

The Drumbeat

Relaying the Message of God's
Love Through Our Lives

February 2018



FROM OUR PASTOR...

Love is More Important Than Knowledge

I have a simple question. Which is more important in the Christian life, love or knowledge? Now before you throw stones, let me emphasize that both are important in the Christian life. However, I have concluded that Christ like love is more important than knowledge. Let me explain.

I have known individuals who were theologically correct. They could quote book and verse for just about every situation that a person was facing. The only problem is, these individuals missed the part about love and its importance. The result was that these people became very judgmental and narrow minded in their way of thinking and living. They could never entertain the thought that they could be wrong and that they might have overlooked or misinterpreted a passage of Scripture. The result was that only ones who would associate with them were of the exact same mind set.

On the other hand, I have known people who have experienced God's love but did not have great Biblical knowledge at the time. Their love was contagious and drew others to them and to a relationship with God through Jesus. Because of their great love they had the desire to learn more about God and to love Him more fully as they understood more about His love, mercy, and grace. They were not afraid to admit that they were wrong about a belief and change their view because of this greater knowledge of who God is.

God wants people to love Him first. 1 Corinthians 8:3 says, "But God has no doubts about who loves him. (CEVUS06) If a person loves God first then he/she will seek the knowledge they need to live out that love.

Changing Lives Through God's Love

Pastor Joe

WORK AS WORSHIP

1-DAY LOCAL CHURCH RETREAT

February 25th 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cost \$25 (includes lunch)

Register at

<https://www.workasworshipretreat.org/Registration/?id=344651473>

Learn how to use your work as a primary way to
worship God

LAUGH AWHILE!

Dreaming of Gifts

One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".

Talking Frog

A Cub Scout found a frog that said, "Kiss me and I will become a beautiful princess."

The boy studied the frog, then put it in his pocket.

"Hey," the frog croaked, "how come you didn't kiss me?"

"I'd rather have a talking frog than a princess any day!"

Valentines Date

Do you have a date for Valentine's day? Yes, February 14th



February Sermons

7 Big Questions

- February 4th Is Jesus Really God?
- February 11th Is the Bible Reliable?
- February 18th Can I Know God Personally?
- February 25th Missions Convention



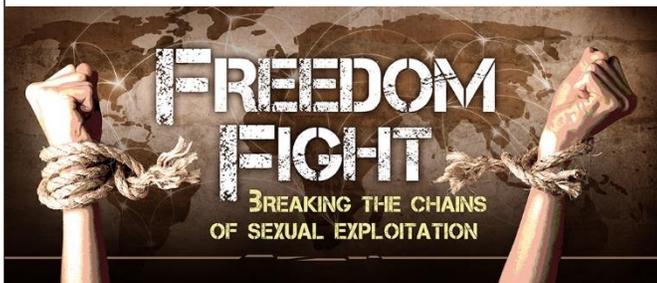
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Valentine's Dinner

February 18th 6:00 p.m.

Lasagna with all the sides
\$8 single or \$15 couples

We will have games and a silent dessert auction. All proceeds will go to Freedom Sunday



Freedom Sunday

February 18th
Goal \$1000.

We will join with other congregations and receive a special offering to help stamp out the scourge of human trafficking. There are an estimated 30 million people trapped in slavery today. In the U.S. there are an estimated 60,000 people trapped in slavery.

MISSIONS...

Your support of missions helps God's work go around the world.

GOAL

October 2017 to September 2018	\$5000
Amount received	\$1320

Your Dollars go to support

- The Torgeson's - Living Link Missionaries
- The Langford's - Living Link Missionaries

- Mid-America Christian University
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Work Camps
 - Children of Promise
 - Help Inc.
 - Scholarships
 - Local Missions Projects
- See an update from the Torgeson's on the back of this month's calendar.

Missions Convention

February 24-25
Tim and Joy Coppess
Missionaries to
Botswana, Africa
Begins at 6 p.m. Saturday
with a potato supper

Open Hands Bring Light



To a Dark World



This fall the church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. If you would like to help plan this celebration see Pastor Joe

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