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O Breath of Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, February 12th Young @ Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee, fellowship and prayer

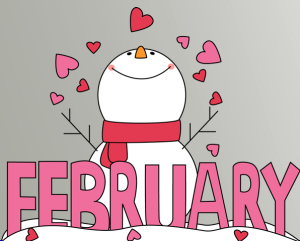
Tuesday, February 12th Women's Ministry will meet @ 6:30 p.m. in Beebe Hall

Wednesday, February 13th W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then worship and Bible study will follow

Saturday, February 16th Children's Event—Movie here at the church from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Sunday, March 5th Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice are due for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Thursday, March 7th Elders meet @ 9:00 a.m.



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Super Bowl LIII is now history. That's a relief for fans who like lots of scoring. The game Sunday night was the lowest scoring game in Super Bowl history. USA Today said, "The game was so blah that the NFL's halftime commercial, which featured some of the game's all-time greats in a promotion for the upcoming 100th anniversary season, was the highlight of the entire night." How blah was the game? It really depended on your perspective. Defense is definitely a big part of the game so punters and defensive coordinators would have loved it.

The disappointment in the game by a vast majority of fans points to the one-sided focus many fans have. If it is not a high scoring affair, then it is a boring game.

This reminds me of how some people might feel about church services. They like the spectacular and the glitzy. If a worship service isn't entertaining, then it is "blah" and boring. I wonder what the reviews on the worship services held this past Lord's Day around the country would be. I am afraid that many of the reviews would say that church was boring and dull despite the fact that Jesus was in our midst, the very Word of God was preached, the Lord's Supper was observed, praise was given to God in song, and communication was made with the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. Worship truly is amazing. Over emphasis of the spectacular has prevented the appreciation of the amazing.

When you come for the worship services next week, be prepared to experience the amazing presence of God. He will be there—will you?

C U N Church,
David



Serving In February

Elder: Feb. 10th Don Thoele; Feb. 17th Delaine Donaldson; Feb. 24th Jon Zerkel

Deacons: Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason

Deaconesses: Sharon Knaus & Astrid Zubiato

<i>1/20/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,360.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>1/27/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 2,967.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:69 Sunday School: 20	Worship:84 Sunday School:21
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$343.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$280.00</i>
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	<i>Building:\$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School:\$15.00</i>	<i>Sunday School:\$19.00</i> <i>Cook books:\$40.00</i>

<i>Greeters for February 10th:</i> Judy Tapp & Dee Musgrave	<i>Home Communion for February 10th:</i> Delaine Donaldson & J.P. Smith
<i>Greeters for February 17th:</i> Chris & Sheila Hutcheson	<i>Home Communion for February 17th:</i> Chris Denoyer & Kelvin Williams
<i>2/3/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,788.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	
Worship:92 Sunday School: 22	
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$1,105.00</i>	
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	
<i>Sunday School:\$18.00</i>	

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, February 12th

Come and join us for snack, coffee/tea, prayer & Fellowship @ 9:00 a.m.



Women's Ministry

Tuesday, February 12th

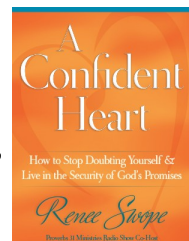


Come and join us for a snack, video and Pop-up Valentine Card Craft

Meet @ 6:30 p.m.

The video series is lesson 5—"Tuning in to God's Thoughts of Me"

By Renee Swope *A Confident Heart* video series



Prayer List



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Elinor Wolford, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Bonnie Thomas, Shirley Barry

Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, Susie Mast, Nancy Koester, Patrice Runyon, John Arnold, Carley Tull, Robert Barkauska, Jessica Baker, Nikki Szynonik, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Arlene Mullen, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Joyce Jordon Griggs, Steve Sabens, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Hanna Henning, Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley, Bob Pike, Bill LeCrone, Janet (Dennis Young's Friend), Doris Percival, Malcolm Jollivay & Family, Sandra Helmink, Norma Buehler, All Kids with cancer, Keaton Gabel-13 year old, Raeleigh-7 year old, Kristen Avotea, 2 year old boy, Jill Fidler, Brad Hockman, Aiden-2 year old, Sue Martin, Robin Nees, Jim Shouse, Kitty Jo Herrmann



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, LeAnn Spruell, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Jody Scribner, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Melissa Ross, Vicky Stout, Brad Arney, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Lucien Grey Valdez(6 month old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, Pat Clark, Lois Ooton, Mildred Rankin, Cathy Weiffenbach, Morgan Turner, Dennis Reynolds, Gary Carr, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, Bob Pike, Rhodes Gephart, Gary Banks & family, Marsha Smith, Roberta Washer, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Emily Griffin, Cal Gremo, Rory Miller, Ken Wolke, Mike Niebrugge, Sarah Blume, Victoria Gifford, Cathy Lane, Shirley Jamison, Emmie Jane Sidwell-2 year old, Sonya Davis, Thelma Kirchoffer, Krissy Moore, Anthony Jamison, Tracey Scoggins, Allison Spracklen, Travis Schoenfelden, Diane Donaldson, Todd Phelps, Vernon Jamison, Ruth Meyers, Dan & Rusty Shouse, Garret & Doug Tapp, Stephanie Packer

(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)

Missions: Operation Christmas Child, The Salvation Army



Military: Troops in Harms Way; Tyler Cross in the Air Force, Zach Apke,

Grieving Families: Elfrieda Zerkel Family, Mitchell Coffin Family, Charles Keller Family

Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

A total of \$36,570.00 for the year 2018/2019.

Received So Far: \$13,753.10

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10





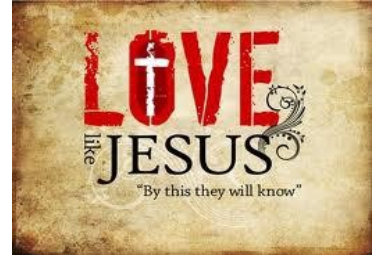
W.O.W. Adult Study

WOW February 13th

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of our Wednesday evening activities.

Supper will be at 5:30p.m..

The **children, youth and young adults** will begin their activities at **6:00p.m.** The **adults** will begin their Bible study at **6:30p.m.**



Children's Event

Saturday, February 16th

Meet @ the church at 10:00 a.m. to watch a movie together.



February Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for **I Corinthians**.

Pastor David will be preaching from **I Corinthians** during the month of February

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible &

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Helpers Needed

CAN YOU HELP WITH DINNERS?

We need to know who will be available to help with church dinners (Sundays) and serving following funerals. If you can help please complete this and drop in the basket in the foyer.

Name and Phone# _____

Place a check mark beside the ways you can help

Set Up _____

Serve _____

Clean up _____

Sunday _____

Funerals _____

Provide Food _____

And occasionally after church

Clean up kitchen from morning fellowship _____

Calvary Baptist Food Pantry



Sunday, March 5th

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal
or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



Men's Gathering

Saturday, February 23rd

All men and young men and boys are invited to meet together from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Ladies Day

Psalm 100:2 (Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.)

Date: March 16th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00

Register: online @ oilbelt.com

Speaker: Beth DeFazio, Professor of Biblical communication & Speech @ Ozark Christian College



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Big Overnighter

When: March 29 to 30 Or March 30 to 31

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Who: 3rd through 5th Graders

Cost: \$20.00

Register online @ oilbelt.com

Speaker: Kyle Stortzum-Fellowship of Christian Athletes



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