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Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Monday, February 2, 2015

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, February 9, 2015

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, February 16, 2015

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, February 23, 2015

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Jan 4, 2015

Sunday School-83

Worship Service-105

Sunday, Jan 18, 2014

Sunday School-81

Worship Service-89

Sunday, Jan 11, 2015

Sunday School-75

Worship Service-105

Sunday, Jan 25, 2014

Sunday School-90

Worship Service-100

Serving on Sunday, February 1, 2015

Nursery: Kathy Griffis

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott

Children's Church: Angela Cockerton

Security: Steve Bullard

Serving on Sunday, February 8, 2015

Nursery: Cynthia Morris

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette

Children's Church: Beth Ray

Security: Jerry Davis

Serving on Sunday, February 15, 2015

Nursery: John and Monica Yates

2s & 3s: Nan Bates

Children's Church: Joanne Taylor

Security: Gene Coen

Serving on Sunday, February 22, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd, Corey Davis

Security: Dennis Holloway



February, we celebrate Valentines Day and are reminded of the importance of love - not just love for our sweethearts, but also love for God and one another.

In John 13 Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another even as He loved them, and then He demonstrated his love by humbly washing their feet and then willingly dying on a cross for their sins. This was a selfless act of loving humility and sacrifice. And if ever there was a time in our history when Christians need to demonstrate Christlike love it is now.

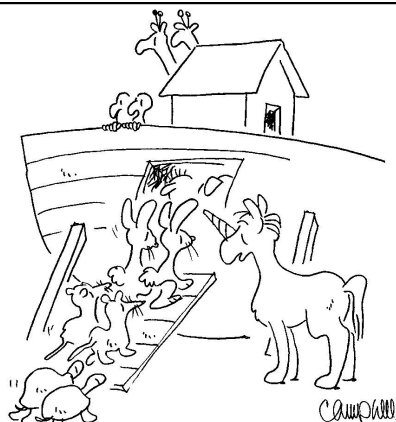
Dr. Tracey Jessup from Gardner Webb University reminds us how such love is shown in the world. Dr. Jessup attended the funeral of a 19 month old little girl whose Father served in law enforcement. The church sanctuary was packed - standing room only. Two-thirds of one section in the sanctuary had been reserved for the father's fellow officers who had come to support their grieving brother.

However, when the law officers realized the overflow crowd, they willingly stood quietly, exited their pews and gave up their reserved seating for those standing in the aisles. It was a simple act of kindness, but also a powerful example of Christian love.

This month as we express love to and appreciation for our spouses and significant others, let us not forget our responsibility to love others too.

“Lord, help us to show the influence your love has made in our lives as we seek to serve humbly and with pure motives, demonstrating a genuine concern for the welfare of others.”

May God bless each of you!



“Be my valentine Be my valentine
Be my valentine”

Church-wide Agape Dinner and Fellowship



Wednesday, February 11th in S-150 at 6:00 pm. Cost for the meal will be a donation to the church. The entertainment will be a special music presentation. Please RSVP the church office (910) 895-4016. Be prepared for fun, fellowship, and worship.

Happy Birthday!

2-1 Dustin Brown
 2-3 Jill Emerson
 2-4 Evelyn Marks
 2-4 Charlie Melvin
 2-5 Carolyn Dawkins
 2-5 Judy Harrelson
 2-6 Joey Davis
 2-8 Anna Watson
 2-8 Jae Hardy
 2-9 Jim Nelson
 2-12 Gene Davis
 2-13 Nora Smith
 2-13 Diane Lucas
 2-16 Hilda Lamm
 2-16 Stan Moree
 2-18 Debbie Holloway
 2-18 Taron Melvin
 2-20 Dale Ormsby
 2-20 Corrine Watson
 2-21 Charles Dean, Jr.
 2-23 Sam Brigman
 2-24 Brandon Cox
 2-25 Jesse Spencer
 2-25 Jeannie McLendon
 2-27 Bob Maddrey



As most of you likely know by now, the youth ski retreat to WinterPlace was a success! And aside from a couple of us coming home quite sore, all fourteen of us made it there and back safely with no broken bones! We enjoyed a wonderful time on the slopes – skiing, tubing, and snowboarding – as well as just some quality time together. We explored a bit about what it means to “experience God” and the different shapes that takes for each of us. Many, many thanks to all of you who supported us with your prayers, donations, and encouragement!

On Sunday evenings the youth are beginning a study on various religions. In the process we will be taking a closer look at our own. On Wednesday nights, Abram Buckner is moving through the book of Daniel with our youth.

I am excited that we have started choir chimes with children and youth on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 led by Marjorie Hinson. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young folks, and they are excited about the chance to play!

I hope this newsletter finds each of you doing well and having a good and safe week.

May God bless you all in the coming month.



The Book Club

Friday, February 6th at 5:30 pm at Henry's in downtown Rockingham. Cassandra Crump will be hosting.

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	Dec 2014	Jan 4, 11 & 18
Gen. Fund	31,226	14,058
Chall. to Maint.	800	
Memorials & Honor	363	60
Radio Ministry	850	800
Missions	1,412	425
Baptist Men's Fund/ Wheelchair Ramps	3,129	200
Katie Yates Fund	125	
Total Gifts	37,905	15,543
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	351	231
Budget req. to date	22,392	
Gifts to date	14,118	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(8,274)	
% giving to req.	63%	

Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

Our thanks to Beth Ray and her volunteers for their dedication to this ministry. This year we have decided to collect an item each month for shoe boxes so that we can fill many more boxes in November, 2015. There are shoe boxes placed around the church and you can drop your items in these at any time. This gives each member an opportunity to help with this most worthwhile ministry. Items for children are:

January - toothbrushes	February - gloves & toboggans
March - wash cloths/soap	April - toothpaste
May - small toy	June - coloring books
July - combs and brushes	August - small books
September - socks	October - small flashlights w/batteries
November - candies	

Feel free to bring any other small items you may want to donate.



In Loving Memory

Mr. Douglas Greer

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mrs. Margaret Maples

Ms. Lori McGuire

Mrs. Peggy Percival

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis

**“Papa” Rainey’s Birthday
(Mr. Bobby Rainey)**

Austin, Brandon, Caitlin,
Daniel, and Eleanor

Mrs. Grace Riggan

Mrs. Martha Gandy

Mrs. Penny Stevens

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mrs. Ola Mae Yates

Mrs. Martha Gandy
Ms. Lori McGuire



In Honor

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill’s
Anniversary**

Anonymous

Happy Anniversary!

February 16
Dennis and Debbie Holloway
32 Years
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February 19
Neal and Joanne Cadieu
30 Years

Communion

Sunday, February 8th



Happy 2015! We are beginning the new year with many opportunities! The Praise Team will be rehearsing in the sanctuary at 5:45 pm every Tuesday. New members are welcome.

Choir Chimes will be rehearsing every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. This is open to second graders through youth age.

Baptist Men’s Sunday will be Sunday, February 15th. Men are encouraged to be a part of the Men’s choir and are asked to meet in the music suite at 10:30 am.

We are very excited that the composer Pepper Choplin is coming to our church to do a concert at 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 1.

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 1 - Quarterly Business Mtg, following Worship Service

February 6 - The Book Club, Henry’s in Rockingham, 5:30 pm

February 8 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am

- Communion during worship service

February 11 - Valentine’s Meal, S-150, 6:00 pm

February 14 - Valentine’s Day

February 15 - Baptist Men’s Day Breakfast, guest speaker

- Rev. Gary Richardson, 9:00 am

February 16 - Deacon’s Meeting, 6:30 pm

February 18 - The season of Lent begins

- Children’s Council, 5:00 pm

What is Lent?



In a sense, the season of Lent is to Easter what the season of Advent is to Christmas. The council of Nicaea in AD 325 provided us with the first recorded reference to Lent as “the forty days”. The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness learning to trust God. Elijah spent 40 days in the desert before hearing the still, small voice of God. Moses spent 40 days waiting for God to deliver the law. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness being tested by Satan and determining his mission and ministry. Consequently, Lent is a time to call Christians back to their mission. It’s a time to get reoriented to what it’s like to live by the grace of God without depending on ourselves. Lent is an invitation to go into the wilderness and to cast off that which hinders our walk with God - pride, anger, animosity, apathy, etc. and to recommit our lives to the One who died for our sins and rose again from the dead. So, I invite all of us to take a journey with God into the wilderness as we prepare ourselves for Resurrection Day!



In ACC basketball country, March is associated with “March Madness”, the road to the Final Four and the National Basketball Championship. But in FBC country, this March will be associated with gathering our church family and community for Bible study and worship.

Deuteronomy 31:12 says, “Gather the people – men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns – so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.”

Each Sunday in March we will focus on gathering each group mentioned above and will feature special events and activities. Of course, we will need your help and participation.

Details will be forth coming. Please begin to pray now for our Gather the People emphasis!

Baptist Men's Day



Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, February 15th at 9:00 am. Guest speaker: Rev. Gary Richardson.

Agape - noun, plural [*ah-gah-pahy, ah-guh-pahy, -pee*].

1. the love of God or Christ for humankind.
2. the love of Christians for other persons, corresponding to the love of God for humankind.
3. unselfish love of one person for another without sexual implications; brotherly love.

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