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The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Heart

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag; it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

There are a lot of expectations for Valentine's Day. Someone decided that February 14th would be the day to declare and demonstrate your love to that special someone. Cards, flowers and chocolates caught on quickly and became a requirement even for school children. But what gets lost in finding the perfect card or gift is the very essence of what love is and how we can best share that with those around us.

1 Corinthians 13 is the famous biblical love chapter in Christian circles and beyond. It's beautiful because it describes the kind of perfect love that God has for us and through Him, we are able to love our spouses, children, extended family, co-workers, and neighbors this same way. It's an active love; a love that is more committed to that person than our own feelings at the time. Gift giving isn't even mentioned because this love, God's perfect love, is worth so much more than anything money could ever buy.

Sometimes a gift is a hit and sometimes it's a miss. In any case, as either the giver or recipient, let's not fool ourselves into thinking the gift is the sum of how much we love or are loved. We can enjoy Valentine's Day as a good excuse to spoil the ones we love and share God's love in a special way with those who are lonely and hurting. But let's stay focused: no material thing or sentimental card can ever replace the simple gestures of God's love expressed every day.

Show Christ's love to the people around you! Let His love flow through you to touch the life of those you come into contact with. His love is the greatest gift that we will ever receive!

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Library News

FEBRUARY – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Discouraged people don't need critics. They hurt enough already. They don't need more guilt or piled on distress. They need encouragement. In a word, they need a refuge; a place to hide and heal. They need a willing, caring, available someone, a confidant, the one called "my Strength-My Rock-My Fortress. We know Him today by another name: JESUS.
Listen for His voice and look for His presence in all you do. Know, as you live and breathe, He is calling you by name.

Psalm 31:3: *You are my rock and my fortress, therefore for you name's sake, lead me and guide me.*

Here are a few books from our Library…

Grace by Max Lucado. Grace is simply another word for God's reservoir of strength and protection. It comes not occasionally, but constantly and aggressively, wave upon wave. We barely regain our balance from one wave, and then "bam!", here comes another. "Grace Upon Grace" He has enough grace to pardon every sin and answer every questions. It's more than we deserve and greater than we imagine.

What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more and there is nothing we can do to make God love us less. The author gives us a probing look at grace: what it looks like…what it doesn't look like…and why only Christians can and must reveal the grace the world is searching for. We speak of grace often, but do we really understand it? More importantly, do we really believe in it…and do our lives proclaim it as powerfully as our words? And, why only Christians can and must reveal the grace the world is searching for.

The Victorious Christian by Tony Evans. God gave us everything we will ever need when we became Christians. "Our challenge is not to ask God to bless us, but to grab hold of what we already possess." The author shows each of us how to gain – or regain – the momentum necessary to sustain a lifelong drive toward triumphant spirituality.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

February Birthdays

3	Zachary Owens
	Alivia Easton
4	Mary Robertson
6	Melba Mainord
8	Gena Barbre
10	Misty Robinson
	Barry Huntzinger
13	Daven LaRose
14	Katie Owens
19	Andrew Vaughn
23	Ben Barbre
	Braden Fischer
28	Melanie Brandon
29	Debe Hahn

Happy Birthday to You!

"Odds & Ends"

Offering Envelopes: If you do not have offering envelopes or need more for the 2020, please contact the church office and a box will be prepared for you. Don't forget that you can also give through our website, the ***Church Life App***, or text giving. See our church website for details.

Saturday, February 8th, 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Bring a friend. Patty Welch will be preparing a hearty breakfast for all.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk on Sunday!

Just 10 months to go before it is time to pack up all the shoeboxes for children all over the world! Your response to bringing in items for the boxes was great least year, so we are going to collect items again all year. You may place your gifts in the container in the Senior Ladies Sunday School Classroom.

Currently, we are collecting gloves or mittens and hats. We are also receiving cash donations to cover the cost of shipping. Each box required $9 to cover shipping. Place your donation in an envelope and designate the gift to "OCC".
Thank you!

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
IT'S LEAP YEAR!						1
2 Deacons' Meeting NO AWANA Or ENCOUNTER	3 6-8 pm Facility in Use-Scouts	4 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	5 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg., Art of Marriage, Children's Activities	6	7 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	8 8 am Men's Breakfast 9-10:30 am Facility in Use-Brownie Troop
9 6 pm AWANA-Regular Mtg. 6 pm ENCOUNTER	10 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	11 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	12 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Business Mtg. Art of Marriage, Children's Activities	13	14 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	15 10 am Facility in Use-State FAITH Riders Mtg.
16 6 pm AWANA-Regular Meeting/Grand Prix Sign-up ENCOUNTER	17 ***Office Closed*** 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	18 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	19 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting Children's Activities	20	21	22
23 ***Baby Bottle Campaign Ends*** 6 pm AWANA-Picture Night ENCOUNTER	24 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	25 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	26 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting Children's Activities	27	28 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	29 ***4:30-7pm Youth Progressive Dinner***

Schedule of Services:

Sunday
Sunday School – 8:45 am
Worship – 10:00 am
Adult Choir Rehearsal – 5:00 pm
AWANA – 6:00 pm (Sept.-May)
Youth ENCOUNTER – 6:00 pm
Worship – 6:00 pm

Wednesday
Children's Ministry – 6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm
Business Meeting – 6:30 pm (2nd Wednesday)

Our Church in Action

Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, February 12,
10:15 am
Everyone is Welcome!
(The Crossings, Spring Hill)

GREETERS SCHEDULE

February 2: Melanie Brandon & Sharon Grace
February 9: Mary Robertson & Joan Frank
February 16: David & Collin Lovely
February 23: Tom Moore & Linda Bland

Thank you for your wonderful response to the food needs for The Well. We took ***177 lbs***. of food to The Well on January 30th! ***Current High Needs Grocery List*:** **Canned vegetables & fruit, tomato sauce, Boxed goods (brown or white rice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, Ramen Noodles), dried beans (all varieties), pasta sauce, applesauce, ketchup, mayo, mustard, syrup, PEANUT BUTTER (most needed item!)**
(Boxes are located in Sr. Ladies Classroom/Library)
Let's keep filling the boxes to overflowing!!

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Pregnancy Centers of Mid TN

Keep bringing your bottles in until Sunday, February 23. You may make checks payable to the Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN. If you did not get a bottle, bring in your change in a bag. It will be turned in.

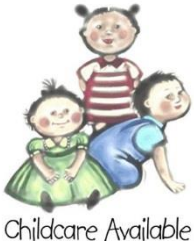
VBS – June 1-5, 2020!

Volunteers are needed for VBS – it will be here before we know it! Teachers, helpers, kitchen help; you name it and there's a place for you!! See Josh Howland or Patty Welch to sign up!

Future Growth Funding
$18,786.62 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
$340,023.39 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...

Schedule
Feb. 2: Hester Family
Feb. 9: Ben & Gena Barbre
Feb. 16: Zach Albert & Holly Durham
Feb. 23: Peters Family



Nursery Desk Schedule
Feb. 2: Bruce Hull
Feb. 9: Chuck Peters
Feb. 16: Mike Welch
Feb. 23: TBD

AWANA Schedule

February 2: NO AWANA
February 9: Regular Meeting
February 16: Flashlight – Camping Night
February 23: GRAND PRIX

Background Checks

Everyone who works with children age birth through 18 years old ***must complete a criminal background check***. Please contact the church office or Josh Howland so that you may be sent the link to complete the check online. You fill out the request and the office is notified when the check is complete. NO sensitive information is kept on file in the office. We only see the results so that your privacy is protected.

- ENCOUNTER – On February 9th we begin a 3-week series on the Bible. Yes…we talk about the Bible every week, but this month we'll take a good look at what it is and how to use it. We'll include some practical tips on where to start and tools for making Bible reading a lifelong habit.
- Saturday, February 29th – ***Progressive Dinner***. Oh, and it's leap day, too! Meet at FBCSH at 4:30 pm and we will travel around Spring Hill to enjoy a multi-stop, multi-course meal, returning to FBCSH at 7:30 pm for pick up. There is no cost but ***sign up is required by February 23rd*** so we have a seat (and a seatbelt) for you!