

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." – 1 John 4:11

It is February, and for many that means love is in the air. Valentine's Day and all the trimming. For some it is a romantic time to focus on our beloved. For others, it is a difficult time of lost love or even love not found. And for others, it is just that fun time to give Valentine's cards, chocolates, and little heart candies. Still, no matter how we may look at this month, it is that time when thoughts of love permeate our attentions. So, with that thought in mind, I find myself drawn to this simple verse from 1 John 4:11.



John states "if God so loved us." The key word in that phrase is "so." John is telling us that our love must take its cue from God's demonstration of love. In the preceding verse he shares with us how God showed His great love for humankind, the gift of His Son, sent to cover our sins with His precious blood. This reference is oh so important. From the God perspective, love is about the gift given, not the expectation of what we may receive. Love is sacrificial and freely given. Love is, as Paul shares in 1 Corinthians 13, patient, kind, not given to envy, humble, gentle, sacrificial...it is Godly. You will notice that love as described in Scripture is all about the other, and never about self. And that is exactly how God showed His love for us. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

You may have your own beloved Valentine that you are celebrating this season. You may not. It doesn't matter, for love is something we give, wherever and whenever we may find opportunity. I challenge you this month to think of ways that you can show the love of Christ in someone's life. Imagine ways you can be the proactive agent of God's love to someone who needs to know God's love. And once you have imagined it...do it, live it, share it. Let the love of God be a defining part of who you are. For after all, "if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

With all the love of God in my heart for each and every one of you, I say thank you for letting me be your Pastor.

Brother Joey



News and

2-1 United Methodist Women's Meeting at 10:00
 2-2 RAPs Practice at 5:15 p.m.
 2-2 Bible Discussion and Youth Activities at 6:00
 2-4 Grief Share Meeting at 10:00
 2-6 Holy Communion
 2-6 Catch The Vision at 9:00
 2-6 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
 2-7 Men' Food and Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
 2-9 RAPs Practice at 5:15 p.m.
 2-9 Bible Discussion and Youth Activities
 2-10 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30
 2-13 Catch The Vision at 9:00
 2-13 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship
 2-13 Leadership Team Meeting immediately following Worship

2-16 RAPs Practice at 5:15 p.m.
 2-16 Bible Discussion and Youth Activities
 2-17 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30
 2-18 Grief Share Meeting at 10:00
 2-20 Catch The Vision at 9:00
 2-20 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
 2-20 VBS Meeting immediately following Worship
 2-23 RAPs Practice at 5:15 p.m.
 2-23 Bible Discussion and Youth Activities
 2-24 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30
 2-27 Catch The Vision at 9:00
 2-27 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
 2-27 Youth Fellowship 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 3-2 Ash Wednesday service at 6:00, No Bible Discussion or Youth Activities



United Methodist Men's Food & Fellowship will meet Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.



The United Methodist Women will Meet on February 1st at 10:00 am in the room across from the nursery.



Bible Discussion - Come join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:00 p.m. as we get into the Bible and discuss the answers to our questions. It's laid back and you're welcome to join us.



We have named the Junior Praise Team RAPs, Raising All Praises. RAPs will meet for practice Wednesday nights at 5:15 p.m.

Join us as we begin a new Thursday Morning Bible Study

Living By Faith

Journeying Into

ROMANS

Thursday Morning Bible Study
 Beginning February 10 @ 10:30 AM



BIRTHDAYS

2/18 KYLE WENDLICK



Children's Message

Children's Message - February Leaders -

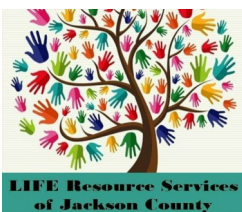
2-6 Shelia Morris,
2-13 Janet Matthews,
2-20 Lisa Lusk
2-27 Kelly Ellis



GREETERS

February Greeters

2-6 Shelia Morris,
2-13 Justin & Wyatt Ellis,
2-20 Tom Brewer
2-27 Ralph Grider



Life Resource Services of Jackson Co.

We are open Monday thru Friday
from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

February Collection:

Antibacterial wipes, toilet paper, Kleenex and
paper towels. We can always use volunteers to
help. Thank You for your support.

We will have a meeting immediately
following worship on Sunday, February
20th. Please consider being a part of
this important ministry.



Grief Support Group

*Theresa Kilgro has been leading a great support
group for a couple of years here at Randall's
Chapel. If you have had the passing of a love
one, let me encourage you to check out this
ministry and group to find some good support
and encouragement. They are meeting every
other Friday. If you are interested contact
Theresa or the church office.*

They will be meeting on Friday, February 4th and
18th at 10:00 a.m.

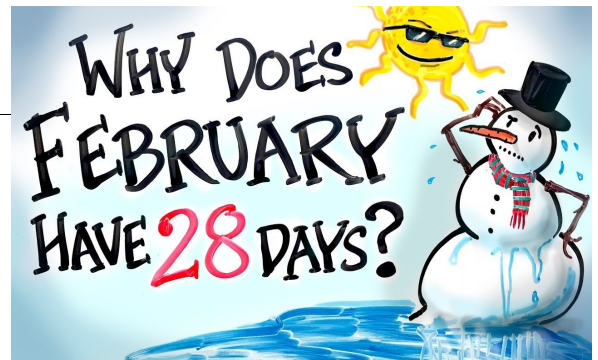
FEBRUARY

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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		United Methodist Women's Meeting at 10:00	RAPs Practice at 5:15 Youth Activities & Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m.		Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m..	
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We can thank the Romans for our chaotic complex calendar system. February has been a neglected month throughout history. Essentially, it got its 28 days because the Romans used the lunar cycles to design the months when they should have based their calendar off of the sun. Superstition and politics also played a major part in creating the months. In any case, it's too late to change it now.



THE FUNNY PAGE



"I can see why they made February the shortest month of the year."

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THE BACK PEW - Jeff Larson



A way to a woman's heart.. FLOWERS! .. Pst.. real ones



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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00
WORSHIP 10:00

WEDNESDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:00PM
YOUTH AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES
6:00PM

FOR NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS,
CORRECTIONS, CHANGES, SUGGESTIONS AND/OR
COMMENTS.....

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