

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship/Children's Message 5:00pm WMU Meeting 5:00pm Youth, Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Worship / Children 6:15 Youth Super Bowl Party</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30am Worship at SNH 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm Picnic and Movie</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 5:00pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:00pm Worship / Children 7:00pm Trustee's Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> 		<p>11</p> <p>7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm WMU Young ladies Card Night</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>6:00pm Love Conquers All Banquet</p> 
<p>Prayer and Focus on WMU Week</p>						
<p>15</p> <p><u>Focus on WMU Sunday</u></p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Fellowship Lunch 5:00pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:00pm Worship / Children</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p><u>Youth Sunday</u></p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship / Benevolence Offering 5:00pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:00pm Worship / Children 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> 		<p>25</p> <p>7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

FEBRUARY

Birthdays of the Month



- 2. Jonathan Butcher
- 3. Tracy Johnson
Braedin Mooneyham
- 11. Anita Saathoff
- 14. Emily Burton
- 18. Bryson Graham
- 21. Ed Ford
Cindy Hall
Matt Noblett
- 24. Alisa Bough
John Sam Pate

Anniversaries of the Month



- 11. Bob & Elma Garner
- 26. Larry & Kay Wheeler



Pastor Jason's Column

From the day after Christmas, until February 14th stores try to get us in the mood for "love." This "love" is displayed with big sugary boxes of chocolate, candy hearts with silly sayings, overpriced roses, and stuffed animals. The worst part about all of it is the guilt that they try to instill in you and I if we don't buy this stuff or the loneliness caused by all of this if we don't have someone to celebrate this "holiday" with. Is there anything really wrong with the holiday? Is there anything wrong with boxes of chocolates or red roses? No, of course not, though there is something wrong with the "love" that is sold with this season.

The way the world speaks of love and the way Scripture speaks of love are very different. If you watch movies, television shows, or listen to songs, they portray a love that is very magical and mysterious. People say, "I fell in love," "It was love at first sight," "You can't control who you fall in love with," or "When it's love you just know." This language speaks of love being more like The Force in Star Wars than anything Scripture speaks of. In fact here are some quotes about The Force from Star Wars with love substituted in. Tell me this doesn't sound like our world's understanding of love.

"Love is what gives people their power. It's an energy field created by all living things. It surrounds us and penetrates us. It binds the galaxy together."

"Don't underestimate the power of love."

"Remember, a person can feel love flowing through them."

"Love will be with you always."

Okay so maybe The Force doesn't exactly substitute with love, but I hope you get my point. When I counsel people I often hear them describe love like a mysterious power that comes and goes without our control. One day a husband and wife are deeply and madly in love, and the next day love has gone and they are incapable of feeling it about each other. I

will say this as nicely as I can. WHAT A BUNCH OF GARBAGE!!! Let's take our understanding of love from the author and originator of it, God.

The Apostle John wrote, "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins (1 John 4:10 ESV)." We are not the inventors, discoverers, masters or originators of love. Scripture says that God loved us, those who have been saved from our sin, by the work of Jesus on the cross. We are capable of love, real love, because he has saved us from the dark stain of sin, awakening us to life. Scripture calls us, who know love, to love others. "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:16-18 ESV)."

Love flows out of God and into us through Christ. Then it is to flow out of us and into others. That we have to be commanded to love means we are not naturally good at it. Love takes work, especially with those who are difficult to love. Love is not a magical force, it is work. We must allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and direct us in love. Even if loving people is difficult we have our savior who modeled it perfectly.

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die, but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:6-8 ESV)."

When you see boxes of chocolates, little candy hearts that taste like antacids, and pink and red displays this Valentine's Day season remember that love is about more than funny feelings when you hold hands, and romance. Love is from God, was modeled by Christ dying for the lost, and should be modeled by us in our actions. Love is not a feeling that comes and goes, it is unending and unconditional.

In Christ,
Pastor Jason Mabry



The Valentines Day Banquet is coming up Saturday Feb. 14 at 6pm in the CLC. The event is for all adults in the church married or single with live entertainment. Sarah and Kenny Turner will be catering the event and need to know how many will be attending. There are two sign-up sheets one by Steve Ewing's office and one in the foyer. Please choose the meal you want and if you need childcare so we can prepare.

The GA Mailbox will remain in the foyer throughout the year for people to leave each other encouraging notes, birthday cards, anniversary cards, and messages. Let's use the mailbox as a way to build each other up. Don't forget to check you mailbox every week for messages.

Please call Brad Belcher at (276-9535) or the church office if you or someone you know would like to ride the church van to services on Sunday mornings.

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