

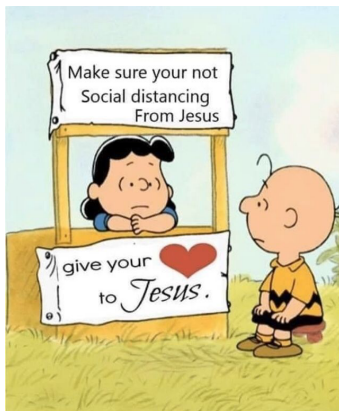
FEBRUARY 2023

The Newsletter of Jones Chapel Church



Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18



PRAYER REQUESTS:

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| Judy & Gene Webster | Evelyn Poteet |
| Angie Tuten | HD Studdard |
| Danny Reagan | Viola Underdown |
| Bib & Lawanda | Bill & Terry Aikens |
| John Powers | Kalee's salvation |
| Wayne & Brenda Hearn | Jeff & Crystal Eddington |
| Vicki Nichols | Hannah |
| Family of Eddie Rich | Tammy Barker |
| Family of Mary McCracken | Pat Humphrey & family |
| Tim Crabtree | Hollie & Tucker |
| Megan Barker | Wanda Davis |
| Todd & Kim Babb | Brianna Winters & Family |
| Maynard Wilson | Faye & Ray Ervin |
| Those Traveling | Marvel Jean Burris |
| Janet Woods | Weir Family |
| Angie Tuten | Abby Hardin |
| Bo Shugart | Ruth Turner |
| Louise Wattenbarger | Liam Brazer |
| Adam & Katie Wilson | Moffit & McLain Families |
| Marty Hochertz | Jim & Pat Riden |
| Area Opioid Crisis | Delaney Clayton |
| Savannah Blair | Grace Trew |
| William Daughtry | Ethan |
| Diann Gibson | Misty & husband |
| Jane's neighbor's daughter, Bailey | Laikly |
| Karen Christson family | Ann Clark |
| Sandy Lambert | Angie Moses |
| Disaffiliation & vote | Larry Rowland |
| Lost souls | Pickel Family |
| Beth Heaton | Roger Taylor |
| Shelly McAllister | Always pray for your Pastor |
| Unspoken requests | Those traveling |
| Clayton Clenden | Our Church/Israel |
| Amos & Dot Humphrey | Our Nation/Leaders/Military |
| Randy Rayburn | Successful surgeries & procedures |
| Ukraine war | Addie Williams |
| Stacey & Doug | Alberta Williams Family |
| Wentworth Family | Berkley, Jenny, Charlie |

"When you get sick, do two things: pray for healing and go to a doctor." John MacArthur

From the Pastor's Desk:

February, the month of Love. Cold weather is all around us, greenery isn't so much, but in the middle of it all we come into a time we can pause even for a brief time and show our loved ones how much we love them. Hopefully that might brighten them up and maybe even bring some warmth to their hearts.

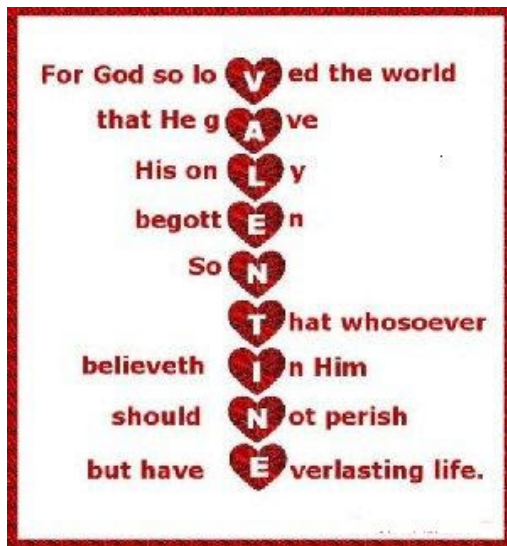
God paved the way for us to love one another. **1 John 4:10** *This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.* —God showed how to love, He gave His One and Only Son, for us. God showed us sacrificial Love. It knows no bounds, no limitations, no conditions only love, without end.

God's Love asks nothing in return, only acceptance and belief (faith) in what He gave to the whole world. In this month of love, take time to examine the love God poured out for you, not just in a moment but delve deeply into your heart, mind, soul and strength to let God bring forth the love He gave to you and so much wants you to share with those around you. **1 John 4:12** *No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.* **1 John 4:21** *And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

So as you show your love to someone near and dear to you, please show God's love to those who may not know God and really might need His love right then.

Happy Valentine's Day to all and may that same love be shown throughout the year.

God Bless, Pastor Bert



“Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired, Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.” – Mother Teresa

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

1 John 3:16-17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

13 Tammy Barker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

**22 Marty & Suzanna
Hochertz**

February Church Notes:

- * Sunday Eve. Worship starts at 6 PM in the Chapel.
- * Wed. Night Bible Study 6 PM in the Chapel.
- * Please remember to bring Blessing Box items anytime.
- * 1st Qtr. Mission Offering-Miracle Lake.
- * Thank you so much to everyone who has helped to raise much needed funds for the Disaffiliation. God bless you!
- * Any church questions, Pastor Bert or Don Barker. Financial questions, Kim Farris.
- * Any inspirational items you may have for the Newsletter, please give to Pastor Bert, Perry, or Leslye. Or text to Leslye at 423-506-4139. Text me your favorite Bible Verse, also. Thank you to those who have sent items.
- * Please do not hesitate to call Pastor Bert if you need anything.

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Devotion for February-Love on Valentine's Day

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

Last night I helped my grandsons get valentines ready for their preschool party. The cards, which featured a variety of bright characters, had to be pulled apart at perforated seams. Small heart stickers were included to hold the folded cards together. We were pushing the bedtime limit, sitting at the kitchen table in a circle of overhead light. Drake, five, laboriously printed his name over and over. His brother, three, attached heart stickers, while his daddy wrote BROCK on all of his cards. My job was licking all 68 envelopes.

Brock finished his stack first, and as he was leaving to go up to bed, he came over to Drake and stuck a red heart sticker on his brother's shirt. Drake stopped his printing and looked at the small bright spot of color on his sleeve. "Look, Nina," he said, "Brock gave me this. He must love me."

Sometimes we grown-ups make love way more complicated than it needs to be. A simple gesture, a kind touch, an unexpected card can all say, "I care about you." And, of course, so can a bright red heart sticker.

Father, thank You for loving me unconditionally. Help me pass that love along today to someone who needs it.

In Jesus' precious name, I pray. Amen.

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

# February

2023

1st Qtr. Mission Offering-Miracle Lake

| January |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SUNDAY                                                      | MONDAY          | TUESDAY         | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 29                                                          | 30              | 31              | 1                                 | 2        | 3      | 4                                   |
|                                                             |                 |                 | 6 PM Bible Study                  |          |        |                                     |
| 5                                                           | 6               | 7               | 8                                 | 9        | 10     | 11                                  |
| 11 Worship<br>5 Choir Practice<br>6 Eve. Worship            |                 |                 | 6 PM Bible Study                  |          |        |                                     |
| 12                                                          | 13              | 14              | 15                                | 16       | 17     | 18                                  |
| 11 Worship<br>5 Choir Practice<br>6 Eve. Worship            |                 | VALENTINE'S DAY | 6 PM Bible Study                  |          |        |                                     |
| 19                                                          | 20              | 21              | 22                                | 23       | 24     | 25                                  |
| 11 Worship<br>5 Choir Practice<br>6 Eve. Worship            | PRESIDENT'S DAY |                 | ASH WEDNESDAY<br>6 PM Bible Study |          |        |                                     |
| 26                                                          | 27              | 28              | 1                                 | 2        | 3      | 4                                   |
| 11 Worship<br>5 Choir Practice<br>6 Eve. Worship            |                 |                 |                                   |          |        |                                     |
| <b>More Notes:</b><br>10 AM Sunday School<br>on each Sunday |                 |                 | FLC- Family Life<br>Center        |          |        | Prayer: Have mercy<br>on me, O God! |

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

