



The Beacon



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

February 2021

Johnny Hunt Men's Conference

'The Pack' - Escape the Lone Wolf {Men}tality

**5:30pm Friday
February 5th**

&

**7:30am Saturday
February 6th**

Men, there's still room, and time for you to join. The cost is \$30, which includes Friday night dinner and Saturday morning breakfast and conference literature.

Please see Pastor Dave if you are interested.



Join us Friday Night, February 12th - 7:00p

FRIDAY NIGHT SING-ALONG

Light Refreshments will be served.

Baptist WOMEN'S DAY

Sunday, February 28, 2021

9:00am & 11:00am Services

Guest Speaker: Johnnie Dickerson



**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

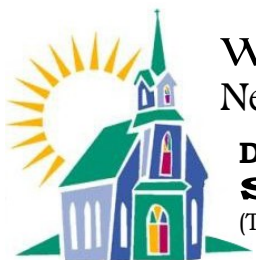
This month as we celebrate Valentine's Day many people will be focused on celebrating love. They will buy their special loved one candy, jewelry, flowers, or some other type of gift. They might even go out to dinner or pick up take out and bring it home for a special dinner. A lot of money will be spent to celebrate love on Valentine's Day. It is okay to celebrate the love that you have for your husband or wife. But don't just do it one day a year. We need to show our love for our husband or wife every day of the year.

One thing that our world needs to see, and experience right now is love. I am not talking about the romantic type of love that we celebrate on Valentine's Day. I am talking about godly love. There is a spiritual battle raging right now, and Christians need to be sharing the love of God with everyone around us. I know it may seem hard to love some people that have opposing views but think about what Jesus did for us. When our way of living was in opposition to Him, He still loved us and died for us.

The only hope for our nation and our world is Jesus. First Corinthians 16:14 says, "Let all *that* you *do* be done with love." So, I want to encourage you to live a life of godly love. Let those around you see and hear the love of Christ in your life. When we as Christians live a life of godly love the lives of those around us will be impacted and changed for all eternity.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



**WELCOME
New Members**

**Don & Brenda
Sharp**
(Transfer of Letter)



Tuesday, March 2nd ~ 6:45p

Join us next month as we start a New Study: 'Job' by Lisa Harper

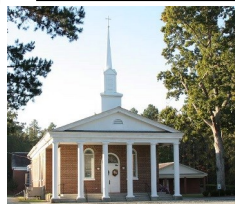
A sign up sheet is in the Entrance Hall if you would like to order a 'Job' Study Guide for \$14.

We'll meet in the Family Life Center

Baptist Women News

• You can still purchase **RADA Cutlery** products by clicking this link radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946 or use the catalog and order form in the church foyer. Each purchase helps support our mission projects.

• **RMBC Cookbooks** - We still have a few cookbooks remaining. On-Sale for \$7.00 or 2 for \$12! Please see or call Carol Carden or email: tcardenc@centurylink.net



**Building
Fund
Update**

Our Goal	\$ 1,002,000
Collected <small>as of Jan 16, 2021</small>	\$ 637,396
Balance	\$ 364,604

If you would like to receive **The Beacon** in an email, or if you have a birthday, anniversary, special event or announcement you would like printed

in **The Beacon**, please submit your request or email address to: Carol Carden at tcardenc@centurylink.net by the 20th of the month.



Please pick up your 2020 Contribution Statements, located in the mailbox in the Entrance Hall.



Monday, Feb 15th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

"The Bondage Breaker"

Overcoming: Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins

By Neil T. Anderson

"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ◆ Gerald Dunman and his family in the death of his sister, Nola Frances Owens
- ◆ Donna Reitz and her family in the death of her father, Edward Powell
- ◆ Adam Riggs and his family in the death of his grandfather, Ben Riggs

CHECK-OUT ROMANCE

"I met my husband while I was working in a science library. He came in every week to read the latest journals and eventually decided to take out the librarian instead of the books. After a year and a half of dating, he showed up at the library and started rummaging through my desk. I asked what he was looking for, but he didn't answer. Finally he unearthed one of the rubber stamps I used to identify reference books. 'Since I couldn't find the right engagement ring,' he said, 'this will have to do,' and he firmly stamped my hand. Across my knuckles, in capital letters, it read **NOT FOR CIRCULATION.**" —




Contributed by Ruth E. Chodrow

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FEBRUARY 2021

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Christy Murray</i> <i>David Young</i>	2	3 <i>Bonnie Parrish</i>	4 <i>Norma Bowen</i>	5 JH Men's Conf 5:30pm <i>Jade Pendleton</i>	6 JH Men's Conf 7:30am
7 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a Deacons Mtg 4p	8	9 <i>Scott Chambers</i> <i>Phillip</i> <i>MacDonald</i>	10 Missions Night 7p	11	12 Sing-Along 7p	13 <i>Andrew Myers</i>
14 <small>HAPPY</small>  Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10:15a Business Mtg 5:30p <i>Danielle McKinney</i> <i>Pallie Taylor</i>	15 Men of Iron 7p <i>Mackenzie</i> <i>Turner</i>	16	17	18 <i>Jameson Riggs</i>	19 <i>Randy Jackson</i>	20
21 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a	22 <i>Austin Wrenn</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Janice Watson</i>
28 Baptist Women's Day 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a <i>Megan McBroom</i> <i>Sean Smith</i>	March 1 <i>Caitlyn Wrenn</i>	2 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	3	Memory Verse "Let all <i>that</i> you <i>do</i> be done with love." 1 Corinthians 16:14		



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Kiss of the King

Missey Butler

A gentle kiss from a loved one is a beautiful thing. It is a sweet expression of endearment, a symbol of one person's affection for another. The moviegoer in all of us is always thrilled when the long-awaited moment arrives, when two hearts finally come together through the tender expression of a kiss.

Not so long ago, I read about a couple who shared a very special kiss. The story, in Brennan Manning's book, [Ragamuffin Gospel](#), describes a rather solemn scene between a surgeon and a young couple.

A young woman is lying in the recovery room after a procedure to remove a tumor from her cheek. Unfortunately, the surgery severed a facial nerve and her lips are permanently skewed as a result. In a tender moment of acceptance, her husband bends down and repositions his lips to meet hers with precision. The physician witnesses their exchange and recognizes it as a God moment.

Since reading this story, the image of the young husband contorting his mouth and twisting his lips for an intimate kiss with his palsied wife has gripped my heart.

I thought about how God symbolically did the very same thing for us when He fashioned Himself in the form of flesh and became "man" through the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

What a love story. The God of the universe bent down from Heaven, leaned toward mankind, and expressed His love to a very disfigured people.

He contorted Himself (so to speak) in order to manifest His vast love to a fallen generation.

"For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, ..." ([John 3:16](#))

How do we respond to such a beautiful expression of genuine love to a handicapped humanity? We respond by recognizing we were created from the clay of the earth, by the hand of the Great Potter Himself.

In His foreknowledge, He knew we would become marred; and afterward, we would be in need of His unconditional love.

What is our response?

We simply receive the gracious gift of love, and allow Him to mold and make us into His beautiful image. The following poem seems to sum it up very well:

*Our Sovereign King is so pleased
When with gladness He sees
His likeness brought forth
By His kisses received*

If you have never known the unconditional love of this King, He wants you to know that His desire has always been toward you and that even now, He longs for your response. Most importantly, He wants you to know that His kiss still works.

Don't wait another moment. Come and receive the "Kiss" of the King.

<https://www1.cbn.com/devotions/kiss-king>

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

"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. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:9-11

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37-39

