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SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Prayer/Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS February

- 11 Baptist Women's Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 Presidents' Day

March

- 10 Day Light Savings Time begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 First day of spring
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter

Love One Another

- 1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it is not proud.
- 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the
- 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- 8 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.
- 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
- 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.
- 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.
- 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
- 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

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Westfield Friends,

I'll call her "Cindy." We were in fourth grade and she was my first love. Every morning I came to school and thought she was the most beautiful sight I'd ever seen. I was just coming into that tender age of childhood, seeing girls in a different way than I'd experienced before. I'm sure you all have memories of that time in life. It was an innocent time. It was also a fragile time.

I learned the fragility of those feelings with "Cindy." Back then, we used the phrase, "go with me." "Will you go with me?" That meant, "will you be my girlfriend?" And so, I asked "Cindy" if she would "go with me." The answer was a firm, and I might add, cold "NO!" I tried everything to get her to like me. I tried showing off on the playground. That got me nowhere. I tried giving her a special, different valentine than I gave everyone else in the class. That didn't work. Finally, she got wise to the situation. "Glenn, I'll go with you if you give me your ice cream at lunch." So, I obliged. Then, those stinging words, "Maybe tomorrow." As I recall, for several days I lost my ice cream in the hope of a mutual romance. But alas, whatever I tried was to no avail. (I should share here that we were classmates all the way through high school and were always "friends." But the romance never bloomed and eventually I moved on to others).

I've been thinking about those tender years as we move from January into February. Of course, February 14th is Valentine's Day. It is the day we celebrate love. But here's the important thing. God loved us enough to sacrifice for us. That's what love is. The word, "agape," the Greek word for God's kind of love toward us, means giving everything for the good of the other. God gave everything for us. It is up to us to love God back.

As we go through the month of February, think about your life, and ask yourself the question, "What am I doing to return God's love for me?" It's worth a thought.

In love, Glenn

Our Mission: To share Christ with all by leading and nurturing through a Ministry of love, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, praise and proclamation of the Gospel; to seek God's guidance as we respond to needs and serve as missionaries to our community and beyond.

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Mission Moment

Westfield is on the move with missions in 2024! Our January emphasis was Bake-a-Cake for local first responders. This ministry was to show them that they are not forgotten and that they are appreciated for their sacrifices and work. Westfield ladies delivered goodies each week during January. The first responders received goodies, such as chocolate chip cookies, pound cake, Texas sheet cake, haystacks, and other delicious baked goods. We appreciate the efforts of the members of WMU and other contributors.

Another WMU emphasis is the collection of breakfast items for the children at Refugee Church in Raleigh during the month of February. In March will be the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering ministry.

One of the biggest projects for our WMU is the organization and presentation of Baptist Women's Day, which is February 11th this year. Having been recommended by Dr. Jonas, Jill Haram will be our guest speaker that Sunday. She is a member of the 82nd Airborne and is a student at Campbell University Divinity School where she is pursuing Army Chaplaincy.

Jill currently serves in the reserves with the rank of Captain and the status of Chaplain Candidate. Capt. Haram is pursuing ordination through the United Church of Christ.

Originally from Minnesota she is calling North Carolina her home away from home. She enjoys the culture, food, and hospitality of the South.

We look forward to welcoming Captain Jill Haram to our worship,





Prayer Concerns

Ida Bowen Lisa Brewer Barbara Byrd Lawrence Campbell Family **Hubert Coats** Bill Dail Julia Darroch Kaleb Dulin Janet Dunlap Greyson Dunn David Griffin Ellen Herring **Bob Holland** Bill Hunter D Jackson Mitchell Johnson Jeanette Morrison Amanda Peele Janet Seymore Jessica Thompson Vance Walters Jordan Warren

Deacons of the Week

4 Ronnie Autry

Ethel Williams

- 11 Joyce Ballard
- 18 Trent Carpenter
- 25 Angela Godwin

Altar Flowers

- 4 Charlie Carpenter
- 11 Available
- 18 Trent Carpenter
- 25 Joe Carr

If you have seen a large plastic container that was left in the fellowship hall after

Extended Prayer Needs

Amanda Alexander
Linda Beam
Larry Colville
Opal Colville
Chrissy Dozier
Joe Frischman
Phillip Gaines
Steven Glover
Andrew Pope
Tony Simpson
Joy Spell
Ed & Judy Taylor



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February Birthdays

- 9 Midge Carpenter
- 14 Charlie Reed
- 17 Tyler Carpenter
- 18 Kim Carpenter
- 26 Katie Reed



Christmas Memories 2023





Communion, Quartet