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Florence Baptist Church News



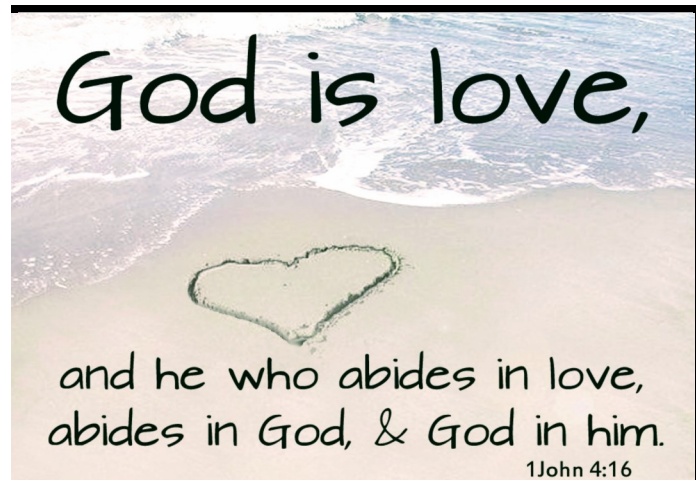
Dates to Remember

Feb. 8 Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 20 Youth trip to Hendersonville

Feb. 21 Business Meeting after Morning
Worship Service

Women on Mission 6 p.m.



“What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It’s the only thing that there’s just too little of.” These words from a hit song by Jackie DeShannon were true in 1965 when the song was released and are even more true today. Love, however, is hard to give or experience if a person does not know the creator of love spoken of in John 4:7-11: ⁷ *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.* ⁸ *He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.* ⁹ *In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.* ¹⁰ *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* ¹¹ *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”* (John 4:7-11 NKJV)

***Happy
Valentine’s
Day***





Hi, folks.

From our Pastor...

Just wanted to mention that our family is so happy to be called to Florence. We genuinely appreciate all the kindnesses you have extended to us. We love you now because of the love that Christ has shown us. We are looking forward to loving you more and knowing you more in the days ahead. We can truly say that we are excited about what God will do in the future! Please understand, we don't say that because we are here now. No, our hope is much more secure than that.

Haven't we been learning in the past weeks in Mark's gospel that the kingdom comes through preaching? Notice that preaching is not about the man (the preacher), not about the prophets, not about the last prophet (John the Baptist), and certainly not about this current preacher that fills your pulpit! It's about the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. That's how the kingdom comes. The church is an embassy of the kingdom. It's a picture of heaven realized on Earth.

We all realize that every church is struggling in earthly terms and in relation to the Corona Virus. Still, let's be reminded, God is not surprised. Let's take a season and humble ourselves and focus on His way of kingdom building. Practically, you might begin to read each scripture passage each week, prior to the Sunday sermon or the Wednesday night teaching. Humbly ask the Lord to teach you by His spirit. Christ will teach you as He teaches your pastor (Matthew 23:8). This is how the kingdom comes on Earth. We learn, we grow, we obey. Finally, pray. You might pray the model prayer and remember, particularly, Matthew 6:11 that calls us to ask God for daily bread. Yes, this is the physical provision of food. But even more importantly, the daily provision of spiritual food (God's Word). It's a kingdom coming that we are asking for. Look back to Matthew 6:10: "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven." That's what God wants to do with the fellowship at Florence Baptist. Be encouraged, God always answers His prayers. Shelly and I, along with the kids are thankful for you! Most of all, we are thankful to God for each of you!

Women on Mission by Lynette Sharpe

Women on Mission met January 17, 2021. It was so nice to spend time together in Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Our Bible study was entitled "Purposeful Praying." The study asked the question, "Do we as believers pray **for** purpose more than **with** purpose?"

Our scripture was Colossians 1:9-12. Paul had heard of the Colossians' new faith in Christ and began to pray for them. He prayed with purpose that the Colossians would:

- Be filled with the knowledge of God's will through all wisdom and spiritual understanding.
- Walk worthy of the Lord.
- Please God.
- Bear fruit in every good work.
- Increasingly grow in the knowledge of God.
- Be strengthened with God's glorious power.
- Their lives will express joyous thanks to God.

Let us ask the Lord to teach us how to pray with purpose for those around us and those around the world.

Next meeting: 2/21/2021 @6:00 pm

Bible study: "Wrestling in Prayer—Matters of the Heart" Colossians 4:12

**Sunday School
by Darlene Edgell**

We began a limited Sunday School schedule in December. Beginning in February, the adult classes will be able to meet twice per month, instead of only one time. The schedule for February is:

Feb. 7th - Walk in the Word and Senior Adult

Feb 14th - Life Connections, Women of Faith, and College & Career

Feb. 21st—Walk in the Word and Senior Adults

Feb 28th—Life Connections, Women of Faith, and College & Career

Larger classes should meet in the open area of the Family Life Center. Smaller classes (5 or less) can meet in their regular classrooms. It would be helpful for everyone to wear a mask, especially in the smaller rooms.

At this time, the children and youth are not meeting for Sunday School. Programs are available for the children and youth during Wednesday night Bible Study.

We hope to return to a normal Sunday School schedule for all classes soon; however, we may need to continue the limited schedule for March as well. Updates will be posted in the bulletin.

Thank you for being patient as we try to resume our classes as safely as possible. We are all ready for the virus restrictions to end, but we probably won't return to normal until the case numbers decrease and the vaccine is more readily available.



Upcoming Events

By Amanda Bannister

Feb. 20th - Snow tubing in Hendersonville. This is a fun activity and church attendance is required to attend. You will need to either attend Sunday services or watch online on the 7th, 14th, and 21st. We will use the honor system. If you watch online, you will need to text me with three things you learned from the sermon by Sunday evening. Please sign up or respond by text if you plan to attend. Parents, we will need help with transportation. The cost is \$30. I will need to know if you plan to attend by Wednesday, Feb10th.

April 4th-9th - Senior Mission Trip. This mission trip will only be for High School Seniors. We will travel to Lumberton, NC with Samaritan's Purse to help with rebuild efforts in the area. The cost is only our gas money to get there. We will need adult volunteers to help also. Please sign up for this or text if you would like to go. More details will be available soon.

Summersalt!!! July 5-9 - Please sign up or text!!!

**Ladies' Outreach
by Phyllis Edgell**

The Ladies' Outreach group will not meet in February. The group may possibly plan a meeting for March. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

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Valentine coloring page for the young and the young-at-heart. Enjoy!

John 3:16

