

Hey Youth!

We have a few spots reserved at PassportMissions Camp at Mercer University in Macon, GA the week of July 17th-22nd. See Erin to sign up and pay your \$75 deposit. Don't delay!

Plan now to be here on Saturday, February 12th as we host our annual Valentine Banquet. This event is our main fundraising activity, and is always a fun time together! We will work on details for the banquet on Wednesday night, February 9th during our regular meeting time.

Calling all Kids!

We have a few spots reserved at PassportKids camp at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA on June 16th -19th. PassportKids is for children who have completed 3rd grade – 6th grade. See Erin to sign up and pay your \$60 deposit! Don't wait to sign up – we'll want to have plenty of fundraising options!



Join us for our 2011 Valentine Banquet as we whisk you away to a lush garden where dinner by candlelight will remind us all of the beauty and abundance of creation.



February Birthdays

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| 2/3 | Amanda Phillips |
| 2/5 | Matthew Ashworth |
| 2/7 | Delbert Lauten, Jr., Marie Scott |
| 2/8 | Mary Anne Baker |
| 2/10 | Randy Thompson |
| 2/11 | Cheryle Bodenhamer |
| 2/17 | Aaron Reavis |
| 2/20 | Daniel Lauten |
| 2/21 | Brooke Doss |
| 2/22 | Jennie Buckner |
| 2/23 | Jimmy Sczudlo |
| 2/24 | Mike Simmons |
| 2/25 | Bessie Young, Zoe Ward |
| 2/27 | Charlene Dunlap |

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“It All Began In A Garden”

Saturday, February 12th
5:30pm

Menu:
Steak, baked potato, salad,
dessert \$12
Chicken nuggets and chips
(child plate) \$5

Dr. H. Mark Ashworth
Rev. Erin Lysse
Ms. Gayle Lauten
Rev. Mary Daniels
Mrs. Angie Weavil
Mrs. Becky Longworth
Mrs. Teresa Tucker

Pastor
Minister to Families
Minister of Music
Minister of Education
Organist
Pianist
Secretary

Mark's Musings

I want to throw a couple of statistics at you. First of all, I read recently that if Facebook were a country, it would have the third highest population in the world, with 500 million people now using the service. Clearly people have a desire for a certain level of connection with others. But what kind of connection? The second statistic comes from surveys of the American religious scene. Within the past few years, the number of Americans claiming no religious affiliation has increased sharply, from 7 per cent to 17 per cent. The "nones," as they are called, now represent the third largest segment of the population, behind evangelicals at 24 percent and Catholics at 20 percent.

How do we respond to a reality where people seem to want to be connected to other people, but don't want to be connected to the church? Answers don't come easily. But in this month of Valentine's Day, maybe we start with those familiar words Jesus quoted from Leviticus: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love isn't about possessing the other or seeing the other as a potential asset (a name on the roll, a dollar in the offering plate). Love asks how we can reach out in God's name to be good neighbors, offering a hand when it is needed, but mostly offering friendship and respect and trusting God's Spirit to be at work.

Grace and peace,
Mark



Our monthly Food Drive will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Food Lion parking lot of Union Cross Station. Thank you for helping us help those who are in need.



Senior Moments Highlights

We will be having a Pizza Party on Thursday, February 24th, at 11:00 am. So be sure and join us for a fun time of fellowship.

Nursery Schedule

February 2, 2011 (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
February 6, 2011 (Sun)	Kathy Idol AM
	Alice Striplin PM
February 9, 2011 (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
February 13, 2011 (Sun)	Kathy Horton AM
	Edna Bond PM
February 16, 2011 (Wed)	Peggy Beaver PM
February 20, 2011 (Sun)	Julie Striplin AM
	Jean Foster PM
February 23, 2011 (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
February 27, 2011 (Sun)	Clint & Mattie McCann AM
	Kathryn Ashworth PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

February 6 (Children's)	Rob & Jennifer Brantley
February 6, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
February 13, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Randy Honeycutt
February 13, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
February 20 (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
February 20, (Wee)	Amanda Farmer
February 27, (Children's)	Delese Venable & Sylvia Phillips
February 27, (Wee)	Tina Church

Financial Summary

	January 2, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 6,235.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 255.00
Total Offering		\$ 6,490.00
	January 9, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,734.76
Designated Gifts		\$ 316.00
Total Offering		\$ 3,050.76
	January 16, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,668.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 850.86
Total Offering		\$ 4,518.86
	January 23, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,134.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 14.12
Total Offering		\$ 3,148.12

General Fund

December General Fund Receipts	\$ 17,213.00
December General Fund Expenses	- \$ 19,021.28
December General Fund Net	- \$ 1,808.28
December Fund Balance	- \$ 25,305.53



At our January meeting Rae gave a report of all the clothing and other personal care items that had been given to our "adopted" Glenn High senior girl with the donations collected at our December meeting. We plan to continue assisting this young lady with senior year expenses as the need arises. Cookies (& other food items) for Hospice were taken to both Hospice locations. We also delivered several health kits for the family members who find themselves in need of toiletry items while staying with their loved one. Our next "Cookies for Hospice" Sunday will be **February 6**.

Health kits were also dropped off at the UC Fire Department to assist families in their time of loss due to a house fire. By the way, with all the donations last fall, we had a total of 41 health kits ready for disbursement.

During January we were busy collecting bed and kitchen linens for a cottage at the Children's Home in Thomasville. The two collection baskets were filled and we sincerely thank each and every one who participated. We know your donation will go a long way at the Home.

Mike Simmons told us about an opportunity to serve at the soup kitchen in WS and we hope to have several from our church making this happen.

Nancy reported that she estimates somewhere between 200 and 300 pillows for the patients in the Cone Hospital Cardiac Surgical Unit have been completed. AWESOME!!! What a blessing to have dedicated ladies in our midst to continue with this ministry.

As the ladies discovered by completing the puzzle presented to them at our last meeting, our motto established in 1998 remains steadfast even today—**UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**



New Snow Cancellation Policy

If the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools cancel or close early on a Wednesday, the Church will also cancel all activities for that day.