Valentine Banquet

Sunday, February 9th
6:00pm
$7/person

Russian Chicken
Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Salad
Red Velvet Brownies

Sign up by Thurs, Feb 6th

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The Lesters

in concert March 1st
6:00pm
Invite your friends & neighbors to join us for a great evening of worship!

Monday, Feb 24th 6:30pm
Place to be determined
Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:1-2, “Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” As we come to Valentine’s Day, once again I am reminded that there is no greater example of love for us to follow than our Heavenly Father’s love for us in sending His Son Jesus Christ to give up His life as a sacrifice for our sins. We are called, according to these verses, to walk in the way of love that has been exemplified to us through Jesus. Love calls for sacrifice and forgiveness. Loving others is not always easy, and to be honest, not always enjoyable. Without a doubt, the greatest expression of love ever shown to us in Christ’s death on the Cross was not enjoyable but extremely painful for Jesus. When we come to Valentine’s Day we often revel in the thrill and expectation of romance, but the reality of true love involves something much different that can be challenging, distasteful and painful. We see that love can challenge us to the core of our being. Those that we truly love and are dearest to us are those we are willing to give all for regardless of the cost or inconveniences. So this Valentine’s Day when you say I love you, consider the cost and depth of commitment of true love because to love others as Christ loved us costs all. On the other hand, there is no greater love that can be experienced than to be loved by the love of Christ. It is only when a person has discovered the love of Christ that that person has discovered true love. And we only can give true love when we love just as Christ loved us.

Please know that as always, in and through Christ Jesus, I love you and I love being your Pastor!

From My Heart
To Yours

by Pastor

David Van Bobber

“Courageous” movie and meal
Saturday, March 14th
6:00pm
for all men & teen boys
Sign up on bulletin board

Marriage Retreat
March 13th & March 14th
Country Inn & Suites in Forsyth.

The retreat is facilitated by Doug & Leslie Davis, Pastor & wife of Arthur Southern Baptist Church. Doug & Leslie will lead you through an exploration of “Love and Respect: Becoming One! God’s plan for your marriage” and “Living Intimately: How to affair-proof your marriage” and “Say What? Skills for effective communication”.

So, whether you are newly married or a seasoned veteran, this retreat will be informative, encouraging, and entertaining.

Registration of $150 includes meals, room, and sessions. Reservations due by February 28th.

Al’s ½ Note

W just had Christmas a few weeks ago. January is almost gone, and now February is here. With this new month I have, and probably always will, associate it with several things, one being Valentine’s Day. I want to honor my wife and show how much I appreciate her and all that she does. I also want to use this time to honor my Lord and God, Jesus Christ by keeping Him as King of my heart. As long as I roam this earth, I want to walk, talk and work with Him on a daily basis until He comes and takes me home. Two Bible verses come to mind: “Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God”. This means that in my daily journey, I should be aware of His constant presence in my life. When I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior, I wanted His overwhelming presence to be part of my life. In everything that is done I want to keep Him in mind, because He is walking right beside me, helping me to keep Him in tune with all my life and worshipping Him in all I do and accomplish or have Him tug at my heart when I fail to make His expectations. The other verse that comes to mind is: “pray without ceasing”. I am, and we should always be, in constant contact and communication with Him in all we are involved in. We (or maybe just me) get so involved in THINGS that we forget that He wants to walk with us everywhere we go and to be in close communion with us. When Jesus was talking with His disciples and telling them of His departure, He told them that His Spirit would be with them. He described His Spirit as “paraclete” one who walks along side of us. In the Garden of Eden, the Lord came and walked with them. When we go to Heaven we will have His constant presence there. So while we walk with Him on this earth, let us worship and be aware of His walk with us, and make Him King of Our Heart! Luv ya’ll
Sunday Bible Study 9:30am
Sunday nights at 5:00pm

Bring a friend and come find out the answers to these questions:
“Why do I need Jesus?”
“What does it mean to be a Christian teenager in today’s world?”
And, don’t forget to bring your Bibles!
#teensforChrist

Sunday School for all ages every Sunday- 9:30am

Pre-k thru 6th grade
Wednesday Nights
6:00-7:00pm

Building/AC Fund...
Money will be used for some much needed repairs and updates to the building. Mark your check & envelope “Building Fund”. Thank you for giving above and beyond.

We need YOU.....
Invest in the lives of a child..
Sunday School teacher
Nursery/Preschool volunteers
TeamKID teacher & helpers
Contact Pastor for more info.

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of January 31st
Needed to date- $7,960.00
Received to date- $6,988.00
Checking Account $322.71
Debit Account $151.44
Building Fund $4,238.79
Lottie Moon Christmas $180.00
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**Sunday Schedule**

9:30a.m. - Bible Study for all
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship
5:00p.m. - Youth IGNITE

**Wednesday Schedule**

6:00p.m. - TeamKID
7:00p.m. - Praise Team

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**Faithful Servants in February**

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**Ushers**

| 2nd Albert Eller, Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett |
| 9th Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer |
| 16th Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker |
| 23rd Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker, Lonnie Cain    |

**Tellors**

| 2nd Jodi Rector & Hettie Crocker |
| 9th Brian Rector & Lonnie Cain   |
| 16th Kim Brown & Kristi Lancaster |
| 23rd Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett |

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.**

If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please let Pastor know.