



# The Sardis Messenger

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Hey Sardis Family,

What a joy it is to step into a brand-new year together as a church family! There's something special about fresh beginnings, new opportunities to grow, to serve, and to see God at work in and through Sardis Baptist Church. I'm genuinely excited about what the Lord has in store for us this year.

One of those opportunities comes soon as we begin our upcoming sermon series, Love Comes to Life. In this series, we'll explore the five love languages and discover how they don't just describe human relationships, but also beautifully reveal the character of God. My prayer is that this study will help us better receive God's love and reflect it more faithfully in our homes, our church, and our community.

On a personal note, our hearts are full of gratitude for our church family. By the time you read this Alyssa will have given birth to our little girl! Thank you for your prayers, love, and encouragement as we celebrate the birth of our daughter, Mattison Marie Elmore. Alyssa and I are overwhelmed by God's goodness and deeply thankful for each of you. Mattie came earlier than we expected but we are so grateful.

We have so much to be grateful for as a church and as a family. Alyssa, Eli, Mattie and I love each of you and can't wait to see you all again soon.

With gratitude and excitement,

*Pastor Matt*

**FEBRUARY OCC Collection Items:** Fashion Accessories (sunglasses, hair bows, jewelry, watches, etc.). A collection box is located in the church foyer.

**HERITAGE BIBLE CHOIR AT SARDIS:** Join us on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, for a concert of sacred music with the Heritage Bible Choir. A Pancake Supper, hosted by our Men's Ministry, will precede the service at 5:00 p.m. in the F.L.C.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Sardis ladies, we need you! Our Women's Ministry is for ladies of all ages. We have a lot of exciting things happening and we need your input and service. Each of us has a vital gift to share in building His kingdom. In December, we promoted the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Now we are looking towards the Annie Armstrong collection. While these two offerings help support missionaries around the world, we are all challenged to be missionaries in our corner of the world. This is where WMU plugs in. Let's all come together, united as sisters in Christ to make an eternal impact in our community. I hope you will plan on coming to our next Women's Ministry Night on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We need you there!

**VALENTINES DAY DINNER** - Feb. 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the F.L.C. Menu is steak, baked potato, salad & dessert. Cost is \$10 each, must sign-up in the foyer to attend. Make plans to join us!

**MEN'S MINISTRY GUMBO SUPPER,** Friday, Feb. 20th, 6 p.m. at Thomas Griffith's home. All men are invited! Please let Thomas know if you plan to attend.

### February Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Madison Morris      | 16 Jimmy Mize      |
| 3 Casey Powell        | 17 Owen Kesler     |
| 4 Charlie Ann Gaines  | 18 June McClain    |
| 8 Sidney Skelton      | 19 David Burbick   |
| 11 Randy Gambrell     | 21 Grant Eberhardt |
| 12 Chas Dickenson     | 23 Barbara Temples |
| 13 Pastor Matt Elmore | 28 Katelyn McClain |
| 13 Ted Hilley         | 28 Mike Adams      |
| 16 June Hilley        |                    |

# February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>WINTER <i>fest</i> AT SARDIS - SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st</b> at the FLC from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join us for snow tubing, music bingo, snowball fights, sock skating, a hot chocolate bar, smores and more! Children must be accompanied by an adult. <b>THIS IS A FREE EVENT!</b>  <b>IF THIS EVENT IS CANCELED due to weather, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7th!</b>				<b>ANNIE ARMSTRONG &amp; WEEK OF PRAYER</b> March 1st begins the week of prayer for our North American Missionaries. This week also marks the beginning of the annual Annie Armstrong offering. If we give just \$1.00 per NAMB missionary, our Church goal will be just \$3,000. Just think, only \$1.00 per missionary. Offering envelopes are now available in the church foyer. We exceeded our Lottie Moon goal of \$3,000, with a total of \$4,045! Thank you for your support!		
<b>1</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School / 11 a.m. Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Children & Youth	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School / 11 a.m. Worship	<b>9</b> 6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:00 p.m. Pancake Supper / 6:30 p.m. Heritage Bible Choir	<b>12</b> 11:00 a.m. Happy Harts	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:15 a.m. Missions Committee / 10 a.m. Sunday School / 11 a.m. Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Night at the F.L.C.	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. Valentines Dinner / 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Children & Youth	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 p.m. Men's GUMBO Supper at Thomas Griffith's home	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School / 11 a.m. Worship	<b>23</b> 5:30 p.m. GriefShare at the F.L.C. <i>(a new 13-week session begins)</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Children & Youth	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>