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“To know Christ and make Him known.”

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Monday, Feb 3, 2014:

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Monday, Feb 17, 2014:

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, Feb 24, 2014:

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Jan 5, 2014

Sunday School-72 Worship Services-87

Sunday, Jan 12, 2014

Sunday School- 89 Worship Services-100

Sunday, Jan 19, 2014

Sunday School-88 Worship Services-100

Sunday, Jan 26, 2014

Sunday School-90 Worship Service-114

Serving on Sunday, February 2, 2014

Ushers: Neal Cadieu, Chris McDuffie, Gene Coen, Gene Barnes, Dennis Holloway, Terry Brown

Nursery: John and Monica Yates

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott

Children's Church: Angela Cockerton

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: John Ray, Kenneth Robinette

Serving on Sunday, February 9, 2014

Ushers: Neal Cadieu, Chris McDuffie, Gene Coen, Gene Barnes, Dennis Holloway, Terry Brown

Nursery: Cynthia Morris

2s & 3s: Virginia Auman

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: Flo Aiken, Charles Harrill

Serving on Sunday, February 16, 2014

Ushers: Neal Cadieu, Chris McDuffie, Gene Coen, Gene Barnes, Dennis Holloway, Terry Brown

Nursery: Sallie Ormsby

2s & 3s: Nan Bates

Children's Church: Linda Teal

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: J.C. Lamm, Judy McEntire

Serving on Sunday, February 23, 2014

Ushers: Neal Cadieu, Chris McDuffie, Gene Coen, Gene Barnes, Dennis Holloway, Terry Brown

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: Steve McIver, Don Auman



If I were planning to move to another country, I would need to learn the language of that country. Otherwise, I would be greatly handicapped. I would not be able to communicate. I would be isolated and alone. Language is very important. And while there are hundreds of languages spoken around the world, there is only one language that can be understood by all...of course, it is the language of love.

Unfortunately, few people speak this language. Perhaps this is because the language of love is difficult to learn—not in the sense of syntax, grammar, tenses or pronunciation but in the sense of attitudes and actions. You see, love is the language of the heart. It communicates not only through words but mostly through actions.

The Bible describes the language of love this way: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

There's no doubt that being fluent in this language may be challenging, but think how much better we would all be if we learned the language of love. They say the best way to learn a new language is simply to jump into it and do it.

As Valentine's Day approaches, let's commit ourselves to practice this language each day. Remember the Apostle Paul's words—"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging symbol."

Baptist Men's Day - February 9

Church wide Breakfast served at 8:30 am

Special Speaker for breakfast and 11:00 am Worship Service
(Dr. Jimmy Lewis from Toccoa, Georgia)

Special Music from the First Light Singers and the Men's Choir

Don't miss this inspirational day.

I have decided to stick with love.

Happy Birthday!



2/3 Jill Emerson
 2/4 Evelyn Marks
 2/4 Charlie Melvin
 2/5 Judy Harrelson
 2/8 Anna Watson
 2/8 Jae Hardy
 2/9 Jim Nelson
 2/12 Gene Davis
 2/13 Diane Lucas
 2/13 Nora Smith

Foreign Missions Offering

Thank you for your gifts! Because you gave, Baptist Missionaries around the world will be able to continue their ministries of proclaiming the gospel, meeting needs, and advancing God's kingdom.

Mission goal	\$2,500
Hallelujah goal	\$3,000
Given	\$2,780

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary Jan 5 & 12 2014

Gen. Fund	17,032
Chall. to Maint.	0
Memorials & Hon.	310
Radio Ministry	800
Baptist Men	0
First Light Service	0
Christmas Missions	325
Katie Yates Fund	0
Total Gifts	18,467

Budget req. to date	14,770
Gifts to date	17,342

YTD req. under actual gifts
 (2,572)

% giving to req.	117%
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"Valentine's Day"

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

The child of God knows how to love others because of the love he or she has experienced in Christ. That unconditional love is seen directly or indirectly in the expressed sentiments of the season.

While questions exist as to the exact origin of Valentine's Day, the following story is the most generally accepted. Saint Valentine was a Christian priest who lived during the time of the Roman emperor Claudius. Claudius was actively involved in recruiting men for his powerful army. Thinking that unmarried men would be more likely to stay faithful to the Roman military, Claudius ruled that no more marriages could be performed and that all engagements must be canceled.

Valentine found this ruling unfair, and legend tells us that he secretly performed marriage ceremonies for the unfortunate young people. Claudius discovered Valentine's actions, and he threw the priest in jail, where Valentine was beheaded on February 14, 269.

In 496, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 to be a day in honor of St. Valentine. Even before this holiday, February was considered the month to celebrate spring and fertility. The pagan festival of Lupercalia coincided with the Christian Valentine's Day, and scholars are not sure if the two festivals are related or not. In either case, February 14 remains a day that people celebrate romantic and friendly love.

Something to Consider ... Substitutes

"Please bring me a glass of unsweetened tea along with a couple of packets of sugar substitute." "I'll have to replace this copper pipe with a substitute, perhaps plastic."

Sometimes substitutes are sufficient, sometimes not. There is no substitute for our presence in this world. Each of us is unique and has his or her place to fill in the scheme of things. No one can take that place. There is no substitute for our presence in the home. If we should leave, our responsibility to the home would be partially carried out but never completely fulfilled. There is no substitute for our presence with friends in need. No one can give the aid and comfort which are our exclusive gifts to impart to those dear souls with whom we have walked the pathway of life and whose company has enriched our journey.

There is no substitute for our presence in the church. As a part of the family of faith, we have our place to fill which can be filled by no other. Our calling and commitment have set us apart for the special service which we alone can perform.

There is no substitute for the power of our influence among people. We all influence others in some way, even when we do not realize that we are imparting power of any kind. Yet our endowments of mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional power are constantly reaching out to touch someone in the realm of our influence.

Do we understand? There is no substitute for you. You are needed. You are special. You are loved. Think about that ... and be thankful.



In Loving Memory

Mrs. Ruby Hudson

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nesbit

Mr. Paul Many

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mr. and Mrs. Chris McDuffie
Mr. and Mrs. Jamie McDuffie

Mr. Richard Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Linda) Byrd
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Featherston
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Goodwin
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Moyer



Sympathy for the family of ...

Mr. Claude Smith, father of Claudia Robinette,
who passed away on January 14th

Mr. Richard Carnes, husband of Beverly Carnes,
who passed away on January 22nd

Mrs. Sylvia Scott, sister of Joanne Cadieu,
who passed away on January 23rd



Baptist Men's Day - February 9

If you think your singing in the shower sounds good now, just wait until you join the other men with that same amazing ability. If you have a problem staying on pitch, the other guys will be there to help you out. See you in the music suite at 10:30 am.

Church-wide Valentine's Dinner and Fellowship

- Friday, February 14 @ 6:00 pm
- Covered dish meal
- Be prepared for fun, fellowship, and worship

Terrific Tuesday Open Enrollment

Children, K-5, may still be enrolled in our Terrific Tuesday program. Our music, Bible study, and missions programs on Tuesday afternoons began on September 10th from 3:15—5:15 pm. (It is going great!) We will continue to pick children up from L.J. Bell, Washington Street and West Rockingham schools. Children from other schools may be dropped off.

Another Good Deed ...



An Indiana family is warm thanks to a good Samaritan who braved sub-zero temperatures to split some wood. The Greene County man, who chose to remain nameless, responded to a plea on Facebook that a family was in need. He fired up his friend's wood splitter and then delivered it all to the young mother of two. "The good Lord tells us that we should look out for everyone," he told the Greene County World News.

The Book Club



The book club will meet in Southern Pines at 4:30 on Friday, February 7, 2014 at The Country Bookshop, 140 NW Broad Street, Phone: (910) 692-3211, www.thecountrybookshop.biz. We will be meeting here to hear Wiley Cash speak on his next book to be published. The program begins at 5:00 pm, but if we are going to get a seat and a parking place we need to be there early. After the program we will go out to eat dinner.

Did You Know ...

About 50 Bibles are sold every minute. It is the world's best-selling book. So far, more than 1 billion copies of the Bible have been sold.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 2014						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	

- February 2:** Church Conference, following Worship Service
- February 3:** Missions Committee Mtg, 7:00 pm
- February 9:** Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am
- February 14:** Valentine's Day
- February 14:** Church-wide Dinner and Fellowship, 6:00 pm
- February 16:** Deacon's Meeting, 1:15 pm



FIC News

- February 2nd, Super Bowl Party, Abram's House
- February 2nd, Souper Bowl, collect canned goods

Valentine Fun Facts

- During Medieval times, girls ate unusual foods on St. Valentine's Day to have a dream of their future husband.
- In the Middle Ages, people believed that the first unmarried person of the opposite sex you met on the morning of St. Valentine's Day would become your spouse.
- Some people believed that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor and if she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a very rich person.

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