

The Beacon



... let us walk in the Lord's light. Isaiah 2:5

February 2020



Salad & Baked Potato Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 15th ~ 5:00p

Lettuce and Potatoes will be provided.
Please bring your favorite toppings and
fixin's and/or drinks and desserts.

Sweet tea will also be provided.

Join us for a great time of food and fellowship.

Be sure to bring a friend...or two.



Baptist Women's Day



Sunday, February 23rd ~ 11:00am

Join us for an inspiring time, as our Baptist Women will lead the service in special music and share on-going and upcoming projects.

Our Guest Speaker will be Nan Salmon from
Pregnancy Support Services of Chapel Hill.

Come hear how God is working through this organization.

ESCAPE THE COLD!

Kids Ministry Event

Sunday, Feb. 23rd ~ 12:15 - 5:30p

Children (K-5th Grade) are invited to "Escape the Cold" at **Sky Zone!**

Lunch and transportation are provided.

Please sign your child up in the church foyer.

For more information, please see

Ashley Crabtree, Heather Glenn, Megan Riggs or Vicki Turner.



Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month

"Love is in the air." Well, at least many stores are selling items for Valentine's Day. Many people will express their love in many different ways for their "Valentine" this February. They will buy jewelry, candy, flowers, stuffed animals and other gifts. Some will even take their special one out to dinner. All in the name of love.

As we celebrate love this month, I want you to stop and think about the greatest example of love. First John 4:9 says, "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." God showed His love for us by sending Jesus to die for us so we could have everlasting life. This is the greatest expression of love! So, how do we express our love for God? First John 4:19 says, "We love Him because He first loved us." It is because God loved us first that we love Him back. But, do we really live in such a way that we show our love for Him? One of the ways we show our love for God is by obeying Him. In John 14:15, Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." That means if we truly love Jesus, then we will share the Gospel, be actively involved in church, study the Bible, give our tithes and offerings, pray, worship, put others above ourselves, and so much more. So, this month as you celebrate love, I want to encourage you to show your love for God by studying and obeying His Word.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



Building Fund Update

Our Goal	\$ 1,002,000
Collected <small>as of Jan 18, 2020</small>	\$ 563,436
Balance	\$ 438,564

Women's
Bible Study

'We Over Me'
by Whitney Capps

Tuesday, Feb 4th ~ 6:45p
1st Tuesday of each month

Women's Conferences...

Inspire 2020 - 'Grounded' - March 7th - Burlington, NC. Be *Grounded* in: Grace, Faith & Prayer, Word, and Your Identity. The cost is \$35 (\$30 for seniors 65+ and students). You can purchase your ticket at ; www.inspirewomensconference.org/ If you'd like to carpool to this event, please sign up in the church foyer.

Women of Joy - 'Rise Up!' - May 1st - 3rd at Myrtle Beach, SC. Sign up in the church foyer. For more information, see Cindy Jeffries.



Monday, Feb 17th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

'No More Excuses'
by Tony Evans

You Are Mine!

By Ann Shorb

ISAIAH 43:1 (KJV) But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine.

On Valentine's Day isn't it fun to dig through a bag of those little candy hearts that have the words printed on them? They say cute little things like "SWEET", "CUTE" or "HUG ME". But the one that I like the best says, "YOU ARE MINE!"

Isaiah 43 gives a beautiful picture of God saying those exact words to His beloved children of Israel. Even though they had wandered away from Him and He had to discipline them, He declares, "Don't be afraid! I made you



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

- ◆ Robbie Coates and Penny Pendleton and their families in the death of their cousin, Jason Bradshaw
- ◆ James Ellis and Phillip Ellis and the entire Ellis family in the death of James and Phillip's sister, Ruth Ashley
- ◆ Mutt Jeffries and his family in the death of his sister, Debbie Riley
- ◆ Laura Pryor and her family in the death of her cousin, Vicki Dotson
- ◆ Vic Roberts and his family in the death of his sister-in-law, Rachel Roberts
- ◆ Jean Tilley and her family in the death of her husband, Wade Tilley



We Received a Thank You Note From:

- * The Copley Family
- * The Lewis Family
- * Jean Tilley

and I will take care of you. You are mine!" Then, as their loving Father, He gives them the promise of His presence, His protection, and His provision through it all.


Ephesians 1:3-14 says that as a believer in Christ, God the Father does the same thing for you. He created you, He redeemed you, and He calls you to Himself saying, "You are accepted in the Beloved"– in essence, "You are Mine!" As a loving Father cares for His children, so He cares for you day after day, week after week, year after year. He loves you! You are His!

PRAYER: Father, what a thrill to hear Your words and to know that I belong to You! Thank You for creating me, for caring for me, for calling me Yours, and for the security that brings.



FEBRUARY 2020

BIRTHDAYS & CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Memory Verse</p> <p>“We love Him because He first loved us.”</p> <p>1 John 4:19</p>						<p>1</p> <p>J.H. Men’s Conf</p> <p><i>Kim Caddell</i> <i>Christy Murray</i> <i>David Young</i></p>
<p>2</p> <p>Deacons Meeting 4p</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Bonnie Parrish</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Women’s Bible Study 6:45p</p> <p><i>Norma Bowen</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Jade Pendleton</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Youth Friday Night Fearless 6:30p</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Business Mtg 12:15p</p> <p><i>Scott Chambers</i> <i>Phillip MacDonald</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Missions Night 7p</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Youth Bible Study Lewis’ Home 6:30p</p> <p><i>Andrew Myers</i></p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Valentines Day</p> <p><i>Danielle McKinney</i> <i>Pallie Taylor</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Salad & Potato Dinner 5:00p</p> <p><i>Mackenzie Turner</i></p>
<p>16</p> <p>Youth SAMM 12:15p</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Men of Iron 7p</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Jameson Riggs</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Randy Jackson</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Austin Wrenn</i></p>
<p>23</p> <p>Baptist Women’s Day 11am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Janice Watson</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Megan McBroom</i> <i>Sean Smith</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>Youth Service Day 9am</p>



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The Endless Pursuit

Heather B. Iseminger

True Love. For some, these two words kindle images of long-stemmed roses and candle-lit dinners. For others, the very thought of Happily Ever After brings on a headlong tailspin of depression that includes two men by the name of Ben and Jerry. Over the years, I have found myself in both places. But lately, I have been reminded of the most lavish display of love mankind has ever known.

Last year a friend of mine, Bonnie, and her husband began the process of adopting two beautiful children from Ethiopia. After facing one complicated hurdle after another, Bonnie knew the Lord was urging her to go to Ethiopia and remain there until she could finalize the adoption. Regardless of the time it might take, she was going to bring her son and daughter home. At the blessing of her husband, she quit her job, packed her bags, and bought a plane ticket. Though they both assumed she would be home in less than a month, she remained in a foreign land for almost four.

Bonnie's walk down this tear-stained path to claim her children has been a vivid and very real reminder of the deep, passionate love God has for me. This fight, this battle, this crusade for her babies is a beautiful portrayal of God's relentless pursuit of us—His children. The Father will stop at nothing to make sure we are safely in His arms.

This is the love that prevails. Jesus Christ has already proven He will do whatever it takes to demonstrate His love for His children. He left a sinless heaven to join humanity on a sinful earth because He loves us. He allowed himself to be

ridiculed, tortured, beaten because He loves us. He felt the piercing agony of nails rip through his flesh because He loves us. The Son of God took the sin of the world and paid the highest price because He loves us.

Romans 5:8* states, "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Christ gave His life so we may be called sons and daughters of the King. What love! What incredible, all-consuming passion! To know we have a Father in Heaven who will pursue us, fight for us, and even die for us is a powerful love indeed.

We each have been created to love and be loved. Our deepest desires come from the heart that longs to be pursued. Is it possible you feel very unloved during the season of life holding you? Regardless of the pain you may be facing right now or the rejection sometimes glaring you in the face, may

you be encouraged by the existence of True Love. A Love only God, the one who created you, can give.



When discouragement stares at you from the mirror of life, place your heart at the foot of the cross. It is in this place where love brings you in, holds you tightly, and carries you. The shadow of the cross reflects the greatest love man has ever known. May its beautiful shadow be a reminder you have been fought for, you have been pursued, you are wanted, you are loved!

Because of a mother's endless love, Bonnie's children flew home with her on Valentine's Day. Because of our Father's endless love, we have a heavenly home waiting for us.

"Look at how great a love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children. And we are!" 1 John 3:1*a

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Feb	Nursery	Toddlers	Children's Church	PM Child Care	Team Kids
2 nd	Sheila Compton Sammi Watson	Sue DeBlanc Grace Pryor	Vicki Turner Seth Pryor	Kim Pearson Riley Hudson	Cindy Jeffries Laura Pryor
9 th	Ingela Gillie Heather Young	Beth Chambers Emma Pryor	Michael Hall/Dillon Watson/Sammi Watson	Laura Pryor Sheila Sanders	Tonya Fuller Vicki Turner
16 th	Beth Chambers Riley Hudson	Cindy Jeffries Nancy Shuler	Ingela Gillie/Blake Gillie/ Kaysi McDaniel	Chelsea Mullins Grace Pryor	Luke & Kim Pearson
23 rd	Sheila Sanders Emma Pryor	Heather Gentry Hunter Gentry	Dawne Lewis Riley Hudson	Beth Chambers Ashley Crabtree	Adam & Megan Riggs
Wed Nights	5 th - Luke & Kim Pearson	12 th - Cindy Jeffries Sheila Sanders	19 th - Don & Connie Garrett	26 th - Sue DeBlanc Janice Watson	