

February Calendar

Sundays

Sunday School: weekly	9:30 AM
Worship Service: weekly	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Bible Study: "The Parables of Jesus"	6:30 PM
Deacons' Meeting, 2/10	after AM service

Tuesdays

Men's Prayer Breakfast: <i>Green Door</i>	7:00 AM
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Wednesdays

Faith Weavers 13 / 20 / 26	6:30 PM
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February Birthdays

2/03	Rodney Dickens
2/15	Richard Potter
2/19	Bernie Roeder
2/21	Jon Faler
2/22	Aubrey Lampson
2/27	Pat Potter



Pastor's Pen: Did you know a recent survey found that 26% of Americans believe God will play a role in the outcome of Super Bowl LIII? Wow. Yes, the Super Bowl *is* big. It's such a big deal that some suggest making Super Bowl Sunday a national holiday. And NFL executives have asked that a 3-day weekend be created for fans to celebrate – after all, it is estimated that approximately 7 million people will call in sick on Monday.

Info that is available as I write this blog on Monday, January 21, says that the cheapest Super Bowl ticket will cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000, but the average ticket will cost about \$4,314 each.

So how does God look at all the attention and money being spent tossing a pigskin? The Bible tells us in Isaiah 55:8-9, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways." With those verses in mind, I researched information about the cost of drilling a well in a 3rd world country. The results were astonishing. Here are my findings: Samaritan's Purse can drill a freshwater well to serve a village of 500 people for about \$12,500. Doing the math shows that for the price of 3 Super Bowl tickets, a well can be drilled that would provide clean drinking water and thereby reduce cases of waterborne illnesses.

Sporting events focus on the God-given strength and abilities of players. But the true measure of a man, in God's eyes, has little to do with whether his particular football team wins or loses. Remember how tall, strong King Saul failed; not because of his stature, but because of his selfish heart. Whenever we idolize humans, we have taken our eyes off of the One who will help us gain the victory over the ultimate game of life: sin.

God wants us on the winning team: His team. Jesus gave us the game plan in Luke 9:23 and 24, when he said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." So, does God really care who wins the Super Bowl? I think you already know the answer.

In His service,
Pastor Mark Davis

Sunday School/Jr Church/FaithWeavers

"Why is teaching kids to love God so important?" The bottom line is this: if we don't help kids learn how to truly love God, then faith simply becomes religion. Religion is not active. Only when we grow in our relationship with God will faith and hope in Him increase.

Unfortunately, kids who do not develop a deep love for God will learn to trust in themselves. Then they will follow their own passions instead of trusting in God's Word and listening to godly wisdom.

Kids who are taught only self-confidence will find their hope and joy is based upon their own emotions and upon the opinions of their peers. Self-confidence is fleeting and it continually shifts when circumstances change. But if we will teach kids to base their confidence on what God's Word says, we help them build a firm and stable foundation upon which to shape their lives.

Granted, each kid is different so teaching them to love God requires the leading of the Holy Spirit. Certainly, we can be confident that kids should be taught to love God and treasure the Bible. God's promises are true, and they never fail. And the Word of God contains all of the answers to life's toughest questions.

If kids are secure in their understanding of how much God loves them, then it's easier for them to accept who they are. It's important for kids to have an unshakeable confidence in God.

As we minister to the kids in our community, let's all remember that we are part of God's plan. It is our duty as a church to teach God's truth. May the Gospel message we teach assure them of God's eternal love for them.



Secretary's Corner



General: Dale Fadely; Jon Faler; Jim Fine; John Floyd; Janet Greer; DeWayne Glover; Lezlee Jones; Dick King; Jason Lewis; Tanner Lewis; Mike Long; Carmaleta Lorenz; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Lance Monholland; Mike Nolan; Chris Shore; Freda Sizemore; Karl Urban; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite; Dale Wolfe

Cancer Patients: Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Larry Fueller; Clayalee Glover; Mary Jane Hawkins; Lou Kennedy; Jack King; Alice Papain; John Sweeny; George Thomas; Judy Tolbert

Our Senior Saints: Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Marge Cross; Betty Ditmire, Bob Emery, Sue House; Nora Myers; Clara Belle Wallace; Jack Ward

Ministries & Missionaries: FBC-spiritual and numerical growth; our missionaries; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; the Nation of Israel; Pastor and family

Others: President Trump and VP Pence; world, national, state, local government leaders; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemen and servicewomen; students/teachers, school board/school administrators

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