

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A CHURCH UNITED TO ENJOY GOD'S GRACE AND EXTEND HIS GLORY



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Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 p.m. Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Youth & Children's Ministries



From the Pastor's Pen...



The month of February is known as the month of love. During this month we celebrate Valentine's Day and try to do something special for those special people in our lives. Some will buy flowers, others will buy candy, some will share cards of endearment, and still others will give more extravagant gifts to demonstrate their love for their spouse or future spouse (after all, if you are dating someone they should be someone you would be willing to marry).

I wonder, does this marketing ploy of buying gifts to demonstrate your love for your spouse really accomplish anything? Are we purchasing these cards and gifts to express our love and commitment or are we fulfilling an obligation? I am not against giving gifts on Valentine's Day...in fact, I think you should write notes, give gifts, share expressions of love and devotion all year long. I guess I'm just against using Valentine's Day to cover the times we neglected to demonstrate love and appreciation throughout the year.

Men, God calls upon us to love our wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her (**Ephesians 5:25**). Wives, likewise, are to love their husbands and show them respect and honor by submitting to their leadership (**Ephesians 5:23-24**). This love that is so commercialized on February 14th is not the love that God is talking about. God calls us to a love that is minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day. It's the love you promised to your spouse before God and your church family. It's a love that is demonstrated in holding your wife's hand and really listening to her when she doesn't feel well or has had a bad day. It's a love that is expressed in washing dishes after dinner so your wife can relax after having cooked you a meal. It's a love demonstrated by gently laying your hand on your husband's shoulders when he comes home from a difficult day at work and expressing how proud you are of him and how much you believe in him. It's a love that is shown by trusting his leadership and praying over him while he sleeps.

Yes, this thing called love is much more than candy and roses. The love that God has called us to is a love that refuses to let go. It's a love that covers a multitude of sins. In a marriage, neither one of you are perfect. You're prone to selfishness. Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 13** that love is not selfish. That means that love gives itself away every minute of every day. Love means you don't escape for "me" time; you spend yourself to bring joy to your spouse. You invest in one another. You share your thoughts and dreams together. You put your own interests aside and each seek to focus on the other. Loving one's spouse means taking the good with the bad. Knowing that your spouse has flaws but loving them through the flaws, fully aware of your own flaws.

The greatest gift you can give your spouse this month is to commit to love them every minute of every day and to resolve to demonstrate that love in all your actions. Instead of waiting for them to serve you, serve them. Love their wrinkles and their scars as well as their beauty and their brawn. Love their inconsistencies and their dependability. Love them with the promise you gave them on your wedding day: for better and for worse. When the worse comes...they need your love all the more. In all your battles and disagreements remember this; Love wins! Look at Calvary...be Jesus to your spouse.

Dr. John Duncan



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Committed

Leadership Team

To His purpose...For His Glory

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team,

Patience. Not a word we like to use or hear. How many times have you heard “Don’t pray for patience.”? The thing is patience is a gift that God is willing to give but it is a gift none of us want. We never like waiting for anything and that goes double in our microwave society. But God’s timing is rarely the same as ours. So many times, we must trust God and wait, patiently.

In Psalms 40 we see a great example of David waiting on and trusting in God. David starts out saying **“I waited patiently for the Lord”**, Ps. 40:1. Even though David was going through hard and difficult times (v. 2) he still waited on God. Notice also that waiting patiently is not waiting idly. David was seeking God for his answers. In verse 4 he writes **“Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!”** David put his trust in God even though God’s response was not immediate. David knew who God is and trusted His care for him. Verse 17 says **“As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.”**

As you (we) wait patiently for God to answer remember who it is you are waiting on and may Ps.40:16 be true for all of us: **“But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the Lord!’ ”.**

As we mentioned at the January Members Meeting, two of our elders, Bruce Reinhart and Bill Whittington, have decided to step down from their active roles as church elders. Please be in prayer with us as we seek God’s will (patiently) in filling these very important positions.

Our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

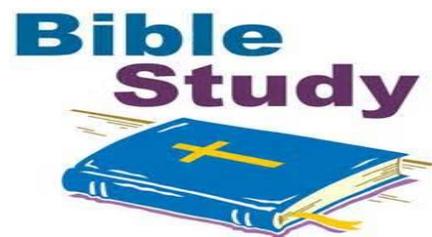
In Him,

FBC Leadership Team

Men's Ministry

The Men continue meeting every Wednesday evening at 6:30 to study the Gospel of John. We encourage all men to attend for a time of fellowship, sharing of lives, and growth in knowledge and understanding of God's Word as we apply it to our lives and seek to invest it in the lives of others.

The Men also meet for their Men's Breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. Our next Men's Breakfast will be on February 1st at 9:00 am. All men, age Youth and up are invited to join us for a time of fellowship, food, and inspiration.



Women's Ministry

The Women will begin a new study entitled **20/20** by Christine Cane on February 26th. The Women are meeting each Wednesday evening at 6:30. All Women are encouraged to attend.

On Saturday, February 8th at 9:00 am a Women's breakfast will be held at Denny's in Jasper. For seating purposes, if you plan to join us, please let Sandy Duncan or Christy Thrasher know you will be attending.

Youth Ministry

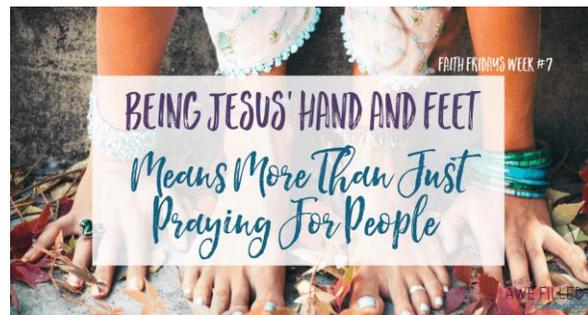
The Youth will be attending a conference at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio on March 20 & 21. CedarMania is for students in grades 6 – 12 who desire to be part of energetic and meaningful worship while being challenged and refreshed by the Word of God. Students and adult leaders will be attending separate breakout sessions. There will be 9 students and 4 adult leaders attending the conference.

Tumbler sales will begin soon for the next Youth fundraiser. A table, outside the office has been set up to cast your vote for the artwork you would like to see put on the tumbler. All proceeds will be used towards Youth outings.

Does your child struggle with his or her homework? Homework help is available every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 pm here at the Church. All ages are welcome! See Christy Thrasher for more details or if you have any questions.

Missions

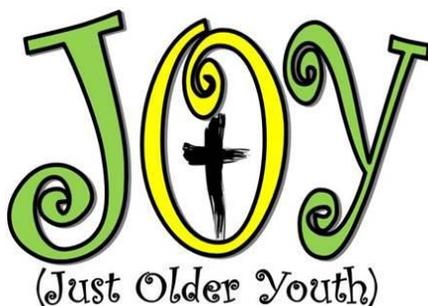
On Saturday, January 18th we had a team of 13 go to Community Central Church and painted their assembly room and hallways. We also did some light clean up. We were blessed with a time of great fellowship and the opportunity to serve our sister church. Stay alert for mission opportunities coming soon.



On Sunday, January 26th Logan Heeke spoke in our morning worship service and shared about his upcoming mission opportunity in Scotland. He shared his vision for the people there and his need for sponsorship and prayer. If you are interested in sponsoring Logan and his family, you can go to www.20schemes.com and sponsor Logan. Be in prayer for Logan and his family as they prepare for this adventure for the kingdom of God.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The YTD total for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering was \$1,245.00. Thank you for supporting the International Mission Board and its Missionaries through your generous financial giving.



Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

The Joy Group will not be meeting for their monthly luncheon in February due to various illnesses. The next JOY Group Luncheon will be on Thursday, March 19th. All those 55 and over are invited to join us.



Valentine's Day With Jesus

*Jesus does not send perfume
To linger in the air
Instead He sends salvation, sweet
To show how much He cares.*

*He doesn't bring me candy hearts
In boxes on delight
Instead He always lets me know
I'm precious in His sight.*

*He doesn't send out pretty cards
Trimmed in shades of red
Instead He gave His life for me
His precious blood was shed.*

*He doesn't hand out fancy gifts
Like we would send to mother
Instead He sends a message clear
To always love each other.*

*He doesn't give me teddy bears
That whimper, "please be mine"
Instead He gave His heart to me
I wear it all the time.*

*He doesn't give me roses, pink
For all the world to see
Instead He gave eternal life
That's good enough for me!*

-Marilyn Ferguson-



Lord
I give you my
HEART
© www.bibleverses.com

-Author Unknown-



What You Can Give To Jesus

*What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?*

*How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For His sacrifice, love, and grace?*

*What Valentine can I give to Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Birthday's

5 Andy Washburn	6 Brenda Toby
7 Donna Spellmeyer Schnell	7 Taylor Pfau
11 Rodger Derr	14 John Moeller
15 Diana Moeller	17 Emily Flatt
17 Bill Whittington	20 Chevelle Kuhn
21 Brian Rose	21 Brandon Goldie
23 Kendra Jasper	24 Stephanie Wood

*Your First Baptist Church Family
would like to wish each of you a
Happy Birthday!*

**"May God shower His
choicest blessings
on you today! Have a
gorgeous birthday!"**

February 2020

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Monday

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IS MY
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