



# From the Pastor's Desk

February is the month that we focus on love and affection, and the ones that are the objects of our affection. I suspect that more candy, cards and jewelry are sold in February, than any month, with the possible exception of October and December. Retailers and others have promoted Valentine's Day as a big deal. We get the idea that love is like some romance novel or some Hallmark movie.

I would submit to you that we have an example of real love, not just some "once a year" opportunity. God's nature is love, His ways are love and He is love. God's love is personal, and we can know God's love through the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remember the best known scripture in the entire Bible? *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). God's love continuously calls us to open the door of our hearts and be consumed with His abundant mercy and love.

Express your love to that special person in your life; however, do not forget the one who has taught us how to love. *"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that your joy may be full"* (John 15:9-11). Share your love with the ones that are dear, and always be aware that Jesus is the most perfect example of God's love. Remember, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!!

Pastor Glen

## Memory Verse



*"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

Romans 5:8 (KJV)

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## Food For Thought

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A vacationing American businessman standing on the pier of a quaint coastal fishing village in southern Mexico watched as a small boat with just one young Mexican fisherman pulled into the dock. Inside the small boat were several large yellowfin tuna. Enjoying the warmth of the early afternoon sun, the American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish.

"How long did it take you to catch them?" the American casually asked. "Oh, a few hours," the Mexican fisherman replied. "Why don't you stay out longer and catch more fish?" the American businessman then asked. The Mexican warmly replied, "With this I have more than enough to meet my family's needs." The businessman then became serious, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?" Responding with a smile, the Mexican fisherman answered, "I sleep late, play with my children, watch ball games, and take siesta with my wife. Sometimes in the evenings I take a stroll into the village to see my friends, play the guitar, sing a few songs..."

The American businessman impatiently interrupted, "Look, I have an MBA from Harvard, and I can help you to be more profitable. You can start by fishing several hours longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra money, you can buy a bigger boat. With the additional income that larger boat will bring, before long you can buy a second boat, then a third one, and so on, until you have an entire fleet of fishing boats." Proud of his own

sharp thinking, he excitedly elaborated a grand scheme which could bring even bigger profits, "Then, instead of selling your catch to a middleman you'll be able to sell your fish directly to the processor, or even open your own cannery. Eventually, you could control the product, processing and distribution. You could leave this tiny coastal village and move to Mexico City, or possibly even Los Angeles or New York City, where you could even further expand your enterprise." Having never thought of such things, the Mexican fisherman asked, "But how long will all this take?" After a rapid mental calculation, the Harvard MBA pronounced, "Probably about 15-20 years, maybe less if you work really hard." "And then what, señor?" asked the fisherman.

"Why, that's the best part!" answered the businessman with a laugh. "When the time is right, you would sell your company stock to the public and become very rich. You would make millions." "Millions? Really? What would I do with it all?" asked the young fisherman in disbelief. The businessman boasted, "Then you could happily retire with all the money you've made. You could move to a quaint coastal fishing village where you could sleep late, play with your grandchildren, watch ball games, and take siesta with your wife. You could stroll to the village in the evenings where you could play the guitar and sing with your friends all you want."

**The moral of the story is: Know what really matters in life, and you may find that it is already much**

## From the Administrative Team

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One of the continuing efforts of the Administrative Team is the maintenance and update of the Constitution & By-Laws. In the past, we have written Newsletter Articles that summarized each of the Articles of the Constitution & By-Laws to help familiarize all Church members with the principles of our faith and the operation of the Church. These principles and rules of operation sometimes get by-passed or forgotten in the day to day operation of the Church. There-

fore, this Newsletter Article is a reminder of those. We must look at the PREAMBLE of the Constitution & By-Laws to understand the premise of having a group of guidelines. That PREAMBLE states:

“We declare and establish this Constitution for the preservation and security of the princi-

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## From the Administrative Team, Continued

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ples of our faith, and so that the body may be governed in an orderly manner. This Constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual member of this Church and the freedom of action of this body in its relation to other Churches of the same faith and beliefs.”

What this is saying is that this set of rules and guidelines that we call our Constitution & By-Laws is what we use to ensure that our principles of the Baptist Faith is maintained and that we are governed in an orderly manner. All organizations that have specific beliefs, goals, and standards must have established rules and guidelines to follow or there will certainly be no organization at all. This includes governments, businesses, clubs, civic organizations, and churches, as well as others.

If you want to know about our Church meetings, refer to Article II of the Constitution. If you want to know about the Church Officers, Program Leaders, and Leadership Teams refer to Article III. If you want to know how to call or dismiss a Pastor, refer to Article III Sections 3 and 5. To elect a Deacon, refer to Article IV. What does it take to be a Church Member? Refer to Article V. What about Baptism, Communion, or Burial? They are all covered in the Constitution. What about Adoption and Amendments of the Constitution? This is covered by Article XI. We also cover General Church Policies which includes such items as a memorial Gift Policy, Guidelines for use of the Buildings, as well as Financial Policies and Procedures.

Without this set of rules and guidelines, the basic operation of this Church would be without any general direction. How would we elect a Deacon? When would we hold Communion? Who could be buried in the Church cemetery?

We know to the general Church member it seems that all these things get done and the Church operates without a hitch. But that is not the case. The Leadership of the Church ensures that the rules and policies of the Church are complied with and all the operations of the Church are seamless. That is what the Church is aiming for and that is the reason the Church established a set of operating instructions...the Constitution & By-Laws.

Our challenge to each and every Church member, whether you are a Deacon, Ministry Team Leader, Sunday School Teacher, or you just attend Worship Service, is to get a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, read them, understand them, and abide with them. This will assist with the smooth operations of the Church. And if there is anything that you don't understand, please ask a member of the Administrative Team for some assistance. You may find something that needs revising; if so bring it to the Administrative Team. We will utilize the guidance of Article XI to make any necessary changes!

Thanks,

Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Paul Brown

Members: Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, David Hughes, Billie Faye Wilson, Joyce Creech (ex-officio)

## Sense of Humor

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There was a new preacher who wanted to rent a house in the country. The only house available was rumored to be haunted. Since the preacher didn't believe in such things, he rented it.

It wasn't long before the ghost made its appearance. The preacher told his friends about the ghost, but they didn't believe him. They told him the only way they would believe was if he would take a picture of the ghost.

The preacher went home and called for the ghost. When it appeared, the preacher explained

the situation and asked the ghost if it would mind having its picture taken. The ghost agreed.

When the picture was developed, the ghost wasn't visible. Feeling very disappointed, the preacher called again for the ghost. When it appeared, the preacher showed it the picture and wanted to know why the ghost wasn't in it.

The ghost thought a minute and replied, "Well, I guess the spirit was willing, but the flash was weak."



# Inspirational People-Franklin Graham

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Franklin Graham has devoted his life to meeting the needs of people around the world and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The elder son of Billy and Ruth Bell Graham, he has served as president and CEO of Samaritan's Purse since 1979 and as president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association since 2001.

Under his leadership, Samaritan's Purse has met the needs of poor, sick, and suffering people in more than 100 countries. As an evangelist for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, he has led crusades around the world.

William Franklin Graham III, born July 14, 1952, is the fourth of five children of evangelist Billy Graham and his wife, the late Ruth Bell Graham. Raised in a log home in the Appalachian Mountains outside Asheville, N.C., Franklin now lives in the mountains of Boone, North Carolina, with his wife, Jane Graham. They have four children, Will, Roy, Edward and Cissie, and 10 grandchildren.

He was born into a heritage rich in Christian ministry. By the time of Franklin's birth, Billy Graham was already known around the world as a spiritual leader, but he wasn't the only spiritual giant in the family. Franklin's maternal grandfather, Lemuel Nelson Bell, was a medical missionary to China for more than 20 years, a respected moderator of his denomination, the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and a co-founder and executive editor of Christianity Today.

In his autobiography, *Rebel with a Cause*, Franklin explained that *"just being the son of Billy Graham won't get me into heaven."* He knew that he was being called to do more with his life and to make a real commitment to God. So at age 22, after a period of rebellion and traveling the world, Franklin committed his life to Jesus Christ while alone in a hotel room in Jerusalem. Soon after that, Dr. Bob Pierce, founder of Samaritan's Purse (and World Vision), invited Franklin to join him on a six-week mission to Asia. It was during that time that Franklin felt a calling to work with hurting people in areas of the world affected by war, famine, disease, and natural disasters.

## Youth Happenings

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The youth are very excited as we work towards summer camp 2016 at Camp Caswell! Thank you so much to everyone who came out to our first movie night of the year to help support our youth. It was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship!

Our next event is coming up on **Sunday, February 7th**. Please come out and join us at our annual "Souperbowl" Sunday fundraiser. Enjoy soups, sandwiches, dessert, and lots of fellowship following our morning worship service!

Looking ahead...

Our youth will be hosting a yard sale, bake sale, and hotdog lunch on **Saturday, April 16th from 7:00-1:00**. We are asking for help with donations of baked goods and clothing or other items to add to our yard sale. We will be happy to accept gently used (nothing broken or "junk" please) items. We will be accepting these items

downstairs in the basement until Sunday, April 9th. **Please be sure to place these items directly in the youth room or at the right side of the basement floor.** We need to leave the middle of the floor and door area clear for use with our church BBQ which is the week prior to this event. Thank you so much for your help with this!

Continue to keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as we move forward with our Bible studies, mission activities, and prepare for camp this year!

We love you all!

God Bless,

Carrie

# Bible Reading Schedule

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Day 1 Exodus 19-21  
Day 2 Exodus 22-24  
Day 3 Exodus 25-27  
Day 4 Exodus 28-30  
Day 5 Exodus 31-33  
Day 6 Exodus 34-36  
Day 7 Exodus 37-40  
Day 8 Mark 1-3  
Day 9 Mark 4-6  
Day 10 Mark 7-9  
Day 11 Mark 10-12  
Day 12 Mark 13-16  
Day 13 Leviticus 1-3  
Day 14 Leviticus 4-6

Day 15 Leviticus 7-9  
Day 16 Leviticus 10-12  
Day 17 Leviticus 13-15  
Day 18 Leviticus 16-18  
Day 19 Leviticus 19-21  
Day 20 Leviticus 22-24  
Day 21 Leviticus 25-27  
Day 22 Luke 1-3  
Day 23 Luke 4-6  
Day 24 Luke 7-9  
Day 25 Luke 10-12  
Day 26 Luke 13-15  
Day 27 Luke 16-18  
Day 28 Luke 19-21



## Missions

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It's that time again.....time to start thinking about what job you want for our April 8th BBQ. The Mission Team will schedule a church-wide meeting soon to discuss plans for this years activities and to get any suggestions on changes that might improve our BBQ.

Our Missions focus in February is the Heck-Jones Offering which supports the WMU and their many ministries. More information about this offering and our goal will follow in your weekly bulletin.

The Mission Team

## Change for Chicks

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For the past month or so the Mission Friends, GA's and RA's have been collecting change for the Samaritans Purse ministry that gives chicks to families. Those chicks will provide a source of nutrition and income for not only that family but also for their neighbors when they gift them with a chick from their offspring.

With the support of our congregation the children collected enough money for 12

dozen chicks!! Thank you all for your support!



The Mission Friends, GA & RA Leaders

# Interesting Bible Facts

The 66 books of the Bible were written on 3 continents, in 3 languages, by 40 different people over a period of 1500 years, on the most controversial subjects, by authors whose education and background varied greatly (kings, shepherds, scientists, attorneys, a tax collector, an army general, fishermen, priests, and a physician). And there are no contradictions between them!

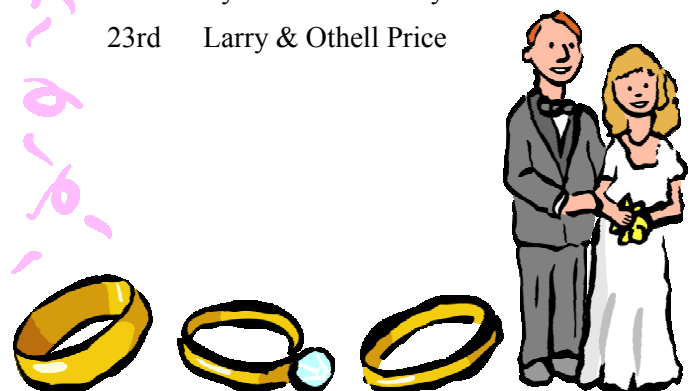


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|------|----------------|------|----------------|
| 1st  | Vikki Brock    | 24th | Anna Creech    |
| 2nd  | Pansy Crowder  | 27th | Ava Garner     |
|      | Jean Hocutt    |      | Kathryn O'Neal |
|      | Gary Johnson   | 28th | Allyson Creech |
| 4th  | Ken Hunter     |      |                |
| 6th  | Brooke Custer  |      |                |
| 8th  | Dale Weathers  |      |                |
|      | Jackie Utlej   |      |                |
| 9th  | Brenda Lewis   |      |                |
|      | David Ragan    |      |                |
| 10th | Julie Carroll  |      |                |
| 12th | Glenn Bunn     |      |                |
|      | Diana Coley    |      |                |
|      | Grady Johnson  |      |                |
| 13th | Annette Ragan  |      |                |
| 14th | Steve Bailey   |      |                |
| 15th | Robbie Batten  |      |                |
| 16th | Chris Batten   |      |                |
| 17th | Sandy Trippe   |      |                |
| 18th | Tyler Grady    |      |                |
|      | Kaley Waddell  |      |                |
| 19th | Carolyn Brown  |      |                |
|      | Joann Young    |      |                |
| 23rd | Mary Pat Hicks |      |                |
|      | Amy Hodge      |      |                |



## February

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|------|--------------------------|
| 11th | Kenneth & Paula Bunn     |
| 12th | Freddie & Beverly Batten |
| 14th | Michael & Jeany O'Neal   |
|      | Roger & Merry Hocutt     |
| 17th | Paul & Carolyn Brown     |
|      | Wes & Carolyn Privette   |
| 21st | Tyler & Eliza Grady      |
| 23rd | Larry & Othell Price     |



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

**Sunday** 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Regular Worship

**Wednesday** 6:30-7:15pm Youth Meet  
 6:30-7:15pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends  
 6:30-7:15pm Adult Bible Study  
 7:15pm Adult Choir Practice

**BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH**

**February 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Kay Nowell BW	2 10am Triple L-prepare meal	3 Regular Schedule	4	5 12 7pm Baptist Men Valentine Banquet	6
7 "Soup"er Bowl Sunday Youth Fund-raiser/Soup, Chili & Sandwich lunch after worship	8 7pm Leadership Team Mtg	9 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct.	10 Regular Schedule	11	12 7pm Baptist Men Valentine Banquet	13
14 Valentine's Day 3pm Mission Tm Mtg 7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood	15 7pm Administrative Team Mtg	16 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct. 7pm Levada Driver BW at Kelly Currie's	17 Regular Schedule	18	19	20 10am-7pm FMC RSV-D-Christin Brown
21 Regular Schedule Baptist Women's Day	22 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle at Phyllis Alfred's 7pm Deacons Mtg	23 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group/Sanct.	24 Regular Schedule	25	26	27
28 Regular Schedule	29					

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***Baptist Men's  
Valentine Steak***

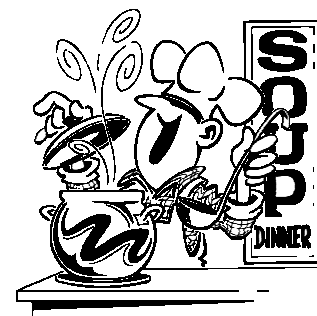
***Dinner***

***Friday, February 12***

***7pm***

***\*\*Cost is \$10/person. We will  
need a head count so please see  
Mr. Aaron Johnson asap if you  
wish to attend.***

**Souper-  
Bowl  
Sunday  
February 7**



The youth are hosting a soup, chili and sandwich lunch after the worship service to raise funds for summer camp. The cost of your meal is by donation. Please plan to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.