

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 5:00pm WMU Meeting 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:15pm Youth Super Bowl Party	3	4	5 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	6	7	8
Meals on Wheels—February 3rd thru 7th						
9 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Children 7:00pm Business Meeting	10	11	12 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Children	17 Presidents' Day	18	19 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 10:45am Benevolence Offering 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Higher Ground 6:00pm Children 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	24	25	26 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	27	28	

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
- 26. Aliya Edington

Anniversaries of the Month

- 10. Charles & Blanche Cowan
- 11. Bob & Elma Garner
- 26. Larry & Kay Wheeler



In light of the State of the Union Speech and the coming President's Day Holiday, I was thinking about the old days when America was more moral, Christianity was a given for most people (and at least respected among nearly all) and when the things seemed to be right with our nation. I spent much of my 20s thinking that the nation's ills, however big they seemed at the time, could largely be dealt with through politics with God's divine assistance/guidance. After all, the Apostle Paul said in Romans 13 *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer."*

As I mature in years (and walk longer with the Lord), He has made it clear to me through His Word that *"Some trust in chariots (or even elephants) and some in horses (or even donkeys), but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."* (My additions) The Lord has established a plan to redeem a people for Himself that is all about ministry and evangelism. We, as a church and a nation have forgot about that at times and, like Uzzah, we have "grabbed the Ark to prevent it from falling" by trying to fix all of our ills with politics. Be involved in politics all you want, but NEVER assume it will fix all of our nation's problems regardless who you vote for. Join with me in working on being a more frequent


witness. Work hard on the disciplines as Pastor Jason goes through them. Study. Pray. Meditate. Evangelize. Fast. Next time you get worried about the country, allow it to center your focus on the One who made our country... and our world. Famous Americans for generations, hopefully all genuine Christians, understood this. I close with some examples:

Next time you worry about our education system, dive into the Bible remembering: *"Education is useless without the Bible. The Bible was America's basic text book in all fields. God's Word, contained in the Bible, has furnished all necessary rules to direct our conduct."*
- Noah Webster (1758 -1843)

Next time you worry about cultural decay, work on your sanctification through more productive daily quiet times. Note this quote: *"Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience...without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure...If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."*
- Ronald Reagan (flawed but hopefully a believer)

Next time you get annoyed by someone rewriting the history of America, remember this quote: *"We Recognize No Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!"*
- John Adams and John Hancock, Founding Fathers (April 18, 1775)

We hold the cure for sin and death...the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have more to offer than a political party or a radio pundit. The time is now to get to work and be the Church again to a world that needs us.
—Mark Applegate

* **WMU is back!** *
*  Beginning February 2nd all *
* ladies are invited to meet for our *
* **WMU**® first monthly meeting of the new *
* year! The new meeting time for *
* WMU will be the first Sunday of the month *
* at 5:00 p.m. This is normally the time that *
* Ladies bible study meets but the first Sunday *
* of each month will be dedicated to WMU. *
* Please join us for a new year of service and *
* activities to support our missionaries! *

NEW service Time On Sunday Evenings
Starting February 2



5:00 pm: Youth, Men's Bible Study,
Ladies' Bible Study
(Childcare available during bible study)
6:00 pm: Sunday Evening Worship,
Mission Friends, Children in
Action



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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