

THE CARILLON

February is upon us! The month of ground hogs looking for their shadows, Presidents past and present being commemorated and probably most famously love being celebrated through the giving of chalky heart shaped candy with special messages written on them. Yes, I speak of Valentine's Day!

What do you think of when you hear the words Valentine's Day? I am sure some are considering the love of their life. The one you have been married to for longer than you can remember. Some are thinking of past romances that didn't quite work out. Others are even considering the love they long to have. Whoever you are, married or single, in love or out of love, you are in a relationship with someone. And the truth of the matter is that at some point your relationship will have a struggle.

I have had the privilege of knowing a lot of couples that have survived forty or more years of marriage. When I speak with them about the success and struggles of marriage they would make it clear there were plenty of hard times. The longevity in their marriage did not come easily. They would all confess it was a lot of hard work.

All relationships take hard work to survive. Yet, if you're like me you ask "surely there must be a secret to making it all work out? Maybe a special pill or program? Perhaps more marriage seminars and checklists?" Of course, the only answer has nothing to do with programs, pills and seminars and everything to do with Jesus.

Think for a moment about a relationship you have with another person. It doesn't have to be a romantic relationship, perhaps it's a friend or a sibling. When you think of that person what is the first thing that comes to mind. Is it their smile, their laugh, their personality, or their eyes? Maybe you think of their faults or the ways they have hurt you. Could it be that you view them in a way that is totally unrealistic?

What do I mean? Take a moment and reflect on the work Christ has done in your life. Are you the same person you were before you accepted Christ as your Savior? Are there sins you no longer struggle with that were once a problem for you? Are there things in your life He is still helping you get under control?

Now that you have looked in the mirror and witnessed the work Jesus is doing in you, consider your friend and try to see how Jesus is working in them. In his letter to the Colossians Paul encouraged this kind of reflection when he said:

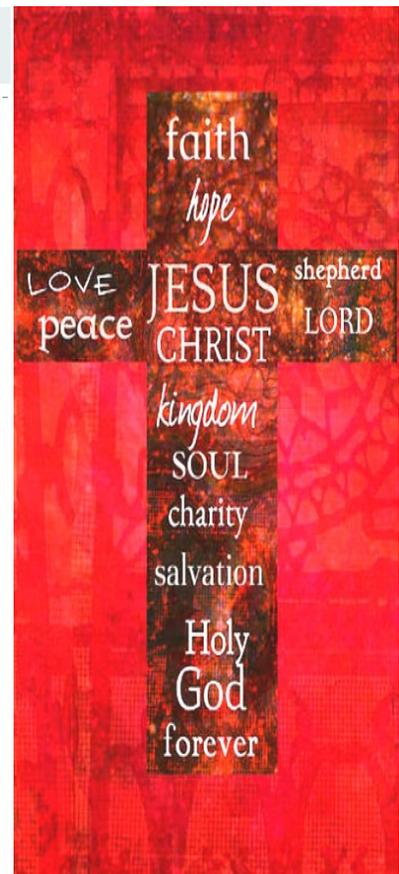
"Put on then as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Colossians 3:12-14

Friends, this Valentine's Day let us all forgive knowing that Jesus has forgiven us and let us put on love!

In Christ Alone,

Bro. Carl



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Adult drivers are needed to help transport Youth and Children on Wednesday evening to and from church in the church van. If you are able to commit one Wednesday evening per month for either pickup, drop off or both, please see Bro. Carl.



If you are interested in working with the Youth in Sunday School, group time on Wednesday evenings, or helping with events and activities, please contact Bro. Carl.



*New Location on Garrard Street
next to
Taylorsville Community Church*

FIRST BAPTIST
Will Staff Volunteer
Workers

Each Tuesday
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For More Information
To Volunteer

Contact
Charlotte Nedros
502.477.8459

Nancy Stout
502.477.2562



*Dare To Care
Food Distribution
is held on the last
Thursday of each
month.*

*Help is needed to
pick up food, shelve
food, prepare boxes,
assist with distribution.
Volunteers are
always welcomed
and appreciated!
Contact Bob Gilbert
for more information.*



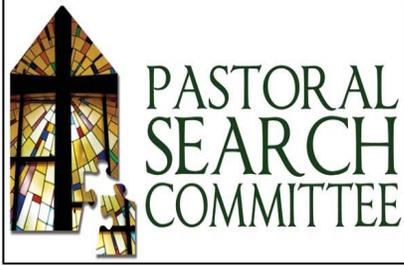
**Many thanks to everyone who helped
with the heat issues in the sanctuary,
prepared the fellowship hall for
worship service and removed the
snow from the steps and sidewalks
during January.**

**Your work and dedication
to FBC is greatly appreciated!**



Please sign up and help with this weekly ministry for our children and families. The sheet is located on the board across from the Pastor's Office.

FBC COMMITTEE UPDATES



The Pastor Search Committee continues to meet each week. The position has been advertised in both Kentucky and Tennessee. Several applications have been received.

Thank you to the congregation for providing input on the recent survey to understand the church's perception and expectation for the next pastor.

Please continue to pray for God's will and guidance as we seek the leader God has planned to serve and minister at First Baptist.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Franklin Barnett, Erin Crenshaw, Phyllis Jenkins, Charlotte Nedros, David Shelburne, Dr. John Snider, Sandra Stewart



Please continue to pray for God's will and guidance as we seek the leader God has planned to serve in the Youth Ministry.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chelsea Cole, Justin Pollett, Jill Sharp, Joy Shouse, Belinda Snider, David Stevens, Tom Willis

UNITED WE BUILD

As a result of consistent and generous support by our church family, as well as numerous fund-raising efforts and estate gifts, our United We Build obligation met another milestone in 2017, falling below \$400,000. As you may recall, our United We Build project included a complete renovation of our educational space behind the sanctuary, our new Dare to Care space, a passenger elevator and a prayer garden. Upon completion of the project in 2013, we borrowed a total of \$600,000, and as of December 31, 2017, only \$377,000 of the original debt remains. God has certainly blessed us with incremental non-budget offerings that have allowed us to adequately fund our \$3,075 monthly loan payments.

As we move forward to complete this obligation, please continue to seek God's guidance when considering your recurring United We Build financial support, special memorial gifts, and in your estate planning.



Thank you again for supporting our various First Baptist Church ministries that have been enhanced by the United We Build project.



Finance Update

2018 CHURCH BUDGET APPROVED

At the January 14, 2018 special called business meeting, the 2018 Budget was presented to the church by the Finance Committee. The budget requires average weekly receipts of \$4,661 to fund the operating budget and an additional \$710 per week for our United We Build obligations. The combined budget of \$279,299 (\$5,371.15 per week) was approved by the church.

Please pray that God will continue to bless our church and allow each of us to return a portion of our many blessings in support of this new budget.



The Girls in Action group earned their GA Chef badges this month!



They made the most delicious brownies and cookies along with cards of encouragement for the staff and residents at Signature Healthcare of Spencer County.



Way To Go Girls!

All girls in 1st—6th Grades are invited to join in mission service, learning, and fun each Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Mallory Bilger or Dr. Bethany Snider.



The Carillon will feature a recipe or two from members and friends of FBC each month. If you have a recipe you would like to share, call or email the church office.

Bean Salsa

- 1/2 c. Chopped Green Pepper
- 1/2 c. Chopped Red Pepper
- 1/2—1 Fresh Jalapeno Pepper, seeded & chopped
- 1/4 c. Sliced Green Onion with tops
- 1 T. Snipped Fresh Cilantro (or Parsley)
- 1 Garlic Clove, pressed
- 1 can Black-Eyed Peas, drained & rinsed
- 1 c. Frozen Whole Kernel Corn thawed or 1 can White Hominy, drained
- 1/3 c. Kraft Italian Dressing
- 1/4 t. Red Pepper Flakes

Mix Italian Dressing & Red Pepper. Mix all ingredients together gently. Refrigerate 1-2 hours. Serve with corn chips or tortilla chips. Keeps well for several days in refrigerator.

Note: I double the recipe using 1 each of the corn and hominy. Increase/decrease heat by adjusting the amount of jalapenos or hot sauce.

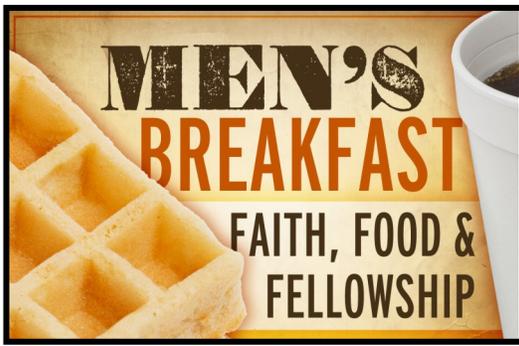
Enjoy!

*From The Kitchen of
Kitty Lawson*



Dare To Care Correction

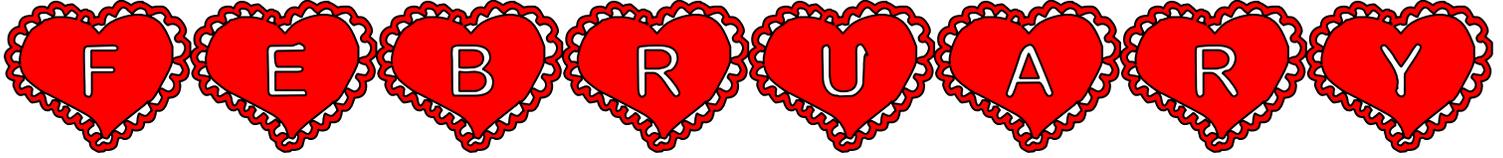
**A TOTAL OF 1,807 BASKETS OF FOOD
DISTRIBUTED TO 4,326 PEOPLE!**



STARTING IN FEBRUARY . . .

MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Every Tuesday Morning—6:30 a.m. at The Tea Cup on Main Street
Bro. Carl Invites All Men To Attend!



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<u>WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>				1	2	3
8:30 a.m.— Sanctuary Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.— Men's Prayer Group 9:45 a.m.— Sunday School		11:00 a.m.— Morning Worship 5:00 p.m.— Girls In Action 6:00 p.m.— Evening Worship				
4	5	6 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup	7	8	9	10
11 Deacon's Meeting	12 Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	13 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup Grossman WMU Trustees' Meeting	14 	15	16	17
18 Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.	19 Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	20 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup	21	22 Dare To Care Distribution	23	24
25	26 Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Empty Spools Quilt Club 1:00 p.m.	27 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup	28	<u>WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS - WEEKLY</u> 6:30 p.m. — Family Meal 7:00 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study Fishin' Friends, Youth Group Young Musicians 7:20 p.m. — CiA		

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BY
PRISCILLA
SHIRER

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Through 8 sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life.

All women are invited to join on Mondays at either 9:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. for this inspiring study! The first session begins on February 12th and will meet in the Media Room located on the second floor of the Education Building.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Nedros.

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