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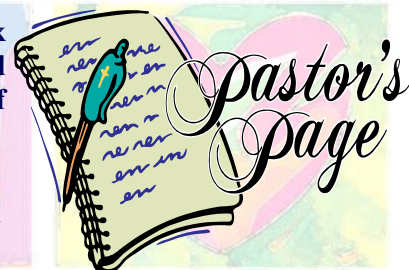
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The following is an article from Chuck Guthrie that I saw online. I thought it had some good suggestions for us as we enter into the month of February.

“Valentine’s Day, like most other holidays, has become overly commercialized. We feel obligated to purchase cards, chocolates, roses and more for the ones we romantically love. And, of course, we also include others on our Valentine’s giving list—Mom, children, etc. But this Valentine’s Day, try to look for an opportunity to share the love of God. In a world where so many people are hurting, this holiday could be a great opportunity to minister to someone who God puts on your heart or mind.



Who could you exemplify the Body of Christ to this Valentine’s Day? Do you know a man or woman who has lost a spouse during the past year either through death or a painful divorce? Perhaps you know a lady who has been a widow for years, and has no one to cherish them. Or, you may know a parent who has lost a child and they are only left with memories. Possibly, you have a single friend who is having trouble believe God will send someone their way. Why not send a simple rose, card, or box of chocolates? Keep the explanation simple—‘Thinking of you today—Jesus loves you!’ or ‘God loves you.’ You could include an encouraging verse. Make sure if you are giving a gift to the opposite gender, make the gift from your family, your class, or just anonymous so it doesn’t seem inappropriate in any way.

On the day you send the gift (it doesn’t have to be Valentine’s Day), pray that what you send will cause the individual to be reminded of just how much God loves and cares for them. You may never know what a difference your thoughtfulness will make. The love of God is a powerful thing on Valentine’s Day and everyday!”

Who can you reach out to this Valentine’s Day? There are several in our church that need an encouraging word. Take the time to reach out to people who need to feel the love of Christ. You may be the person that God will use to be His arms to hug and encourage a brother or sister in Christ. Show God’s love to someone this month!
~ Bro. J ~

CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a faith-based, Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program offering a safe place where hurting people learn how to relate to God, themselves, and others in healthy ways to heal brokenness. If you or someone you know suffers from hurts, hang-ups, habits, or ANYTHING that is preventing you from being your authentic best self, this FREE program (childcare provided) is being offered on Tuesdays, beginning February 6, 6:30-8:30 pm at Church of the City. More information is available at the Welcome Desk in the church Lobby.

Church Library News

February Birthdays

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There are many products, books, and seminars that promise to make you better: more beautiful, more youthful, more confident, and financially stable. With all that information we can easily become discontented with who we are. We just need to remember that we are a CHILD OF GOD. He created us with quirks, talents, and a one of a kind personality. You are uniquely you. While it's good to work toward goals and doing our best, it's important to remember that who you are is enough. God loves you simply because you are you. Remember that you are enough and rest knowing that God Loves You!

Here are a few books from our Library:

The Good Life by Charles Colson. This book searches for answers to the questions we all ask. Who am I? Why am I here? How can I find significance in my life? How can I make my life count? These are core questions and central passions of this book. Your answers to these questions will determine how your life story is written. The worldview you live by has everything to do with what you will become.

The Gift of the Blessing by Gary Smalley. The author tells of his search to receive the blessing from his father and the new insight and deeper blessing he received from God as he sought to pick up pieces of his shattered dream. He expands the concept of the blessing to include eight ways to bless his children. He never realized how powerful and necessary the blessing has become to his older children. So if you have older children who have moved away from home, they are never out of reach of the blessing.

Simple Christianity by Dave Brown. This book takes the teachings of the Christian faith and makes them understandable and relevant. The author brings new insight to fundamental Christian beliefs that will give mature Christians cause to reflect, encouraging them to experience the life that God has for them and draw them to the unconditional, life-changing love of Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2 *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Yours in Christ,
Mary Robertson, Vivienne Okma, & Joan Frank

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



*Happy Birthday
to You!*

The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, February 14,
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

English as a Second Language
Classes
Every Wednesday, 6 pm

For more information or to volunteer
in this ministry, please see Pat
Springer.



Future Growth Funding
\$12,732.66 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$367,061.03 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...

Children's Church Worker Schedule:

February 4: Allen & Heather Hall
February 11: Kimberly Pullen & Laura Sparkman
February 18: The Peters Family
February 25: Eddie & Sharon Brawner

Thank you...the family of Lavana Stoll expresses their thanks for all the food prepared and sent to the funeral. After all the activities associated with the holiday season, spending many hours at the hospital, and making the difficult decisions regarding our mother's health, we were all running on empty on December 26th. The food fit our family perfectly and it was all so delicious! Many special thank yous to the caring woman of God, I believe her name is Patty, that set out all the food and everything that went with it! She stayed there to help us with anything we needed and we felt very loved and looked after while she was there. Our mother would be very proud of how well her church family cared for her natural family and we appreciate all your kindness. Thank you Helen Huntzinger, Charles & Ann England, Jerry & Linda McLain, Chuck & Pat Springer, John & Roxanna Boyle, Tom & Linda Hagerty, Linda Bland, Patty Welch, Gene & Marilyn Legg, Bob & Cherie Woodby, Bruce & Julie Hull, Forever Grateful, Rex & Lavana Deal, Dean, Pam, Lewis Johnson & families.

