms to give us updated contact data and new phone numbers. If you do not have a family deacon, one will then be assigned to you.

If you know of anyone that needs a visit or a contact, please call the deacon of the week or the church office and we will have someone contact that person.

Let us continue to run the race that the Lord has set before us. What a privilege it is to serve Him with You. Again, my thanks and my love are with you always.

Philip Eakins, Pastor

February, 2017, Schedule

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

2/5 – 2/11: Warren Cavanaugh 910-289-0196
2/12 – 2/18: Adam Baker 91-284-0756
2/19 – 2/25: Will Rumbold 910-463-8141
2/16 – 3/4: Earl Brinkley 910-284-1241

USHERS

2/5 TM 7: Adam Baker, Gary Boney, Joe Quinn, Caleb Teachey
2/12 TM 8: Ryan Fussell, Blake Sanderson, Danny Sanderson, Courtney Swanson
2/19 TM 1: Jason Fussell, Matthew Merritt, Jarret Price, Anthony Teachey
2/26 TM 2: Carl Carpenter, John Outlaw, Will Rumbold, David Barnette

TELLER MINISTRY

2/5: Barbie Jackson / Standby: LeAnn Horne
2/12: Sean Knowles / Standby: Amy Peterson
2/19: LeAnn Horne / Standby: Richard Williams
2/26: Richard Williams / Standby: John Outlaw

SUNDAY EVENING REFRESHMENTS

2/5 & 2/19: TM 1: Catherine Fussell, Charlene Jones, Sandra Norris, Lisa Rogers, Sharon Teachey, Tracy Knowles, Rena Baker, Penny Henderson, Linda Mott, Donna Outlaw, Karen Snyder
2/12 & 2/26 TM 2 : Linda Brinkley, Susan Dempsey, Hazel Fussell, Sylvia Johnson, Willa Newmons, Amy Peterson, Lena English, Karen Knowles, Patsy Batts, Lindsay Rumbold, Nancy Smith, Rose Smith, Kathy Sanderson

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Wednesday PM
Heather Ratliff, Kaycee Price	Kaycee Price	Nancy Smith

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*2 & 3 Year Olds: Joan Williams, Sharon Matthews
4 & 5 Year Olds: April Fussell, Rena Baker*

PRE-SCHOOL TEAMKID SCHEDULE

Sunday PM	Wednesday PM
(T) April Fussell (H) Holli Jackson	(T) April Fussell (H) Holli Jackson

LOWER TEAMKID SCHEDULE

Sunday PM	Wednesday PM
(T) Barbie Jackson (H) Penny Henderson	(T) Barbie Jackson (H) Karen Knowles

UPPER TEAMKID SCHEDULE

Sunday PM	Wednesday PM
(T) Kaycee Price (H) Jerri Lou Price	(T) Kaycee Price (H) Jerri Lou Price

Celebrating Birthdays in February

2	<i>Kelly Dempsey</i>
6	<i>Kyle Matthews, Sarah Beth Sessoms</i>
9	<i>Trudy Cook</i>
19	<i>Brook Simmons</i>
20	<i>Tommie Blanton, Tracy Knowles</i>
22	<i>Lindsay Rumbold</i>
23	<i>Ryan Fussell, Ed Jackson</i>
24	<i>Jace Jackson</i>
26	<i>Willa Newmons</i>
29	<i>Marionna Matthews</i>

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – February

1	<i>Ed and Eunice Jackson</i>
3	<i>Steve and Jackie Wood</i>
15	<i>Gary and Barbara Boney</i>
18	<i>Courtney and Heather Swanson</i>

Senior Adults - February, 2017

Our Senior Adults Ministry is back for February – be sure to join us at noon on Tuesday, February 21!



Women on Mission Meeting for February is 7 PM
Thursday, February 2. Location to be determined.

February Baptist Brotherhood Breakfast is 8 AM,
Sunday, February 19.



Women's Bible Study begins Wednesday, February 8 and will run through March 29. This new Bible Study is based on the book by Angela Thomas-Pharr, "Redeemed."

Valentine Banquet – Saturday, February 11!

Be sure to save the date – as one of their fundraisers, our Youth will sponsor a Special Night with a delicious meal, some fun games and door prizes. Tickets are \$ for couples and \$ for individuals.



Deacons Meeting

Deacon's Meeting after worship Sunday, February 26.

****Called Coordination/Connection Team Meeting: 5/5 @ 5 PM****

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Sunday, February 12, @ 5 PM