



A Note from the Pastor

Let me try and jog your memories: Who remembers the 1980's TV game show, "Love Connection?" It was hosted by Chuck Woolery and the premise of the show was to set a guest up on a date with one of three contestants that the audience perceived to be the best match. The couple would return to the show after their first date and discuss the date. If the date was deemed a success, a "love connection" had been made and the couple was offered an all-expense paid second date. It is that time of the year. Love is in the air. Men, I have given you a one week heads up! Valentine's Day!

Now before you wait until the last minute, which is my personal mode of operation during this special day, to run out and purchase a traditional gift of flowers or candies or jewelry or whatever your sweetheart might desire, I would ask you to consider God's definition of love: 1 Corinthians 13:4,5, "**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.**" My challenge: How can you honor your loved one this year with God-like love without spending a dime? Although a little something wouldn't hurt! Consider love in action.

In the game show, 3 contestants are lined up, but only one is chosen for love. God does not line people up, inspect them for flaws, and then choose those who appear flawless. No matter what sin you have committed, how shameful or dirty you might feel, God loves you with an everlasting love. "**This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**"

Pastor Morgan

Things Jesus Never Said

Everyone is invited to a Bible Study led by Brenda Burwell on "Things Jesus Never Said" by Craig Groeschel. The study will meet on Tuesdays at the YMCA Community Room from 9-11 am. The weekly topics are: *You Don't Need to Forgive Them* on Feb. 11, *Go Do What Makes You Happy* on Feb. 18, *You Won't Have Bad Days* on Feb. 25 and *You Get What You Deserve* on March 3. If you are interested in attending, please call Brenda at 246-4155.

Soup & Chili Cook-Off



We will have a Soup and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, February 29th at 4 pm. Individuals who wish to enter should have their crock-pot of chili or soup in Campbell Hall by 3:45 pm. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Everyone will have an opportunity to eat a bowl of chili or soup of their choice. Crackers, celery, carrots, dessert, hot dogs, peanut butter sandwiches and drinks will be provided. We will also be auctioning off cakes and pies so please bring your best baked item to auction. All proceeds will go to the Deaconess to help with funeral dinner expenses, etc...



The Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. At the request of the donor the scholarship will be awarded to members of FCC who are pursuing higher education in Christian Ministry only. If you would like to apply for this scholarship please contact the church office by March 15th.

Coats 4 Kids

Now is the time to purchase coats for kids for our giveaway in the fall. All the coats are on sale for very low prices right now. Even though we only gave away 155 coats last fall, we turned away about 30 kids that we didn't have a coat for as we were out of coats. It doesn't matter what size, we need coats for all ages. If you prefer to donate cash, we will be glad to do the shopping for you.

Charlotte Castle and Raelyne Lane



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Toth (104) who passed away on January 29th. We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Maxine Arthur (95) who passed away on January 30th.

Saturday, February 8th

5:30-7 pm Night in Italy Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, February 9th

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

4 pm Outlet Program

5:30 pm F/R Meeting

Monday, February 10th

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

6 pm Trustees' Meeting

7 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11th

7 am Prayer Meeting

6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, February 12th

9 am Crafts R Us Group

5 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 13th

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

4 pm Outlet Program

5:30 pm F/R Meeting

Monday, February 17th

Office Closed ~ Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 18th

7 am Prayer Meeting

6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, February 19th

9 am Crafts R Us Group

5 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 20th

6 pm Praise Team Practice



- 4 Harold Easton, Tracy Beason
- 5 Teresa Stuttle
- 6 Candy Tate
- 7 Doris Webb
- 9 Lois Carlyle, Michael Davis Sr.
- 11 Lisa Ballinger, Amber Eident, Bob Young
- 12 Cheryl Ballinger, Roger Freeman
- 14 Bill Daily
- 15 Lisa Clapp
- 17 Don Inman, Charlotte Castle
- 18 Kelly Armer
- 19 M.J. Brand
- 21 Brian Ingram
- 27 Reece Newlin, Glenda Wright, Jerry Christensen
- 29 Carolyn Segó



- 1 Max and Arlene Betty
- 20 Mike and Mona Bays
- 21 Gene and Norma Himes
- Rob and Kathy Newlin
- Steve and Shawnc Morgan
- 26 Scott and Meri Stewart
- 27 Brian and Heather Hinton



Carpentry Work



Michael needs some carpentry work done for the set for the Good Friday Drama. If you are interested in helping out, please email him at: michaelfcc@mycci.net

Church Attendance

Jan. 26th — Traditional: 94, Contemporary: 75 = 169
Feb. 2nd — Traditional: 108, Contemporary: 98 = 206

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