

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

February 2013

Ben's Pen

February 14th is Valentine's Day, and millions of people around the world will be asking their special someone to "Be Mine" or "Squeeze Me". You've seen the little heart-shaped pieces of candy with these cute sayings printed on them. There seems to be something special about this day, for it is a day when love gets expressed via cards, overpriced boxes of candy, and roses by the dozen, with everything trimmed in red and pink!

For the Christian, it is especially meaningful to think about and celebrate love. Yes, love, the love of God, has indeed been the theme throughout the ages! The Bible makes it clear to us that God is love. Beginning in the first verses of Genesis and continuing through the last verses of Revelation, we see that God's message to us is a great statement of His love. And the greatest part of the entire Biblical record, the greatest expression of love that there has ever been, the most unbelievable demonstration of love the world could ever know, is this. "This is how God showed His love among us; He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" [1 John 4:9-10, NIV].

God truly wants to be your Valentine! He loves you like no one else ever could, not even your most special lover. On this Valentine's Day, won't you open up your heart and tell Him, "Be Mine" and "Squeeze Me"? He won't let you down! HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Ben

WMU China Mission Project: Come and join the WMU on Sunday, February 17, as they participate in a state-wide mission project of writing notes to students in China who are learning English. We will gather after worship that day and enjoy a Chinese food meal and then learn about the Chinese culture and mission work that is taking place there. Short notes will be written to send to missionaries that are teaching English in China. The students will read and then respond to the notes. Children are encouraged to come with their parents and help write the notes, as well as play the Chinese games and other activities.

Valentine Celebration: Are you ready for some "Family Feud" as we celebrate Valentine's Day? Come join the fun as we gather on Saturday, February 9th, beginning at 6:00 PM. Men are encouraged to bring their best chili for all to taste and enjoy, while the women will provide the sweets. The entertainment will be a friendly game of "Family Feud" for all to participate in. You'll be glad you came!

Our February business meeting is scheduled for February 26th at 7:00 p.m. There are several items on the agenda, and all church members are encouraged to attend and participate in the decision making process.

There are multiple opportunities to share ourselves with our community and the world. On February 26th at 5:00 PM, our WMU will be providing desserts and salads for students at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) at the University of Mary Washington. If you would like to help, or for more information, see Mary Lee Bullock. The women are also participating in a Women's Prayer Retreat on February 2nd. The Baptist Men are also revving up their engines for many projects in 2013. All church men are invited to participate. See Mark Irving or simply come to the meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

The March Highlights article deadline is February 19th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Women's Prayer Retreat
3 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	4 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	5	6 Bible Study 10:00 am CIA 6:30 pm	7	8	9 Churchwide Valentine's Dinner 6:00 pm
10 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	11	12	13 PRIMETIMERS 12:00 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY	14 Deacons 7:00 pm VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16 Children's Ministry Day
17 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Am; Choir Rehearsal & WMU 12:30 pm	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 Bible Study 10:00 am CIA 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	25	26 Business Mtg. 7:00 pm	27 Bible Study 10:00 am	28		

February Birthdays

1 – Bobby Edenton	16 – Kenny Terry
1 – Tyler Trice	18 – Donna Marshall Smith
2 – Todd Allen	18 – Maggie Sharp
2 – Casey Davis	20 – Donna Steckler
3 – Ethel Hart	22 – Ryan Corthon
7 – Mason Durrett	23 – William Thomas
8 – Brenda Bowles	25 – Teresa Laibstain
11 – Jeannette Gatewood	

February Anniversaries

16 – Herbert & Sue Terry
28 – Charles & Darlene Grimm

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Nell Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Arthur Hart
Brenda Cannon	Violet Henshaw
Bobby Carnahan	Douglas Jones

Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
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Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
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Harry Newman	(804) 448-1502
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

Deacon of the Month:

Danny Lee

The mission of Bethany Baptist Church is to make a positive impact for Jesus Christ with people who live in our community by sharing the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ and by growing together as the family of God.

Just a thought...

Ideas are like children. No matter how much you like other people's, you cannot help thinking your own are best.