

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Greenville Alliance Church Newsletter



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Pastor's Corner

Last month I had the honor of renewing my marriage vows with Joyce, we have been married over 31 years. Then this past week I had the honor of marrying a young couple in State College. So I've had some time to reflect and think about the vows we use to unite a couple. For some those vows are simply words, a part of getting married. Honestly, I've had some couples write their own vows but often they fall short, telling someone you love them is nice, but what does that really mean. After all we love ice cream, our dogs and that new truck we just picked up. In fact, I can still remember years ago when I was a certified EMT/firefighter and we came in after a call and as after the case everyone began to talk about life and times. One young firefighter began to trash talking his wife, it went on for a while when finally I asked him how he ended up married to her. (After all if she was so awful to be married to.) He stopped for a moment got this really sheepish look on his face and confessed he had asked her to be his wife. As you can imagine suddenly the conversation moved on to other things. This young firefighter had forgotten a lot of things, but let me cover just a couple.

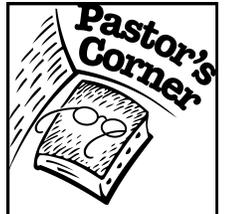
First he forgot he was the one who asked this young lady to marry him. Sometimes we forget the reasons why we got married to begin with. Second he forgot his vows. Again simple to do in today's culture and world. For most people what we say and what we think are two different things. We think (never out loud) that a marriage is a contract where the other person is pledging to meet all your needs. The other person will take care of everything, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. So when the ceremony ends all your needs will be met, let the celebration begin. Again we would rarely acknowledge this out loud, but it's where a lot of us find ourselves. And sometimes it lasts at least until the honeymoon is over. But let's look at those vows most of us said. Most often they begin with... *Before God and these witnesses, will you take this person to be your husband or wife? Will you love and comfort, honor and keep in joy and sorrow (some will say for richer or poorer), in sickness and health. Will you preserve with this bond, holy and unbroken until the coming of the Lord or as long as you both shall live?* Honestly in all the weddings I have had I have never had a couple stop and say really, that sounds awful hard. Nope we just move right through so the reception can begin. But what if we decided to review those vows on a regular basis? What if we realize those simple words were meant to be a covenant between God, the couple and the witnesses?

Those words call us to realize both of you are pledging to put the other first before your own needs. It's a reminder that marriage is a hard thing. Remember in sickness and health, for richer or poorer, in joy and sorrow, it's a bond you are in together. One day at a time, a long obedience in the same direction. What if every once and a while we would stop and talk about how things are going. Maybe ask some simple questions. What am I doing to fulfill the vows of my wedding? Am I putting my spouse before my own needs? Have we been noticing each other, encouraging one another, supporting one another? At the very least have we been treating each other the way we want to be treated? And just maybe do we need to remind ourselves we asked and agree with one another to enter into this marriage in the first place. I would assume everyone who reads this may not be a follower of Christ, but one of the resources we have is a Savior who really did and does witness at weddings. Besides doing some of the things recommended you can also ask God to step in and help. I know for a fact He will.

Lastly, I want you to know I'm hoping for another 31 years with Joyce. We've had ups and downs, experienced joy and loss. We've even been richer and poorer. It's been my everyday decision, that's been more than worth the time, effort and work.

Nathan Seckinger

Pastor of Greenville Alliance Church



Pastor Nathan
Seckinger



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Getting to Know You

This interview took place before Ray and Mary Ella Young moved in December.

Lora Zill is our new "Getting to Know You" reporter. Thanks Lora!

In a few weeks Ray and Mary Ella Young will be moving to Indiana to be nearer to their daughter, son-in-law and those adorable grandchildren. I sat down with them before worship team rehearsal one Wednesday night and asked them to reflect on their time here at GAC.

LZ: What brought you here 27 years ago?

Ray: We were looking around for a church and liked this one because of all the kids. We wanted ours to have those kind of kids to grow up with.

ME: We also like the music. At that time the church had special music every Sunday and a choir that sang every Sunday. I liked that. It showed a growing and serving church to have people committed to sing in the choir every Sunday and practice every week.

LZ: Talk to me about your involvement, where you've been and how you've grown.

ME: We were in a Sunday School class and attended church every Sunday. Eventually I joined the choir. At one point I taught Junior High Sunday School and also served on the governance board.

Ray: I started running the sound system and making upgrades. In the old sanctuary I replaced the mixer and ran a line from the front to the back so the choir director could step on a button and a little light would cue me to start the sound track. They also liked how I put in a reverb unit that could make the choir sound like they were in a big cathedral. Those were the old days of digital effects.

ME: We moved to the new sanctuary and lost our little button! I've had to turn around and do a little wave to have the music started.

Ray: After I made the upgrades here I started my own little business of upgrading church audio and video systems. I've done about 20 churches in the Greenville, Conneaut Lake, Transfer, Mercer, Sheakleyville, Meadville (Alliance Church) areas, plus at Thiel College's Passavant Center. A former GAC pastor moved to Pittsburgh and called me to upgrade his new church's sound system. I had to overcome my fear of heights!

Recently I did video work at Hillside Presbyterian in Greenville and climbed up into the old belfry. The old bell is still

there. The church members hadn't seen it, so I took a picture for them. I rang the bell too--it was really loud!

ME: I eventually began playing electronic woodwind with the first service. Ray played guitar or bass for second service. We've been on worship teams for 10-15 years.

ME: When we started coming here we had an organ and an organist and a piano and pianist. The pianist accompanied the choir. Then the choir started using recorded music. When we moved to the new sanctuary we added drums and bass guitar and added more guitars when we created two services. When we started here the pastor led the hymns, now of course the worship leaders do.

LZ: How did you (Mary Ella) become worship director?

ME: I went to Westminster College and studied music as an oboe major. Then I became assistant band director at Greenville H. S. and enjoyed it. I was directing the choir here. The church was just to the point where we needed somebody to organize and lead who could work with both styles of music. I've been worship leader for 3 years.

LZ: Any words of encouragement for the church?

ME: Come to church looking to focus on God, serving and glorifying Him. Be open to having the Holy Spirit lead and accept change even as Pastor Nathan said in his sermon, "Be teachable." There's no way you'll know everything.

Ray: I think for the church to move forward you can't live in the past. Be open to becoming more dynamic.

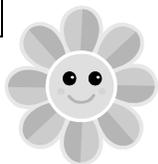
LZ: Where do you see God leading?

ME: We want to find a home church, get involved and see where he leads us. Hopefully I can still be involved with Freedom In Christ.

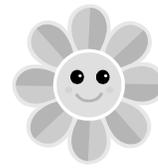
Ray: I'd like to find a church where I can be involved with stuff. That's where you get to make new friends.



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Greenville Alliance Women & Mission Emphasis Weekend



'Greenville's Alliance Women' Schedule for February, 2017

There will be NO Prayer time on Tuesdays during February.
There will be NO Monthly GAW meeting in February.



MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEKEND

At Greenville Alliance Church

Saturday, February 11 — Sunday, February 12

With International Worker - Naomi Ord, Italy

Saturday, February 11 Noon—"Getting to Know Our International Worker" Gather for a meal in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. We can enjoy this time of learning about Naomi.

Sunday, February 12 8:00 and 10:30 am—Our International Worker, Naomi Ord will be speaking in both morning worship services and Children's Sunday School at 9:20 am.

11:30 am—Potluck Meal after the second service. Everyone is invited to join together in the Alliance Life Center for a meal with our IW and the rest of the church family and guests. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share, Italian if you would like.

Some information on our International Worker..

Naomi and her husband Doug were privileged to serve the Lord in Colombia, South America for 32 years in church planting and discipleship. The last four years they have been mentoring pastors and leaders of the developing national church in Italy.



As the Christian and Missionary Alliance family looks back at 137 years of 'living the call together' around the world, we marvel at what God has done in and through us.

- In 1884, He led us to the Congo. Today, there are more than 2 million Alliance Christians in sub-Saharan Africa.
- In 1890, He called us to Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Today the Alliance continues to spread throughout the Middle East and Central Asia.
- Seven years later, He led us to Argentina, Chile and Ecuador, where today the number of Alliance churches continues to grow in South America and Central America.
- In 1902, the Alliance set sail for the Philippines. Today, there are 3,000 Alliance churches, with new ones being planted almost weekly.
- In 1911, we entered Vietnam. Today there are more than 1 million Alliance Christians worshipping their Savior in that country.

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Missions Corner...*Love, God's Gift*

I Corinthians 13 -- A Christmas Version

By an unknown Author

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Loves stops the cooking to hug the child.
Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.
Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

The above message is copied from the December, 2016 newsletter but is very appropriate for February's Valentine's Day. Alice Myers submits this monthly article and we pray she will soon be back to good health and able to send some new Missions Corner articles.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY - FEBRUARY

1. Alaina Gregory
Lynn Gruber
Grace Snyder
4. Trish McCandless
5. Patricia Johnston
7. Bryan Mohr
Dan Richardson
Darrin Rickert
8. Marilyn Clark
Sandi Mowry
Emily Rowley
9. Maria Galus
11. Brenda Raney
14. Elise Rickert
16. Abbigail Miller
17. Denny Sulick
18. Erma Clark
Daryl Gregory
Penny Shepard
20. Joe Andrusky
25. Tyson Hawkins
26. Cole Hatton
27. Emma Park
28. Morgan Krall
Donn Townsend



Groundhog Day



Presidents Day



ANNIVERSARY - FEBRUARY

2. Dave and Alice Myers
5. Dick and Nancy Stanley
14. Fred and Janice Williams



IN LOVING MEMORY

Our newsletter this month is dedicated in memory of Marilyn Melvin who so tirelessly gave of herself to keep NEWS FROM THE PEWS coming into your home monthly. She was loved and is missed dearly. We shared her with the Lord on February 25, 2014. She is now one of God's special angels.

BIRTHDAY - MARCH

2. Alex Winklevoss
3. Sue Rinella
6. Patti Lewandowski
8. Rob Douglas
Gail Loucks
Renee Stuyvesant
10. Laina Banic
Jerry Harpst
Sheryl Miller
Jessica Phillips
11. Carl Long
Brooke Williams
12. Tricia Gregory
13. Maxine Clark
14. Chris Banic
Dawn Boyles
15. Elaine Aversa
Dillon Babcock
17. Liz Bolster
Noah Reckhart
Seth Toy
19. Jim Blair
Marian Johns
20. Joe Douglas
24. Louise Anthony
25. Pete Spaulding
27. Thomas Parker
Babs Williams
28. Danielle Babcock
Jake Scheib
29. Madison Mallek
Darcie Williams
30. Ray Hammond
Wanda Slater
31. Matt Williams



ANNIVERSARY - MARCH

20. Pete and Debbie Spaulding
28. Bob and Sherrill Callahan

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We express our deepest sympathy to Norm Durney and Marie Julian and the Durney family for their loved one **SHIRLEY DURNEY** passed into the presence of her Lord December 10.

We give our sympathy to JoAnn Dietrich and her family as her youngest brother, **RICHARD MCENTIRE**, passed away December 13.

We give our sympathy to Fred Williams as his brother **MERLIN** passed away December 31.

We express our sympathy to Jane Brocious as her sister, **RUTH HARMAN**, passed away January 4.

We give our deepest sympathy to Matt Williams and his family as his grandfather **LLOYD HARTER, JR.** passed away January 10.

We give our sympathy to Grace Augustson and her family as her brother **JAMES BUNNEY** passed away January 17.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you for your concerns during my surgeries and recovery. Thank you for all the many cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, many meals and all the many prayers. I thank the Lord for each one of you. You truly are a blessing. Thank you also for all the sympathy cards sent to us after my brother passed. The flowers sent from the church were beautiful. Thanks again. Love in Christ, JoAnn Dietrich



THANKS—Dear GAC Church Family, Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and prayers. The cards, letters and prayers have meant so much to us during these past weeks. We appreciate your continued prayer support. Together We Serve Him. Alice and Dave Myers

PLEASE PASS OUR THANKS on to the church family for the Christmas love offering. What a nice surprise! We truly appreciate you all. Miss you! Mary Ella and Ray

THANKS - To Our Church Family, Thank you to everyone who sent cards and for the beautiful arrangement from our church. Ernie & Erma Clark

THANKS—We would like to say thank you to our wonderful church family. Your love and support throughout the years has been such a blessing. It is always difficult to make changes but we know that God will continue to use us here in Terre Haute and He will most certainly continue to do great things at GAC. Thank you all for the wonderful 'farewell' after our Christmas program. You are all so special to us. Also, a huge thank you to all who came out on a messy and snowy day to help us load that crazy big truck. We could not have done it without all of your help! Love and hugs, Ray and Mary Ella It's all good!!



I THANK THE CHURCH FAMILY for their prayers and support. In Christ, Joe Andrusky

SILENT BLESSINGS, Thank you for my beautiful flowers. They made my day. It was very thoughtful of you. Sincerely, Shirley Brown

THANK YOU for the lovely flower arrangement. The bright red flowers add to the holiday décor. They are really appreciated. Sincerely, Elsie Scofield

THANK YOU so very much for the beautiful vase of flowers. Your prayers have brought much comfort. Love, Cheryl McEntire and JoAnn & Ken Dietrich

THANK YOU for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and your offering of love. The Family of Shirley Durney—Norm, Janet and Bonnie

DEAR FRIENDS OF GREENVILLE C&MA, Thank you for giving to our work fund. This allows us to be a blessing to many. We have several events this week; the prison, the deaf school and with widows. We are thankful to serve here. May the Lord Jesus bless each day of the New Year!

Serving together, Andrew and Esther Schaeffer

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J.O.Y. Fellowship



Guests will be treated to an Italian meal but you can bring some extras. Sign-up in the narthex to bring either a salad or dessert to share.

Bob and Joan Galasso will be our guest speakers and will share with us during the program.

Of course, the candy guessing game will be back.

Bring a guest or 2!

Questions can be directed to Pastor Jerry or Lois Hunter.

	Mark Callander Kitty Fenton Rollie Fenton Faith Noelle Gibson Levi Gill Ray Hammond Sandy Hammond Ryan Hart Fran Lazzar Colton Thomas Ligo	Carl Long Betty Marsh Chuck McGonagle Judy Mischick Alice Myers Scott Shaffer Phyllis Smith Dick Stanley Twila White Clark Wilson	Gloria Bardella Norma Beckdol Jim Blair Shirley Brown Donna Crawford Mable Heffer Alice King Jane King 
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More Prayer Concerns, Notes of Thanks and Church Family News



SPECIAL THANKS—A big thank you to all of you who helped in any way to make OCC a big success. We reached our goal of 300 boxes. That is fantastic. Praise the Lord that 300 boys and girls will be touched by God’s love this coming year. Also a big thank you to Pilot House for doing a concert to help raise money for extra postage for the boxes. They raised over \$800. What a tremendous help that will be to get the boxes where they need to go. With other donations added to this we have a final total of \$1,307.57 for postage. God has surely blessed our church. Linda, Jean and their crew were able to box up 1092 boxes from the relay site with GAC contributing 300 of them. A thought to remember about the boxes, “What goes in a box is fun, but what comes out is eternal.” Thank you — In His Service, Linda Rhoades, Jean Sernik and Kitty Fenton.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER would like to thank everyone that has supported us by praying, donating or coming to our fundraisers. Because of your giving generously, we saw God work at the Marriage Encounter weekend. Thanks again-GAC Marriage Encounter Alumni

THANKS — I just wanted to say thank you to the entire church for their love and support! It’s so warming to my heart! Thank you so much for the care packages that you guys send out! You are all blessings in my life and I couldn’t have done it without your encouragement! Thank you so much!

Love, Isabella Mariacher

DEAR GREENVILLE ALLIANCE CHURCH, Thank you so much for the Christmas care package. I appreciate it so much! The cookies were so good! It was a very welcomed snack as I’m preparing for finals. I’m so thankful for such a wonderful church family.

Thanks again, Rachael Harnett

THANKS—“**SISTERS IN CHRIST**”...Thanks for the lovely vase of flowers. As precious a thought as you all.

Love and Blessings, Sandy and Ray

SISTERS IN CHRIST, What a joy it was to receive the flower arrangement you sent. It made my day. Thank you very much—it means a lot to me. May God bless you all in what you do.
Sincerely, Twila White

THANK YOU for the lovely flower arrangement. It brightens my dining room. I’m grateful for my church family.
Jane Brocious

THANK YOU for the prayers, cards and visits for Emma Powell while at Hamot and St. Paul’s. Thank you for the lovely flowers.
Brenda Raney and her mom

THANKS—Thank you to the church family for your thoughts, prayers and the cards I have received. It has been a blessing and encouragement.
Sincerely, Lois Hunter

TO THE SILENT BLESSINGS.. The flowers you sent us were beautiful and we feel very blessed to have received them as they made our day. What a blessing it is to be part of the Greenville Alliance Church Family.

Dave and Alice Myers

THANKS TO THE SILENT BLESSINGS for the beautiful floral arrangement and cup with my favorite bird (cardinal). A real blessing on a snowy day. Louise Anthony

SILENT BLESSINGS, The lovely flower arrangement was thoughtful and is very much appreciated. It was a nice surprise.
Aleen Danner



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Church Ministries

The Good Shepherd request for **FEBRUARY IS CANNED FRUIT**. Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container in the coat room



Good Shepherd Needs

by **FEBRUARY 19**. We should all try to participate as this is a ministry of our church to those who need a helping hand.

Remember the local SALVATION ARMY donations. Suggested items are rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, gravy, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce or boxed dinners. Please put any donations for the Salvation Army in the coat closet at the top of the stairs off of the lobby. Contact Esther Loucks.



THE DEACONESS MINISTRY is available to help our growing church family.

If you are in need or know of someone within the church family who is need of care in the month of February, please contact **Terri Iliev @ 724-456-3768**. These members of the body are ready to serve when needed.

FLAG CARRIERS NEEDED

Men, Women, Children — anyone who would be available to carry a flag in our Parade of Nations on Sunday February 12, please sign up in the lobby. We will need approximately 40 volunteers for each service. Please meet in the "1 Timothy" space in Area 4Twelve at the bottom of the steps (newer basement) by 7:50 am and/or 10:20 am that Sunday. If you can carry a flag in both services, please sign up for both times.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EVENT

Join us for an authentic Italian Dinner on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 6:00 PM** in the Alliance Life Center. Guest Speakers will be Bob & Joan Galasso along with Marriage Encounter Alumni Testimonies.

Cost: Donations Only

Make your reservation in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Join us for a night out!

Get acquainted with the exciting ministry of Marriage Encounter

Contact: Pastor Jerry & Lois Hunter or Brian & Theresa Williams

PRO-LIFE OF MERCER COUNTY FIFTEENTH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 18, 2017

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Park Inn by Radisson

West Middlesex, PA

Ticket Deadline is February 10

Adults: \$15.00—Child-Teen: \$7.00

Contact: Joanne Schell @ roadrunner.com or 330-448-4577
Susan Wallace at susanwallace@hotmail.com or 724-815-5221

Bob Lackey at rlackey@eglolaw.com or 724-342-6835

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Children



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MINISTRY

This is the time of year to look for items on clearance that would be good to put in a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse. It's never too early to start looking for items that you could put in a shoebox next fall...and save some money....or make it possible to fill more than one shoebox.

KINDERCHURCH

KIDMO

KINNECT

The ushers will now assist in ensuring that the kids who are dismissed in the service get to their appropriate classrooms. If you are comfortable having your child walk to kinderchurch, kidmo or kinnect without you, the ushers will take care of getting them to class. You must still pick up your kids at the end of church, as always. The ushers will NOT usher a fussing or crying child or a child who is hesitant to go to programming. We are hoping this allows parents to enjoy more of the service.

Please note change to Kinderchurch and Kidmo age delineation. Effectively immediately, the age range for these two ministries is as follows:

Kinderchurch is for children age 3 through pre-k.

Kidmo is for children who are currently in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

5-year olds (or 6-year olds depending on where birthdays fall) will transition into Kidmo on move-up day in September after the start of Kindergarten.

Any 5-year old who is currently attending Kidmo but has not yet started kindergarten may stay in Kidmo.



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FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.</p> <p><i>1 John 4:7a</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice 8:00 pm-Sr. High Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible Lunch</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>5</p> <p><i>*Fellowship Hall Reserved Afternoon</i></p> <p>4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 5:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups NO Monthly Prayer Time</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>NO Alliance Women Monthly Mtg.</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 pm - Pickle Ball</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2:45 pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Gov. Authority Mtg. 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm Trustee Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible Lunch</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>*Fellowship Hall Reserved Afternoon/ Evening</i></p>	<p><i>Missions Emphasis</i></p> <p>Noon - Brunch with International Worker</p>
<p>12</p> <p><i>Potluck Supper -ALC After Second Service</i></p> <p>4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 5:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups 6:00 pm - Pinterest for the Soul</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NO GAW Prayer Time</p> <hr/> <p>6:45 pm - Men's Small Group 7:00 pm - Pickle Ball</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice 8:00 pm-Sr. High Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 am - J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) guests Bob & Joan Galasso</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>*Fellowship Hall Reserved Evening</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 am - Men's Break- fast Bible Study</p> <hr/> <p>9:30 am-noon - KidZone Derby Workshop</p> <hr/> <p>6:00 pm - Fund-Raising Dinner Marriage Encounter</p>
<p>19</p> <p>4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 5:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups 6:30 pm - Elders Meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NO GAW Prayer Time</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 pm - Pickle Ball</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2:45 pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Gov. Authority Mtg. 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible Lunch</p> <hr/> <p>7:00 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am - Prayer Partner Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>26</p> <p>4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 5:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups 6:00 pm - Pinterest for the Soul</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NO GAW Prayer Time</p> <hr/> <p>6:45 pm - Men's Small Group 7:00 pm - Pickle Ball</p>			<p><i>There is no GAW Tuesday Morning Prayer Time dur- ing the month of February.</i></p> <p><i>No GAW Monthly Meeting.</i></p> 	

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but hav**E** everlasting life.

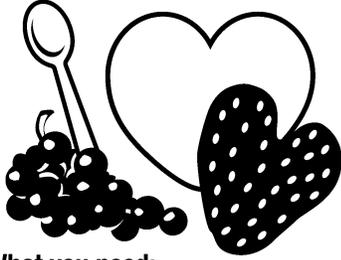


(John 3:16, NKJV)

Memory Verse of the Month: Ps 50:15b. I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you, and you can give me glory. The Living Bible

Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.

(1) You really like ice cream! _____

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____



"Honor _____ and



_____, and _____ your

_____."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

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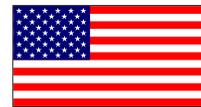
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