


February 2013


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Baptist Men's Day Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 5:00pm Trustees Meetings 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Benevolence	4	5	6 10:30am Worship at SNH 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	7	8	9 6:00pm Valentine Banquet
MLBA Mission Trip—Ball, LA—February 2nd thru 9th						
10 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm AM Service: Ed Camp—Deacon Ordination 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Higher Ground Concert	11	12	13 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
17 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Business Meeting	18 President's Day	19	20 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	21	22	23
Meals On Wheels—February 18th thru 22nd						
24 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting	25	26	27 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	28		
Refresh: State Evangelism Conference-Branson, Feb. 28 & Mar. 1						

FEBRUARY



Birthdays of the Month

- 2. Jonathan Butcher
- 3. Tracy Johnson
- Braedin Mooneyham
- 11. Anita Saathoff
- 14. Emily Burton
- 20. Carroll Carter
- Janet Millard
- 21. Ed Ford
- Cindy Hall
- Matt Noblett
- 24. Alisa Bough
- John Sam Pate
- 26. Aliya Edington



Anniversaries of the Month

- 10. Charles & Blanche Cowan
- 26. Larry & Kay Wheeler



As Southern Baptist we do not have sacraments. We have two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper. This is partly because we believe in salvation by faith and grace. Baptism is an act of faith and obedience and the Lord's Supper is a meal of remembrance and fellowship. We remember the life and death of Jesus and His promise to return and take us to His home in Heaven.

Many churches consider marriage a sacrament. If Southern Baptist believed in sacraments this most likely would be one. We believe that God established marriage as a union between a man and a woman. After creating the first man in His own image God could not find a suitable companion for the first man, therefore God created the first woman. He intended for them to care for each other and the rest of His creation. Marriage was to provide a special relationship for men and women and be the foundation for the family in to which children would be born.

Jesus gave his approval of marriage when he performed his first miracle turning water into wine at a wedding. He taught that it was God's plan for a man to leave his parents and be united with his wife. This was to be a lifelong relationship. While Jesus recognized some marriages may fail because of man's sinful nature which he called the hardness of man's heart, he stated that this was not God's will. Like the Sabbath, marriage was created for man. Man was not created for marriage.

The apostle Paul also held a high view of marriage and the family. Jesus was to be the true head of the family as he is the true head of the church. The father was to be the earthly head. The family was to be bound together by love and respect for each member and its love for God. The husband and wife were to be submissive to each other because in marriage they were no longer two individuals but one person. Paul calls this a mystery in which God participates.

We sometimes have a hard time living up to the high standards Jesus set for marriage. His disciples wondered if it was even possible. Jesus told them with God's help all things are possible even lifelong marriages.

We hold these beliefs, but according to some studies we don't do much better at living up to these standards than the rest of the world. This is one area where the influence of the secular world has had a great impact on our beliefs. We forget that we are not just animals like all the other animals. We have been created in God's image with the ability to know right from wrong and to choose to follow the will of God. We are not to be driven by our human desires, but to become living sacrifices for God's Kingdom. When we do this we can tell the world that God has a better plan for our lives.

A Nigerian bishop preached on Ephesians 5:15-33 at his daughter's wedding. He explained to his daughter that she was to be subject to her new husband in the same way and for the same reason she subjected herself to Christ, namely, that Christ is worthy to be obeyed.

He then turned to his new son-in-law and quoted the words that come three verses later in the passage: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." "Your job is to be Christ to my daughter," he said. "From this day forward, you must be worthy of her obedience as Christ was worthy: express your authority in humility and self-sacrifice; do not demand esteem, but earn it. When you are Christ to my daughter, she will joyfully submit to you. If you cease to be Christ to her, the conditions calling for her to obey you will no longer pertain. I shall pray for you both."

When we view marriage in this manner we will come closer to viewing it as God would have us see it. When Jesus is the head of our families, everything else will fall into place.

— Larry Johnston



Valentine Banquet
Saturday, February 9th
 6:00 p.m.

HIGHER GROUND
 SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

In Concert
Sunday, February 10, 2013
 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
Saturday, February 16th
 7:00 a.m.

Please call Stacie Spurgeon (276-5047) 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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