

Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Phil Lowery
2nd Sunday: Winston Riddle
3rd Sunday: Kelly Coons
4th Sunday: Josh Becker

Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Tony Silver
2nd Sunday: Arthur Burnette
3rd Sunday: Rhonard MacRae
4th Sunday: Tony Silver

February Birthdays

Adrienne Hollifield ...	3
Joyce Noblitt	8
Nick Favorite	11
Ruby Robinson	13
Rhonard MacRae	15
Vauta Elliott	17
Regan Revis	18
Winston Riddle	19
Scott Gaffigan	25
Josh Biddix	26



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THE VOICE

FEBRUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY:

9:45 - Sunday School
11 - Worship Service
4 - Adult Choir Practice
6 - Children's Choir
6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth

WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer, Youth, Children in Action, Mission Friends
6 - Children's Choir
7 - Adult Choir Practice

Feb 3 - Lord's Supper 11 am;
Deacon's Meeting 7 pm

Feb 6 - WMU, Baptist Men 6 pm

Feb 12 - Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 pm

Feb 17 - WMU Emphasis Sunday 11 am; Newsletter Articles Due

Feb 19 - BRBA Senior Adult Rally at New Horizon Baptist Fellowship 10:30 am



Reflections of a Shepherd

February can be quite a depressing time for me. I mean, you have all the excitement of the end of the previous year from Labor Day to Halloween to Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Years, plus my family celebrates four birthdays in the last four months of the year. And then there's the sports! Baseball postseason, College and Pro Football kick-offs, College Basketball gets geared up for in-conference play. What an exciting time!! And then...then New Year's comes. After about the second week of January we "get back in the routine." Which for so many of us really just means that we go back to living our boring, hum-drum life. We don't have all the distractions and excitement of the holidays to keep our minds occupied and hands busy. By the last week of January (which we're approaching as I write this) I'm starting to feel very down and melancholy. It doesn't help that the wife and I are usually a few episodes behind on the DVR. So we usually wind up watching the December episodes the first two weeks of January. I hate watching Christmas episodes in January, it's just so... so depressing! It's like they mock you saying "Ha Ha, all that excitement and magic is gone now!"

I know, I know. I talk a good game about New Year's and fresh starts and all that. And I do love the fresh page of the New Year. But now it's February. Now most of us have already broken at least one of our resolutions. We're not quite as hopeful of the New Year; because, let's face it, it doesn't really feel all that new. However, there is something that we celebrate in February that gives me a little hope, a little joy, and a little excitement—Valentine's Day!

I'm not sure how many of you feel about the day. Many feel that it is just a holiday invented and supported by the card, candy, and flower industries, and you're not all

wrong. Maybe it depresses you because of past failures in the area of romance. Maybe sends you in a tail spin, because the one success you did have in romance is no longer with you. Maybe you can't stand all the lovey-dovey sentiment to the holiday because it feels so artificial. I've been there, I get it. There's been times in my life that I felt the same way. But let me reframe it for you if I may.

First of all, if you are married it is time for you to show appreciation to your spouse that you love them. A time to re-ignite that long ago feeling. Sure, it may be contrived; but don't we all need that little push sometimes? To show that special someone how we really feel? Valentine's Day may seem like a holiday for young lovers; but it's really the old soul mates who get to experience its true joy.

Second, it gives us yet another excuse to shower our children and grandchildren with the love. These children are physical expressions of the love that you share with your spouse. There is nothing more special than the love a child has for his parents. Nothing more innocent and pure than to hear her say "I love you." Use this time to express to them the love that you have for them and give them to reflect it back onto you.

Third, it is an opportunity to be thankful to God that He loves you. Last year we looked at John's letter that tells us that "God is love." Loved us so much that He sent His Son to take our place as a wretched sinner, condemned to die on a cross. If nothing else, Valentine's Day gives us a reminder of the one who gave us the supreme example of love through his vicarious death on the cross. Amazing love, how can it be? That you, my King, would die for me?

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WELCOME
New Members

Bentley Vasquez
Joined our Fellowship on
December 23, 2018

LOVE Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*
1 Corinthians 13:4

FBC Winter Weather Policy: In the event of snow/ice or other inclement weather the following policy will be in effect.

- 1) Sunday: a) ONE SERVICE will be held for everyone at 11 am in the sanctuary; b) There will be NO evening services (due to re-freeze conditions).
- 2) Monday-Saturday: a) If school has been cancelled or dismissed early due to winter weather conditions, there will be NO afternoon or evening meetings or activities. b) Weddings or funerals will be at the discretion of the families involved.



THE LORD'S SUPPER We will observe the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, February 3 at 11:00 am



Wednesday Night Bible Study

February 13th- John
February 20th- Acts
February 27th- Romans

Sunday Night Bible Study

February 3rd- The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8)
February 10th- The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
February 17th- The Parable of the Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20:1-16)
February 24th- The Parables of the Tower Builder & Warring King (Luke 14:28-32)



With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Chris Thomas in the passing of his wife, Angie and to the family of Paul Brooks.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
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begottEN
SoN
thaT whoever
believes
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.
John 3:16 NKJV



The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at our church Tuesday, February 12th 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm

To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org. or call American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
February 17

WMU™ Emphasis Sunday
February 17
11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Amber Mowery

Amber Mowery is a teacher and mom of 4. Kyndall (16), Andon (12), Kiptyn (9) and Truett (7). She teaches English at Randleman high school in Randolph County, NC. She has a servant's heart and a strong love for mission work. She has been to 5 different Countries: Nicaragua, Ecuador, Haiti, Guatemala, and Peru and getting ready for Mexico City! Her calling and love for mission trips have grown her faith and allowed her to experience God in the most incredible ways!

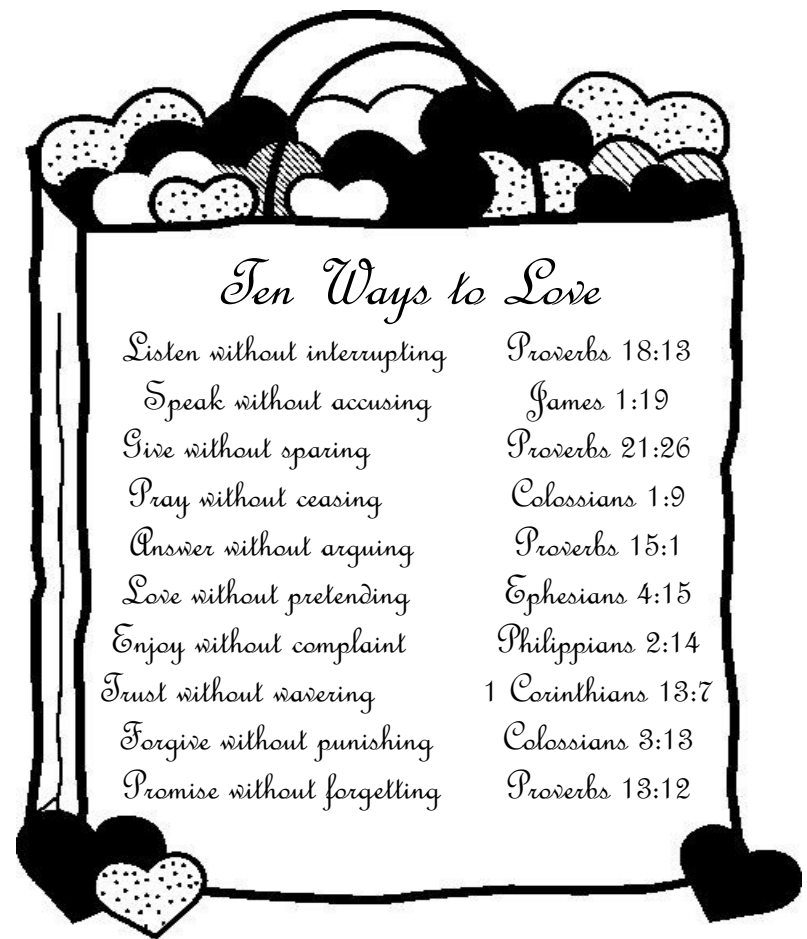


To: The Homebound Committee
Thanks to all of you for the lovely fruit basket and for thinking of us at this Christmas season. We will enjoy it.

Jeanette Beach

Thank you Homebound Committee for the fruit basket at Christmas. It was so nice.

Bill and Juanita Ramsey



Ten Ways to Love

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| Listen without interrupting | Proverbs 18:13 |
| Speak without accusing | James 1:19 |
| Give without sparing | Proverbs 21:26 |
| Pray without ceasing | Colossians 1:9 |
| Answer without arguing | Proverbs 15:1 |
| Love without pretending | Ephesians 4:15 |
| Enjoy without complaint | Philippians 2:14 |
| Trust without wavering | 1 Corinthians 13:7 |
| Forgive without punishing | Colossians 3:13 |
| Promise without forgetting | Proverbs 13:12 |



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 3-April 10

Youth/Children Emphasis Sunday
March 10 at 11:00 a.m.

5th Sunday Singing Service
Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m.



Sunday School Teachers

- 1) Please let Darlene know what items to order for your class by Feb. 10th. You can call or write down your order and leave it in your classroom.
- 2) Teachers, please also update your rosters to help with preparation of next quarter's roster.

Thank you. Darlene 738-3030