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February 2018

A few years ago one of our granddaughters had one of those epiphany moments at the dinner table. With bright eyes and wonderful child-like sincerity she suddenly exclaimed: "I love my Mommy, I love my Daddy, and I love peanut butter!" I guess from an early age we use that word "love" in so many contexts that it loses some significance when we try to express our true feelings in our most mature and sincere manner. Even then, there is so much more to learn and experience about what God's love, true 100% love really is and how it applies to our lives day by day.

When Jesus asked Peter "do you love me?" He was asking about the kind of love that represented total commitment. Peter responded "you know I love you" indicating the kind of love that was something short of that total commitment. Maybe it was because Peter knew how he had boasted earlier and then failed his Master so miserably. Surely he was hesitant to use the word for love that represented the deep, unconditional love he once thought he had. When Jesus asked him the third time, He used the same word Peter used, and it may have sent Peter on a journey into his own heart. His response may have included tears. It may have included a combination of total repentance from the way he had behaved earlier and a new commitment to follow the risen Lord with all the deepest love his Master had shown him.

Jesus told him how to show that love ... "feed my sheep." Earlier He had told His disciples that people would know they were His disciples if they loved one another. The love He charged them with, the love He commanded Peter to use to take care of His people, the love He challenges us to learn and grow in over the course of our lives is the love He taught and lived. It's the unconditional love that results in total commitment ... not the kind that expresses our fondness for peanut butter!

We all have more to learn, and God loves us enough to patiently teach us as we seek that closer relationship with Him. Seems like February might be a good time to reflect on that love, and express it in ways that show how we do love each other, and how we are "feeding His sheep." When the Holy Spirit and love filled the room at Pentecost, the Church began, and the people of "The Way" began a life of "together in Christ." It was, and is a journey of learning to love like Christ taught us to love.

The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:10) It's something we probably learn better when we learn it together ...

Are there local mission projects you could use some help with? From another perspective, do you have some projects where you could help someone learn to be a helper? Are there events at your church you might share with others in the association? Be sure and let us know, and add our SBA discipleship training to your calendar in March at Burkeville. Watch for more details.

Blessings,
Mike Clay
SBA Moderator

SBA Mission Trip to Bland Ministry Center:

Date: April 22-28

Cost: Very minimum

Items to be collected and brought to the SBA Spring Meeting April 15, 2018: TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, FLOSS, COPY PAPER, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, STORAGE TOTES, PEANUT BUTTER, MAC & CHEESE, CEREAL, SOUPS

We need additional MEN to go on this trip. Call Mike Clay or Leroy Bradshaw if interested.

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CHURCH NEWS

ASH CAMP: Ash Camp's Secret Prayer Pal group started the year off with a revealing luncheon in January. Our Nursery/Preschool had *Family Preschool Night*. The children entertained everyone with their music followed by a covered dish dinner and a great time of fellowship. January 28th will be *Baptist Men's Day*. The men will cook breakfast and Jay George will speak at the breakfast on "Security in an Unsecure World". We will have our annual Valentine's Dinner on February 11th. The Winter Bible Study is on 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Jude and will be starting February 18th. Our Kingdom Kids Program continues to grow and has been a needed outreach to our community. If you would like any information about these events call the church office at 736-9344.

BAGBY: Our Pastor Search Committee continues to accept resumes as we seek a part-time, ideally bi-vocational pastor. Over the holiday season we enjoyed the beautiful Christmon Tree with handmade ornaments organized by the WMU. We welcomed sermons from Glenn Maddox, John Mann and Jimmy Dunn during the month of January. Additionally our church celebrated the ordination of Valerie Shelton as a deacon. We continue to serve rotationally at Alms House and deliver fire wood as needed. We continue to welcome visitors and members to our Sunday morning worship service at 9:45 AM with Sunday school following.

DRAKES BRANCH: Our church wishes everyone a "Happy New Year". January has been a busy month with getting the activities back up and going in full swing. Our Wednesday Community Group meets every week at 1:30 p.m. This is an exciting time to come together to learn more about God's word and fellowship with other believers. Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. we have Prayer and Theology Study (this is an opportunity to engage in the service of prayer and a comprehensive study of God), and the new Children's Choir/hand bells practice for children. It will be exciting to hear how well this ministry is going. On Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. the Single and Parenting ministry will be meeting here at the church. Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. is the Bible Study "The Truth Project." We meet in the sanctuary and discuss topics like "What Is Truth". This is talking about the cosmic battle that affects each of us, truth as the ultimate reality, and gazing on the face of Jesus. Prayers are asked for one of our church members Ms. Ginny Thorpe as she struggles with bad health.

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EMPHASIS: "By All Means"

WATCHWORD: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" I Cor. 9:22b-23.

Remembering Mrs. Jane Clarke:

It is with much sadness as I received news today of the death of Mrs. Jane Clarke, one of our own here from Southside Baptist Assoc. who served her Lord faithfully as a member of Kenbridge Baptist Church and one I would refer to as "Mrs. WMU". She loved WMU and held many positions on the church, Association and state level, even as President of WMUV from 1979-1983. She will be missed by many. Our heartfelt love and sympathy are extended to her family.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering:

Date: March 4 - 11

Materials will be received soon by WMU Directors for promotion of this in each of our churches. Please note that no Associational event is planned at this time as each church will have it's own study. I have surely missed our times together and thank you for your ongoing prayers as I continue to heal and gain strength.

Journey Toward Hope and Healing Through Grief:

Date: March 30-31

Place: CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center

Cost: \$115.00 Double or \$145.00 Single Occupancy (includes lodging, three meals and program)

We grieve many kinds of losses. At this retreat, we plan to "get real" about grief and provide hope for your journey. As we commune with God we will share our pain, our joy, and lessons learned. We will worship, pray and embrace God in sacred space towards healing. Lucian Warren will facilitate the time together. Online registration for this retreat is open or call 800-255-2428, ext. 8267.

Summer Camp At CrossRoads:

Theme: "Life on the Edge"

Dates: June 11-16 Coed Week

June 18-23 Girls/GA/Acteen Week

June 25-30 Coed Week

July 9-14 Coed Week

It's not too early to start planning and promoting this in our churches. Each director should have additional information as needed or you may give me a call. Let's have a good representation from Southside this summer. It is a wonderful investment in our young people.

RA Family Weekend:

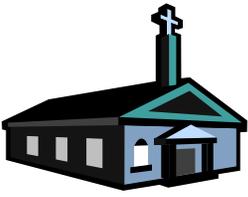
Date: June 1-2, 2018

Place: Kings Dominion

Cost: \$50.00 after Feb. 1 includes ticket for Kings Dominion, Program, Music and RA Racer

Overnight Lodging: A block of campsites are being held for you. Special rates for tents, capers or motorhomes at Camp Wilderness Campground (next door to Kings Dominion). Call 804-876-3006 to make reservations. For updated information including race car rules visit the website www.wmuv.org/events/ra-family-weekend/

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Church News

DUNDAS: Our church will “Focus on WMU” February 11th by having reports from our two directors: Mrs. Gem Jenkins and Mrs. Sylvia Wilson. We are thankful for the mission projects that we have the opportunity to participate in throughout the year and brought to our attention by the WMU members. In February, Pastor Jon will begin a series of messages in the book of Ruth. This is a love story between Ruth and Boaz and a great Bible study from the Old Testament.

EUREKA: December, we began our month of giving for Annie Armstrong focusing on what God has done thru IMB and emphasizing Dec. 3-10 that ALL of us can support our missionaries in constant prayer. Dec. 17th, our choir and children presented the cantata, “Come Let Us Adore,” followed by a luncheon at our Community House. We collected toys for the less fortunate children to brighten their Christmas. Everyone enjoyed food and fellowship. Dec. 16th, Pastor Matt and family invited us to their home for a Christmas Open House. Our Youth went Christmas caroling at several locations including our Nursing Home here in Keysville. Our WMU ladies had their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 19th. This time of gathering is special as we take time to fellowship in the Christmas spirit and focus on prayer for each other. January 9th, ten of us attended the JOY group meeting at Heritage BC. We enjoyed the program and the hospitality. We encourage more of you to take advantage of this wonderful program. Thank you so much Heritage Baptist Church for hosting this meeting. After resting from activities during the Christmas season, all meetings and activities have resumed their active status and we are looking forward to serving God and receiving the many blessings He has to offer us in 2018. One of those blessings will be Matt and Leslie will be expecting their third child in August. Pray for everything to go well for them. May your New Year be a blessed one.

JONESBORO: Are you ready for spring yet or are we the only ones?? After a very cold and snowy week we had to cancel our services on the first Sunday. Thankfully, we did not have to deal with frozen pipes!! On the second Sunday, Jan. 14th, we held a fellowship breakfast followed by a quarterly harvest day meeting. It was good to be back at church. Members attended the SBA Exec. Board Meeting, at Mt. Nebo on Tuesday, Jan. 16th. A prayer retreat followed worship on the 21st with everyone enjoying our delicious Brunswick stew. We look forward to celebrating Baptist Men's Day on the 28th with our men having a part in the service. We also look forward to February as we are planning a Sweetheart Banquet on the 11th, hoping Mother Nature will co-operate, and then a STEW making on the 24th. Spring is coming and we so look forward to warmer temperatures and spring flowers!! We also trust God, knowing that HE is in complete control.

KENBRIDGE: Belated Happy New Year. The year 2017 ended with many activities and beautiful Christmas music provided by several of our talented members. Also, we welcomed Rev. Alden Hicks as our guest preacher on Dec. 31st. On January 14th, the youth prepared a wonderful Potato Bar Lunch for the church, which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, young people and leaders. We are looking forward to Baptist Men's Day on January 28th, which includes breakfast, Men's Choir and Worship Service. A Valentine's Dinner is being planned for February 10th. This is always a good time of fellowship and fun. February 25th will be Baptist Women's Day with Lynn Hite as our speaker.

MT. TIRZAH: The annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics is February 3rd. Tim and Mary-Alice Harrell are participating and could use your help in raising money...or handing them blankets and hot chocolate afterwards! Donations benefit Special Olympics. Contact our church if interested in donating to this great cause!

MT. NEBO: Our church enjoyed a blessed holiday season with several activities within the church family and we've begun the New Year with a lot of Hope. We recently hosted the SBA executive meeting and enjoyed the fellowship with attendees from several of the other churches. On Sunday morning January 21st the deacons of the church provided breakfast for the men, we had about 25 in attendance, Matt Wilkins, a motivational speaker and evangelist from Lynchburg came and gave us a “ pep “ talk, he stayed with us for our morning service and brought a timely message on “ Trials to Triumphs “ based on Noah's life. We are having Bible study each 2nd and 4th Sunday nights and are currently studying 1st and 2nd Timothy. A catered Valentine meal is scheduled for Feb 10th for the entire church and is focused on our Ladies, God Bless them all. We look forward with anticipation to what God has in store for us!

PISGAH: Our church members participated in a mission trip to Guatemala this month. Pisgah thanks our wonderful breakfast team for, yet again, showing the love of Jesus through their hard work in preparing for our Community Breakfast. We enjoyed a great message from Jim Price. Please join our next Community Breakfast on February 10th at 7:30AM. Our youth enjoyed skating fun this month. Pisgah's Women's group invites all to meet on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM. We are again collecting monthly items for Operation Christmas Child & continuing to give towards our Lottie Moon missions goal. Pastor Wallace on morning devotions 870AM February 12th-16th.

VICTORIA: We celebrated Baptist Men's Day on January 28, 2018. The men provided us with a delicious breakfast for which we were thankful, and special music was provided by our men's choir, “Mooch” Johnson and Robert Foley. Thank you to all who planned and participated in this special service. Focus on WMU Sunday will be on Sunday, February 18. VBC women will make up the choir and the Reflections of Hope will be singing. Jane Woolard will be our speaker. All are welcome to join us for worship and lunch following in the fellowship hall. Please bring a covered dish if you are able.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST

Associational Calendar

Feburary

- 6 SBA Pastor's Meeting, Heritage Baptist Church, 11:00 a.m.
- 11-18 Focus on WMU Week
- 12 Church and Clergy Tax Seminar
First Baptist Church, Dillwyn, VA
Register at BGAV.ORG/TAX-SEMINARS
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Children's Ministry Day
- 24 Standing Rock Training

March

- 4-11 Week of Prayer North American Missions
Annie Armstrong Offering
- 6 SBA Pastor's Meeting, Blackstone Baptist Church, 11:00 a.m.
- 13 SBA Joy Group Meeting at Crewe Baptist Church, 12:00 noon.
- 20 SBA Executive Board Meeting at Pisgah Baptist Church, 6:00 p.m.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

The twenty-three churches in our SBA Association.
The Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Rev. Janice Kiehm, Minister.
Rev. & Mrs. Ted Smith and family (Ben and Michelle), Ash Camp Baptist Church.
Mrs. Sylvia Bradshaw, SBA WMU Director and a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church.
Rev. James Allcock, at Woodland, Brantley Unit, Room #105. He is a member of Heritage Baptist Church.
Mr. W. Earl Southall, member of Drakes Branch Baptist Church.

The following churches in the Southside Baptist Association seeking a pastor:
Bagby Memorial Church
Heritage Baptist Church
Victoria Baptist Church.

