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FAMILY, FRIENDS, & FAITH

 **Youth Guy's Bible Study**
 Sunday Nights 5:00 – 7:00 pm
 meet in the Library
 We will be studying "Expectations of Men"
 Join us; bring a friend and your Bible.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CAMP DATES:



MFUGE (Middle and High School) July 17 – 22 at Liberty University in Lynchburg. We are planning to go to Kings Dominion on Saturday, July 22.
 Cost of camp is \$325.00.

CENTRI-KID (Grades 3-5)
 July 31 – Aug. 4
 Skycroft Conference Center
 Middleton, MD.
 Cost of camp is \$300.00.



Be on the lookout for Fundraiser information, for both camps coming soon.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

For International Missions
 JMBC Goal: \$12,000 Received to date: \$11,161.23

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
 All JMBC ladies are invited to attend the afternoon tea, hosted by WMU, for a time of fellowship, fun, refreshments and devotions. Sign-up sheet is posted on the Missions Bulletin Board. Sign up by Sun., Feb. 5 to attend. Any questions contact Linda Baines, Reta Byrum, Dawn Mulkey, or Sue Wynn.

WITTY WISDOM

Kindness is difficult to give away
 because it keeps coming back

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Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Life Groups
 (Bible Study)
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Kids Worship

Valentine's Day and Love

You may be surprised to know the origin of Valentine's Day is entirely pagan. It can be traced back to Lupercalia, an ancient Roman festival that supposedly celebrated and secured fertility. Lupercalia was a weird celebration where boys who were dressed as male goats (the embodiment of sexuality to Romans) ran around slapping people with strips of goat skins. As sordid as that may be, Pope Gelasius I made it a "Christian" feast day in 496. He declared February 14 to be a day to feast and celebrate Saint Valentine. Who was Saint Valentine? Good question, many believe he served as a priest in the 3rd century during the reign of Claudius II, but the details surrounding Saint Valentine are disputed.

So, knowing the seedy history of Valentine's Day you may try to ignore it like I did once. It did not go well for me that fated February 14 many years ago. Men, don't try to skip it; just go with it. The pleasure of skipping this day with pagan origins is not worth the pain.

But I digress.

Where does that leave us? It leaves us where Valentine's Day should leave us, talking about "love." For many love is nothing more than an emotion or feeling that comes and goes. We talk about falling in and out of love and are quick to proclaim "I used to love him/her." We may actually say to another "I don't love you anymore." Thankfully, the Bible tells us in 1 John 4:8 that "God is love." This means that love must be defined by God, and the context of 1 John helps us understand love more completely and accurately.

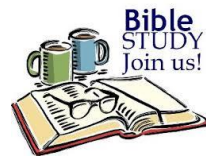
1 John 4:10 states that God loved us and sent His Son to die as a sacrifice for our sins. Love must be filtered through this act of God to meet our greatest need and do for us what we could not do for ourselves. True love is marked by giving and sacrifice. True love acts to meet the needs of others. True love is not earned. True love continues to serve. In short, true love does not exist outside the realm of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Perhaps there is one good thing that will come out of Valentine's Day this year, a renewed focus on the Lord Jesus and the real meaning of "love." And remember, as Christians God expects us to love as He loves. 1 John 4:8, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

In Christ's love,

Pastor Tommy

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Tommy
 Woman's study: Beth Moore, Entrusted (2 Timothy), led by Daina Larson, Room 108
 The Enemy Revealed (Satan's past, present & future), led by Joe Watson, Room 208
 "Happiness – God's invitation to delight, celebration & joy" by Randy Alcorn, led by Raleigh Baggett, Room 102

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Time: 5:15 pm. Cost \$6.00 for adults, free for children 8 and younger. Sign up with Betsy on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk or call the church office 484-5568 no later than noon on Tuesday.

Menu: Feb. 1 Jambalaya with Rice, Dessert
 Feb. 8 BBQ Chicken, Collards, Smashed Potatoes, Rolls, Dessert
 Feb. 15 Breakfast for Dinner: French Toast Casserole, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Fruit Cup
 Feb. 22 Chicken Pot Pie, Carrot Salad, Rolls, Dessert

The meals are subject to change; make sure to check the Bulletin for current meal menus.



FEBRUARY PRESCHOOL WORKERS

5 Chris & Shannon Fuhrmann, John Graham, Verlie Johnson, Jan Watson
 12 Brian & Fay Cleveland, Mary & Jacob Terwilliger, Mary Harvey, Melissa Goode
 19 June Sapp, Betty Rhodes, Rachel Emberton, Yana & Angie Grund, Ashley Givens
 26 Ann Wetherbee, Linda Winslow, Stacy Grund, Linda & Rebecca Canterbury



FEBRUARY OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM: Bill Vick and Jake Midgett

MINISTRY AND MISSION FAIR PLANNED

On Sunday, February 19 at 12:15 pm, we will hold a Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall. The Fair will introduce, to the church body, all the ministries available within the church and where you might want to serve. On Sunday, March 5, we will hold a Missions Fair in the Fellowship Hall. This will give the church body an idea of areas they can serve and share the Gospel beyond the JMBC campus.



Ministry Fair: Baptist Men, Bereavement, Music, Children & Preschool departments, Youth, Family, Senior Adults, Ushers, Kitchen, Yard Crew, WMU, JCP, Life Groups

Mission Fair: WMU, Moldova, Back Pack, Nifty Knitters, Mercy Drops, Oasis, Food Pantry, Eastern Shore, Standing Rock, JCP, Operation Christmas Child.

JACKSON CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 12, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
 Come meet our teachers, see the classrooms and see what the children are learning and doing.



REVIVAL IS COMING!

March 25-27, 2017

Title: "48 Hours, Preparing for His return"

Focus: to prepare people for living in challenging times as we look for Jesus' return

Evangelist – Ron Herrod

Schedule: To be announced

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
 10:30 am Worship
 Kids Worship (K – 5th Grade, Rm 222)
 5:00 pm Youth Guys Bible Study (Library)

MON
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110)

TUES
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

WED
 5:15 pm Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 5:45 pm Handbells (Music Hallway)
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 Discipleship Classes
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)
 Children in Action (Room 222)
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURS
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Overflow Room)



WEEKS IN REVIEW

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
LIFE GROUPS (Sunday Bible Study) (church cancelled)					
Enrollment	365	0	366	366	354
Attendance	116	0	148	164	176
Visitors	5	0	1	11	9
New Enrollment	1	0	0	0	0
Total Attendance	122	0	150	175	185
WORSHIP					
Morning Services	145	0	190	196	218
Kid's Worship	26	0	17	18	23
Total Attendance	171	0	207	214	241

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

BUDGET					
Required Per Week	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75
Received	8,875.00	14,665.00	5,806.75	6,218.00	6,218.00
Mid-Week Received	1,095.00	1,027.00	365.00		
Online Received	1,160.00	1,215.00	1,125.00	1,095.00	
Required to Date	11,630.75	23,261.50	34,892.25	46,523.00	58,153.75
Received to Date	8,875.00	11,130.00	28,037.00	35,333.75	42,643.75
MISSIONS					
East Asia		50.00			
JMBC Missions			200.00	200.00	
Lottie Moon	605.00	300.00	65.82	35.00	
Lottie Moon to Date	9,796.23	10,927.05	11,227.05	11,262.05	
OTHER					
Backpack Ministry		10.00		100.00	
Bereavement	100.00				
Benevolent Fund				216.00	
Deacon Fund			30.00	30.00	
Food Pantry			30.00		
TOTAL January Budget Offerings: \$42,643.75					

MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

1 WED
 7:30 am Backpack Packing (FH)

2 THURS
 6:00 am Feeding the Homeless (Oasis)
 9:00 am Backpack Delivery (Southwestern Elementary)

10:30 am WMU Meeting with Special Speaker (FH)

6 MON
 6:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Conference Room A)
 Budget Committee Meeting (Conference Room B)

7 TUES
 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting (Room 102)

11 SAT
 4:45 pm Family Ministry Progressive Dinner (meet at church)

12 SUN
 2:00 pm WMU Ladies Afternoon Tea (FH)
 JCP Open House (Preschool)

16 THURS
 9:00 am Backpack Delivery (Southwestern Elementary)
 6:30 pm Savvy Savers (Room 110)

19 SUN
 12:15 pm Ministry Fair (Fellowship Hall)

20 MON
President's Day - Office Closed
 7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group (Overflow Room)

21 TUES
 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg (Choir Rm)



My Dear Church Family,
 I am giving praise, honor and glory to our Heavenly Father for His love that poured from you during Doug's illness and transition from from this earth to his Heavenly home.
 With my appreciation and love for you,
 Linda McRary

