

The Beacon



Jesus said; "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

February 2022

JOHNNY HUNT MEN'S CONFERENCE



FEB 4&5, 2022

johnnyhuntmensconference.com

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Men, join us for the Johnny Hunt Men's Conference, which will be simulcast at Antioch Baptist Church in Timberlake. Tickets are \$25 through Sunday, January 30th, afterwards, price increases to \$30. Price includes conference, Friday night dinner, and Saturday morning breakfast. A Sign Up Sheet is in the Welcome Center.

Baptist Women's Day

Sunday, February 27th ~ 8:45am & 11:00am

Guest Speaker: Angel Fox

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

She draws on her strength and reveals that her arms are strong.

Proverbs 31:17 (csb)



If you have any announcements, events, articles or suggestions for the Beacon, please submit to Carol Carden at tcardenc@centurylink.net by the 20th of each month.

Missions Night is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Come see how we impact our community and surrounding areas through various projects.



Join Us For...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00a -10:45a

We have children's classes from Nursery to 5th Grade. Classes for Youth, College & Career, and 4 Adult Classes from which to choose. Something for everyone!



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

If you are like me, growing up your mom and/or your dad taught you many lessons. One of the lessons many of us have been taught by our parents is to think before we speak. Our parents realized the power of words and wanted us to realize this as well. As we have grown up, we have all come to learn that the words we speak are powerful and can have consequences. Sometimes we say things that are encouraging and uplifting to others. At other times we may say things we later regret.

Proverbs 18:21 says, "death and life are in the power of the tongue." The words we say have the power to point people to Jesus or turn people away from Jesus. If we stop and think about that, it is very humbling and challenging. So, how do we make sure that our words are pointing people to Jesus and not away from Jesus? Psalms 19:14 says, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight." If we strive to live in such a way that our hearts are acceptable and pleasing to God, then our words will also be acceptable and pleasing to Him. Let me encourage you to spend time in prayer and in God's Word each day and apply His Word to your heart. Then, your heart and your words will be acceptable in God's sight. When we live by Psalms 19:14, then our words will point people to Jesus.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

**Building
Loan Balance**
(as of 01/12/2022)
\$ 358,770



Tuesday, February 1st ~ 6:45p
(1st Tuesday of each month)

Ladies, join us for a time of study and fellowship as we begin a new series; "**Better: A Study of Hebrews**" by Jen Wilkin. Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise.

You can purchase **RADA Cutlery** and other kitchen products by clicking this link: radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946 or use the catalog and order form in the Welcome Center. Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

The Baptist Women are hosting a **Women's Night Out Painting Party** on Friday, February 4th at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$20 per person and includes your canvas and all supplies. There will be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or you can email Kim Pearson at kimsblessed@outlook.com to sign up.

Foundation Club outing to the Andy Griffith Museum in Mount Airy, NC on Tuesday February 8th, leaving the church at 7:15am. Cost is \$10 for the tour, cash or check (payable to RMBC) and given to Cameron Lewis. Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.



Year End Giving Statements are ready for pick up in the Welcome Center. Located in the mailbox, by last name.



Monday, February 21st ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

"The Bondage Breaker"

Overcoming: Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins

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

Upcoming Men's Conferences . . .

Johnny Hunts Men's Conference, February 4th & 5th, simulcast at Antioch Baptist Church.


East Coast Men's Bible Conference, March 11th & 12th in Rocky Mount, NC. Tickets are \$35 through Feb. 24th, \$ 50 afterwards.


Sign Up Sheet is in the Welcome Center





Dan and Phyllis Carpenter
(by transfer of letter of membership)


Congratulations to . . .


Don & Connie Garrett and Eric & Crystal Propst on the birth of their grandson Hudson Cole Propst 

 **Dawne Lewis** - Recipient of the 2021 Great 100 Nurses of NC

 *We extend our sympathy and prayers to:*

 Ruby Parrish in the death of her sister-in-law, Nancy Parrish, and Dorinda Laughinghouse in the death of her aunt, and their families


 Gina Simpson in the death of her father, Linwood Simpson, and Chris Turner in the death of his grandfather, and their families

 Cathy Taylor and her family in the death of her sister, Mattie Lou Hancock

 The Family of Otha Taylor in his death

FEBRUARY 2022

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| 30 | 31 | 1 Women's Bible Study 6:45p <i>Christy Murray</i> <i>David Young</i> | 2 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p | 3 Youth Supper & Bible Study @ the Lewis' 6:30p | 4 Johnny Hunt Men's Conf 5p <i>Norma Bowen</i> | 5 Johnny Hunt Men's Conf 7a <i>Jade Pendleton</i> |
| 6 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon's Mtg 4p | 7 | 8 | 9 Missions Night <i>Scott Chambers</i> <i>Phillip MacDonald</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am | 14  | 15 <i>Mackenzie Turner</i> | 16 Monthly Business Mtg & Wed. Night Service 7p | 17 | 18 <i>Jameson Riggs</i> | 19 <i>Randy Jackson</i> |
| 20 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am | 21 Men of Iron 7p | 22 | 23 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Baptist Women's Day / Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Youth S.A.M.M. 12p <i>Janice Watson</i> | 28 <i>Gionni DMeo</i> <i>Megan McBroom</i> | | | Memory Verse "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer." Psalms 19:14 | | |



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Love Is a Verb

Kim DeHoog

I'm not sure we often view love as a choice. We are raised with a fanciful imagination sweeping us off to places where we will fall helplessly in love with someone else. Based on movies today, one might think that even if the beautiful dame resisted, it would do no good. Clearly, love has seized her and she is powerless in its grip. It is almost as if we expect love to happen to us. We are passive and waiting for the almighty force of love to smack us upside the head. But sometimes it doesn't.

In the fall of 2003, I moved to the Dominican Republic and entered into a small community of missionaries. Having grown up in a town that barely made the map, I was used to small town ethics. Everybody knows everybody and nobody can do anything without everybody knowing. But in the Dominican Republic, I initially resisted this. I put up a wall and kept a safe distance from everyone. It looked like I loved them, but really, I just co-existed with them. Meanwhile, I waited for love to strike.

But after a while, I noticed love wasn't flowing naturally out of me. I knew it wasn't the fault of the incredible people around me. They were so dear to me and still are. It was my fault. I felt that God had plunked me down in a random village in the Dominican Republic with no choice but to make the best of it. And though it took time, eventually, that's exactly what I did.

With infrequent electricity, often there was nothing to do except sit around candlelight and talk for hours at a time. It was a simple life, stripped down to the basics, and that left very little pretense. It was through these kinds of bare encounters that I learned that love does not choose us, we choose it.

Similarly, when we look at the first chapter of Ruth, we see that Ruth chose to love Naomi, even when the consequences looked bleak. If Ruth turned back and left Naomi, she would have had an easier time remarrying, which was crucial to a woman's worth in those times. She was still young. She could have really done something with her life if she had just stayed with her own people ... and that is what Naomi

urges her to do. But Ruth responded:

... "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me. (Ruth 1:16-17 NIV)

In Ruth 1:18, we read that Naomi finally realized that Ruth was "determined". Any lesser love would not have been enough. It took a deliberate, almost stubborn love to prove to Naomi that Ruth was serious about her commitment. Naomi was almost all the family that Ruth had left. Maybe she was not the family member that Ruth would have chosen to love, but Ruth chose to love her anyway.

We have all been put on earth together for a reason, and the difficulty of love is exactly what enables it to be so powerful. When we have no choice about who to love, love becomes harder. Perhaps we need to stop waiting for a feeling of love. The fact is, when we can't choose the people we love, we choose to love the people we have, and that is a far richer experience. And in doing so, we reflect the love of God, who chose to love us before any of us loved Him.

1 Peter 1:22 (NIV) says, "... love one another deeply, from the heart."

This kind of love is not a noun, not an adjective, it's a verb. It's a very deliberate action. That is the love of our Father and the love He calls us to have for one another.

<https://www1.cbn.com/devotions/love-is-a-verb>

"You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don't even the Gentiles do the same?

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Matthew 5:43-48

