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Sunday, February 14

UPcoming EVENTS

PRIMETIME TRIP
10:30 am Tuesday, February 2

PAINTING PARTY
6:30 pm Friday, February 5

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP
8 am Saturday, February 6

CROSSFIRE SUPER BOWL LOCK-IN
4 pm Sunday, February 7

MID-WEEK EVENTS
Wednesdays, February 3,10,17,24
3:30 pm A.S.K. 4 Jesus
5 pm Family Dinner
6 pm FBC Kids
6 pm Rock Solid
6 pm Adult Bible Study
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER FUNDRAISER
6 pm Saturday, February 13

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
4:30 pm Sunday, Super Bowl Party February 7
7 pm Monday, H.S. Guys 1
6:30 pm Tuesday, H.S. Girls
7 pm Tuesday, H.S. Guys 2 & 3
7 pm Thursday, H.S. Guys 4
5 pm Sunday Night Live, Feb. 21,28

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FEBRUARY 2016 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

LOVE

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

-1 Corinthians 13:1-3

This is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day and we buy chocolates, flowers, diamonds, and many other things to show how much we love someone. Paul in the above verses talks about love in the Corinthian church. The church was composed of many types of people from a variety of backgrounds with multitudes of gifts and abilities. It was easy for these differences to divide people. But despite the differences all believers have one thing in common that is faith.



the most excellent way...it is the way of love. In chapter 12, he speaks about spiritual gifts.

Paul says love is more important than spiritual gifts. Paul is saying that even if he were blessed that he could speak in many languages eloquently and does not have love, life is useless, it would sound like a gong or a clanging cymbal.

Secondly, Paul says that love is more important than knowledge, he says it is nothing. In 1 Corinthians 8:1, Paul said, *"knowledge puffs up, but love builds up."*

I don't think we need more knowledge as much as we need love for people to change, the society to change-we need people with a heart of love.

Thirdly, Paul states again love is more important than faith. He is not saying faith is not important but says love is more important. Verse 2, *"If I have a faith that*

Paul begins by saying, let me show you

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**ANNUAL
VALENTINE'S DINNER**

**Saturday, February 13th at 6 pm
in the Fellowship Hall
Crossfire is rustling up some great
Bar-be-cue Chicken
and a whole herd of entertainment.**

Cost is \$12 for adults & \$8 for Children

Childcare will be available.

**If you would like to attend, contact
Kathie Grob at 924-7017 or Jesse Boudet at 713-7505
to make your reservations.**

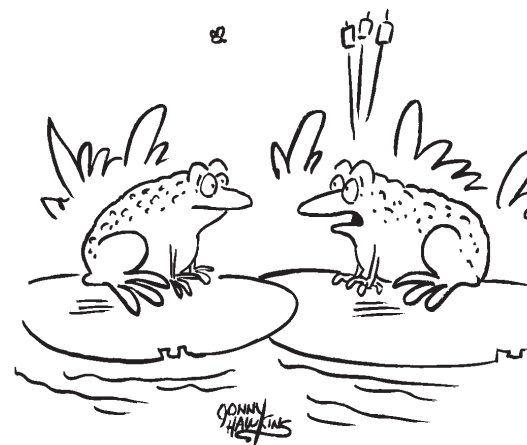
**This event is always filled with
great food, good entertainment &
a whole lot of fun!**

A Summer Camp Fundraiser

**WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THE
CHURCH FAMILY**

My Church Family and Pastor Shaker,
I want to thank you for remembering me at Christmas. The gift was very nice and useful and all the cookies and candy, they were delicious. A thank you for the ones that made cookies and candy for us. It sure brightened and lifted my spirit since I can't do those things for myself anymore. Those were things I always loved to do. The Lord has been good to me. Keep me in your prayers.

Love,
Mary Easton



"Do you promise to love me, warts and all?"

DEACON CARE TEAM REPORT

The Deacon Team welcomes two new members: Lou Polsgrove and Helen Payne. We are thrilled they have joined this rewarding team.

We have 23 shut-ins we serve. We send cards, visit with them, remember their birthdays, pray for them, call and serve them communion. They are men and women who worshiped with us, volunteered their time and talents working on committees and as Sunday school teachers for FBC in years past. We share what is happening at church to keep them connected. They share their love of our "loving Father" with us. Please pray for them and feel free to join us when we go to visit.

The following amounts have been used from the Deacon fund:

- Space heater \$ 50
- Benevolence \$100
- Winter Jam \$ 60

Your generous gifts to the Deacon Care Team Fund allows us to continue to help those in need. Thank you.

**OUR CHURCH FINANCES
FOR DECEMBER 2015:**

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Needed	\$ 24,118.99	\$ 336,838.48
Given	\$ 29,383.99	\$ 345,745.72
Over (Under)	\$ 5,265.00	\$ 8,907.24

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can move mountains, but have not love, I'm nothing." Even faith is of no value unless it is backed up by love.

Finally we hear Paul saying love is more important than being generous, verse 3, "If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." Sometimes we give to impress others, we can get some benefit, or we can give to influence others; none of these are good enough reason if love is absent. The motive for giving should be love--love for God and love for God's people.

Paul in other words is saying love is more important than spiritual gifts, more important than knowledge, more important than faith and more important than generosity.

Jesus says in John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Jesus is saying this is a commandment and not a suggestion.

Love begins in the family, spills into the church family and then into the world.

Paul explains what love is in verse 4-13, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not

envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

As we celebrate love, let us remember what the Bible says about love.

God gave us love in spite of the pain and suffering of His own son, Jesus Christ. Let us emulate that same kind of love toward one another.

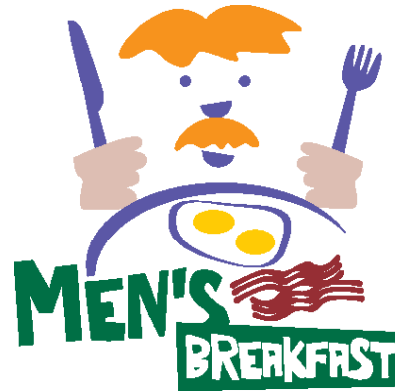
Happy Valentine's Day

Pastor Shaker



PrimeTime Trip
Tuesday, February 9th
10:30 am
Hong Kong Buffet in Marion

The PrimeTime seniors will be off for a leisurely lunch at the Hong Kong Buffet in Marion. The cost is \$3 for transportation and lunch will be dutch treat. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. All active senior adults are welcome...Invite your friends!!!



Men's Breakfast Group
Saturday, February 6th
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

It's just for the guys!
All men and their teenage sons and grandsons are invited to come enjoy the fellowship and a great leisurely breakfast with a light devotional.



Church Office Closes
for Presidents' Day
Monday, February 15th

The church office will be closed Monday, February 15th, so the staff may spend the Presidents' Day holiday with their families.

In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!!

PAINTING PARTY

With Artist Chris Deshazo



Friday, February 5th 6:30pm @ FBC
Hosted by the FBC HS Girls Small Group

Cost: \$35 Adults \$20 Children (smaller canvas)
Price includes all supplies, snacks, and drinks

Crossfire STUDENT MINISTRIES

Crossfire

Youth

Super **B**owl



February 7,
Sunday
4 - 9 pm
Youth House.

All middle & high school students are invited

**All Youth...
Don't forget...**

Valentine's Dinner

**Everyone needed
to help
Saturday,
February 13**

CROSSFIRE YOUTH
LIVE
ON SUNDAY NIGHTS
FEBRUARY 21 & 28



Nursery Attendants

February 7

Kathie Grob, Ashley Brown,
Heidi Oploh

February 14

Kathie Grob, Connor McBride,
Cameren Grob

February 21

Kathie Grob, Elli Oploh,
Taylor Rose

February 28

Kathie Grob, Diane Reader,
Cameren Grob

Unable to help? Please contact
Kathie Grob at 924-7017.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

February 7

Rodney & Carol Brown

February 14

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

February 21

Suzanne Goad Family

February 28

Dave & Vicki Ardrey

If you are unable to help, please
contact Patty Koenig at 687-3142.



MEALS ON WHEELS

February 22-26

Monday

Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady
Gayle Gillmore

Tuesday

Christina Smith & Frank Aldridge
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Wednesday

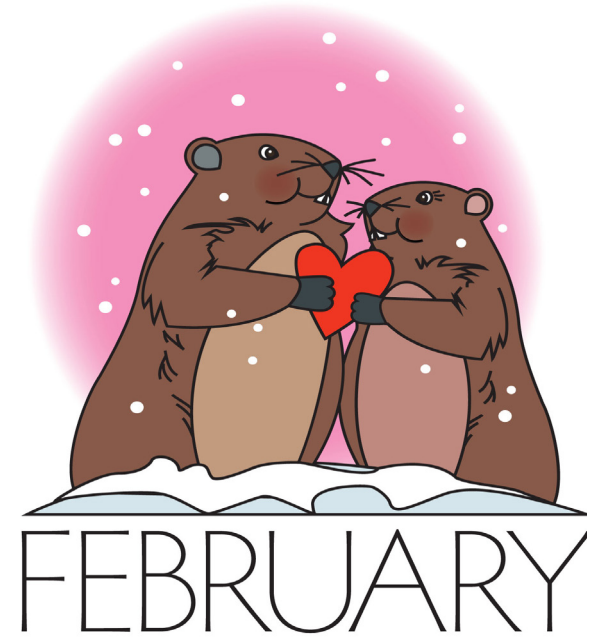
Candy Watt & Alice Berry
Mark & Darlene Pautler

Thursday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady

Friday

Jane Beese & Alice Berry
Lou Polsgrove & Mary Leady



FEBRUARY

**POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!**

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our many

GREETERS

February 7

Marty & Mona Kerns

February 14

Tony & Cindy Stamm

February 21

Mike & Kelly Rose

February 28

Pat & Jan Etherton

If you are unable to help, please
contact Cindy Stamm at 319-0781.

WELCOME CENTER

February 7

Murl Johnson

February 14

Judy Raines

February 21

Matt & Elaine Hardwig

February 28

Scott & Tina Evans

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

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| 4 | Nancy Bitner | 18 | Eddie Reiman |
| 5 | Cathy Blaise | 21 | David Blaise |
| 5 | Carole Ebersohl | 22 | Tina Evans |
| 6 | Brittany Hanson | 22 | Kasey Schwarz |
| 6 | Adam Reiman | 23 | Bill Boudet |
| 9 | Shirley Dougan | 24 | Rachel Burroughs |
| 9 | Stephanie Dillow | 24 | Mike Ewbank |
| 9 | Lou Bigler | 26 | Audra McBride |
| 11 | Brett Doerr | 27 | Janet Caraway |
| 13 | Jayne Blandford | 28 | Jarrod Echols |
| 13 | Judy Raines | 28 | Alaina Dillow |
| 13 | Alesia Beanland | | |
| 13 | Taylor Rose | | |
| 14 | Julie McGinnis | | |
| 15 | Patti Boudet | | |
| 15 | Donna Joy Signaigo | | |
| 16 | Harry & Gayle Gillmore | | |



FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM FBC Kids' Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School & Life Groups 10:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Youth Worship Rehearsal 5:00 PM Youth Sunday Night Live	1 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #1 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	2 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:30 AM PrimeTime Trip 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #3 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #2	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 3:30 PM A.S.K. 4 Jesus 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM FBC Kids 6:00 PM Rock Solid 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM Adult Small Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #4	5 Children's Leadership Council in St. Louis 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM Ministry Meeting & Prayer 6:30 PM Painting Party	6 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group
7 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM FBC Kids' Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School & Life Groups 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM All Teachers Meeting 1:00 PM Youth Worship Rehearsal 4:00 PM Crossfire Super Bowl Party Lock-In	8 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM Deacon Care Team 5:45 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #1 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	9 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM H.S. Girls Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #3 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #2	10 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 3:30 PM A.S.K. 4 Jesus 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM FBC Kids 6:00 PM Rock Solid 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 6:30 PM Adult Small Group 7:00 PM H.S. Guys Group #4	12 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM Ministry Meeting & Prayer	13 6:00 PM Valentine's Dinner
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