



Calvary Baptist Church

February, 2012

PASTOR'S DESK

"If we do not show love to one another, the world has a right to question whether Christianity is true."
Francis A Schaeffer.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39.

Stan Toler has made the following observations in "The Little Devotional Book." "Complete this sentence: My greatest aim in life is ... How you respond determines the guiding principle of your life."

God's greatest aim for your life is love. Without love, all that you say is ineffective, all that you know is incomplete, all that you believe is insufficient, all that you give is inadequate, and all that you accomplish is insignificant.

LIFE MINUS LOVE = **NOTHING**

Christianity is not a religion of beliefs - it is a lifestyle of love. The sign of a true Christian is their love for God and for His people. Galatians 5:6 says, "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

An enemy of love is "busyness." Clear the clutter of your schedule and let love be the order of the day. More than video games, trampolines, and the latest novelty toy, children need love. More than a new pair of shoes or a new dress, wives need love. More than a new set of golf clubs or a fishing pole, husband need love.

For Christians, love is not an option; it is a commandment - sometimes difficult to obey. But God did not leave you helpless, "... because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit' [Romans 5:5 NASB]"

"But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love."
[1 Corinthians 13:13, NASB]

Dr. Fulbright



Sowing
seeds
of
salvation
through
the
Gospel
of
Jesus
Christ

OFFICE MINISTRY

Just when you think things are going pretty good what happens? Buzzards. That's right, buzzards! Understand I'm not talking about one or two but hundreds!! Who knew 17 years ago we built our house across from a natural roosting habitat. Did you know buzzards get bored?

You may remember me writing about our family's Thanksgiving camping trip. Well, we ended up in a house instead of taking our camper. My husband and I had a great time, returning rested and relaxed. That is until we pulled in our driveway Long story short after the feathers settled and over \$15,000 in repair costs were paid. New roofs for campers and houses are expensive. All I can say is, "Thank you, Father, for insurance."

I've been reminded of several things over the past 2 months. First, I now know buzzards are a federally protected bird of prey and you can't touch them. You can believe the story about a crazy lady in Clover running around her backyard beating on pots and screaming like a banshee. Never get too comfortable with life because the devil is just around the corner. Even when you don't want to, lift your day up in prayer. Material things really aren't important. God loves me.

When I'm angry He will calm the fire in my soul.
All I have to do is ask.

'Til next month,
JoAnne





STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello Calvary,

February is here! I can't believe that time is moving so fast. This month we are moving forward in big steps as we come off of 180-Weekend and move towards Caswell this summer.

Fundraisers will be a must as we try to raise our monies for the trip. I pray that all of us (including you guys in the youth) will be generous in our tithing first off and then make an effort to go above that in our giving to ministry.

Our first fundraiser for the summer trip will be February 5th. It is called the "Souper" Bowl as it is on Super Bowl Sunday! Please come out for some good soup and fellowship.

Thanks,
Dustin

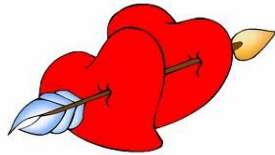


Happy Birthday

- 1 Justin Simonds
- 2 Jeanne Bolden
- 3 Hunter Lewis
- 4 Dale Davis
- 5 Carla Queen
- 6 David Peeler
- 7 Barbara Bryant
- 8 Jalil Cooks
- 12 Jean Lee
- 14 Nikki Sciba
Braden Sciba
- 17 Cayden Norman
Phil Welch
- 19 Leigh Anne Dockery
Ella Robinson
- 20 Tony Smith
Victoria Whittaker
- 22 Freddie Robinson
- 25 Faye Brack
Debbie Bynum
Jenny Creighton
Billy Glover
- 28 Michael Tomlin



YOUTH FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
12:00 FLC



Valentine Party
Saturday, February 11th
6:30p.m.

Baptist



Sunday,
February 19th

MUSIC MINISTRY

Of course, we all know what the month of February is known for "love." With that in mind, I would like to focus our attention to a line from one of my favorite hymns, "My Savior's Love" by Charles H. Gabriel.

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus of Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

This line sums up what Jesus' true love is all about - he loves the condemned, unclean sinner. John 15:12-13 says: "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus taught us about greater love. He demonstrated a love that is more than feelings - a love that is willing to sacrifice. When we realize His love for us our soul sings out:

O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

Celebrate his Love,
Glenn



Happy Anniversary

- 7 Rae & Tony Smith
- 10 Jimmy & Michele Jones



HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY
in
Sunday School
February 26th

NURSERY

Sunday, February

Nursery (Mornings - Babies thru 1 year; Evening Nursery is Available)

- 5 - Sandy Wright, Mary Deal
- 12 - Jenny Creighton, Michele Jones
- 19 - Rachel Humphrey, Jackie Hardin
- 26 - Phyllis Davis, Billy Glover



Extended Session (Ages 2-5)

- 5 - Roger Davis, Claire Hardin
- 12 - Faye Brack, Jackie Hardin
- 19 - Kelly St. Pierre, Eric Hardin
- 26 - Bryant & Laura Brack

USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers —

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| Curtis Brooks | Jack Ferguson |
| Tom Beaver | Jimmy Jones |
| John Brack | Steve Welch |

Greeters —

- Morning: Jerry Goble, Kay Sparrow
Evening: Jerry Goble



Operation Christmas Child Monthly Collection Items

February -
Toothbrushes & tooth paste

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 3:00pm

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We would love
to have you join us.

Sundays

- 9:45a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00a.m. Morning Worship
- 6:30p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesdays

- 10:30a.m. Morning Bible Study
- 7:00p.m. Prayer Service &
Children/Youth
Mission Groups

We have classes and
weekly activities for all ages!

Calvary offers the following
ongoing ministry opportunities
throughout each month —

Each Monday

6:00p.m. Visitation

Second Monday

10:30a.m. Ladies WMU Group

Third Wednesday

10:30a.m. Senior Adult's
Young at Heart Club

Listening Devices are available
for the hearing impaired.

Van Ministry & Nursery
Available during worship times

Nursery Pagers
provided for Parents

