

A note from the . . .

Shepherd's staff

The Lord blessed us with His presence in worship Sunday. The Lord's Supper always brings me closer to the reality that God loves us and forgives us and desires that we live as those who share His sacrificial love. The Word is near us, in our mouths and in our hearts!

The profound way in which the world depends on violence shatters the peace of the Christ-supper. The Cross brings to the surface the logic of the world which calls for scapegoats and celebrates ruthlessness. May we live differently! May we walk in the Kingdom of God, such that the world knows the love of God.

Grace and peace,
John Alden Tagliarini

Suggested Scripture Readings:

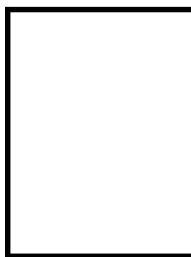
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Luke 1:31-35

Calendar for February 21-27

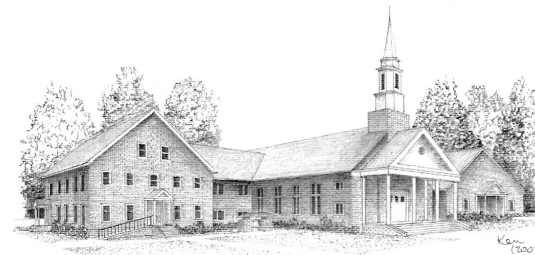
<u>Sunday, February 21</u>	
Pastries & Coffee in Family Ministry Center	9:30 AM
Church Library Opens	9:30 AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:45 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
<u>Monday, February 22</u>	
Deacons (J.O.Y. classroom)	6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, February 23</u>	
Firm Believers (free exercise group) Aerobics	5:00 PM
Ladies' Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM
<u>Wednesday, February 24</u>	
Fellowship Meal (catered meal)	5:30 PM
Youth Discipleship Groups	6:15 PM
Mission Friends & Children In Action	6:15 PM
Adult Praise & Worship/Business Meeting	6:30 PM
Adult Choir Practice	7:30 PM
<u>Thursday, February 25</u>	
Ladies' Bible Study	9:30 AM

REFRESHMENTS
February 21-L.I.F.T.
February 28-Men's

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***Pressures of life met by the presence of God
through worship, welcome, and witness.***

February 17, 2016
Lent 2016

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Irene Wilson
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BABY SHOWER

Sunday, February 28th
After Worship in Family Ministry Center
"Diaper and Wipes" shower for Valerie Finch

EXERCISE

There will be **no** Firm Believers exercise class
on Thursday, February 25th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor John & Pastor Ted
 Eddie Almond Earl Douthit
 Jerry Peters Brenda Cope
 Barbara Robinson Suzanne Bunn
 Pat Monteith Austin Thornton
 Dan & Myrle Chisholm Don & Nita Mills
 Rev. John Bowden Vickie Harless
 Charles & Kay Killebrew Claude Monteith
 Linda & Andy Brucato Betty Breedlove
 Wayne & Barb Lewis Bill & Harriet Patton
 Fred & Marion Cooper Amanda Walls
 Mildred & Mike Dellinger Doris Casebolt
 Pat Tagliarini
 Irene Parton-cancer treatment
 Randy Gregory (Nancy Gibson's brother)
 Aldena Cook (Angie Maennle & Sonya
 Blankenship's mom)
 Charlotte Allen (Joe Hayes' cousin)
 Sara Fincher (friend of the Shorts)
 Anna Corn (Lynn Seay's mother)
 Brenda, Jim, & Jason Harris (Robbie's friends)

Last Saturday our group of 11 students and 3 adults attended WinterJam in Knoxville, TN. WinterJam is Christian music's largest annual tour. We enjoyed lots of fun conversation on our church van ride over. After we found a place to park and waited in line, we entered the arena with about 20,000 others! We found good seats and enjoyed 10 amazing bands for only \$10. You can check out the artists who performed at 2016.jamtour.com and know that they all lifted up Christ and sought to encourage us as the church. We made a yummy snack stop at Sonic on the late night ride home. Finally, it says a lot that after being out so late our students were at Bible study and worship the next morning! Students, you're the best! Let's do it again sometime!

Praising God,
Ted Duncan

OUR CHURCH RECORD

Sunday, February 14, 2016

<i>Stewardship of Our Time</i>			
SS Enrollment			253
SS Attendance	2-14-16		99
	2-15-15		82
Morning Worship	2-14-16		171
	2-15-15		136
<i>Stewardship of Our Finances</i>			
General Fund*		\$	6,619.46
<i>*\$6,108.43 is needed each week to meet the budget</i>			
Designated Funds			
Gideons		\$	332.00
Annie Armstrong			40.00
Pastor John's Trip			60.00
A/V System			100.00
Total Designated		\$	532.00
Total Offering		\$	7,151.46
Requirement to date		\$	122,168.60
Receipts to date		\$	120,461.65
Behind budget		- (\$	1,706.95)

SUPPORTING PASTOR JOHN'S TURKEY-GREECE STUDY LEAVE

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In our regularly scheduled business meeting on January 27, the church approved for Pastor John Tagliarini to join a tour scheduled for May at Biblically historical sites in Turkey and Greece, under the supervision of Gardner-Webb University faculty. A Gardner-Webb scholarship will provide roughly one-half the estimated tour cost, and First Baptist Church individual donations designated for the tour will be requested for up to \$2,500 of the remaining trip costs. If those designated funds fall short of \$2,500, the shortage will be drawn from cash reserves of the church.

Donations designated for the tour can be submitted to First Baptist Church. Please mark the memo or envelope for "Pastor John's Trip".

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY !

February

- 22 Nita Mills, Mort White
- 23 Andy Brucato
- 26 Lori Jenkins, Lee Langstaff,
Katharyn Monteith, Harriet Patton

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, February 21st

3 & 4 Year Olds

Alva Winchester & Mae Duncan

Babies & Toddlers

Pat Tagliarini & Kelly Carnes

2016 BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Gianna Carson

Gianna Carson is our volunteer Bible School director for 2016. Mark your calendars for June 4-8, and contact Gianna to volunteer.

TURKEY & GREECE ITINERARY

A complete travel itinerary for Pastor John's Turkey & Greece Study Tour is posted on the organ side bulletin board. Check it out!

HOLY WEEK

March 21-25

Please make plans now to attend Holy Week meals and services at noon each day during that week. This year the host church is Bryson City United Methodist Church. Services and meals will be held in their Fellowship Hall; the entrance is in the back near the parking lot (across from Bojangles). Various area churches participate as we draw near to each other in faith and love during this special time. More details will be provided as Holy Week approaches.