

Hey Youth!



We have a few spots reserved at Passport Missions summer camp in Macon, GA for the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on this great experience for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! See Erin to sign up and pay your \$75 deposit.

Mark your calendar! Saturday night, February 11<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Valentine's Banquet Fundraiser. Plan now to be here in the afternoon that day to make preparations!

Calling all Kids!



We have reserved a few spots at PassportKids camp in Lynchburg, VA for June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in this fun time of games, Bible study, worship, and meeting new friends. See Erin to sign up and pay your \$60 deposit.

## February Birthdays

- Amanda Phillips
- Matthew Ashworth
- Donald Farrow, Tammy Royster
- Delbert Lauten, Jr., Marie Scott
- Mary Anne Baker
- Randy Thompson
- Cheryle Bodenhamer
- Aaron Reavis
- Daniel Lauten
- Brooke Doss
- Jennie Buckner
- Jimmy Sczudlo
- Mike Simmons
- Bessie Young, Zoe Ward
- Charlene Dunlap

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**Valentine  
Banquet**  
*February 11<sup>th</sup>,*  
**@ 5:30 pm.**



**Steak Dinner \$12**  
**Chicken Nugget Dinner \$5**

**Join us for a steak dinner in 'A Japanese Garden' as we celebrate our annual youth group fundraiser. This year's theme will take us to a place of peace and tranquility. And, we may even learn something new!**

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

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



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## Mark's Musings

As I look ahead at the calendar for February, two dates catch my eye. One is Valentine's Day. The other is Ash Wednesday. We'll recognize both of them in what seems the appropriate way, with a lovely Valentine's Banquet and with worship and reflection on Ash Wednesday. But what gets me thinking is simply the contrast between the two days, barely a week apart. On one day we think of love and happiness. On the other we reflect on our own mortality and our need for confession.

But maybe contrast isn't the right word at all. Because both days remind us of the truth that we need others. We need other people in our lives. We need to love and be loved, though whether that has to be in a romantic relationship is another matter entirely. But we're not made to simply be Lone Rangers. The grace of other people in our lives is a gift from God. And it is God's grace that we ultimately cannot live without. We are indeed mortal. We aren't God. That job is already filled. We are limited, finite creatures. And as Ash Wednesday reminds us, we are good at messing things up. But we also know that the one who knows us the best loves us the most. And that is good news for us all.

Grace and peace,  
Mark

**MEDICAL MISSION SUPPLIES UPDATE** – Our supply has been moved to the choir room closet in the Adult Educational Building which will make access much easier. These items are available for loan to any church member or their family, or for a close friend or neighbor of a church member at absolutely no cost. There are only two stipulations—complete the sign out sheet when the item is borrowed and then sign it back in when it is returned; and it is the intent that at least one of the wheelchairs remain at the church at all times for “on ground” emergencies.

Following is a sampling in our supply:

walkers, shower seats, raised toilet seats, IV pole, shoe pull extension, reach extender, bath tub pull,  
sheepskin pads, shampoo basin for bed, canes, adult crutches, child's crutches, visual aid reader,  
bedside toilets & a sitz bath

Also, to make sure we have properly inventoried our current supply, if you have one of the items, would you please contact Jane Sutphin so that it may be included in the inventory.

Additionally, please remember the WOM also have handmade heart pillows, walker carriers and turbans available also at no cost should the need arise.

## Nursery Schedule

February 1, (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
February 5, (Sun)	Kathy Idol AM
	Nancy Clodfelter PM
February 8, (Wed)	Jean Foster PM
February 12, (Sun)	Kathy Horton AM
	Alice Striplin PM
February 15, (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
February 19, (Sun)	Clint & Mattie McCann AM
	Kathryn Ashworth PM
February 22, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
February 26, (Sun)	Alice Striplin AM
	Brenda Grose PM
February 29, (Wed)	Jean Foster PM

## Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

February 5, (Children's)	Julie Striplin & Dale Lakey
February 5, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
February 12, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Randy Honeycutt
February 12, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
February 19, (Children's)	Carole Blakley & Erin Lysse
February 19, (Wee)	Sharon Thompson
February 26, (Children's)	Sylvia Phillips & Delese Venable
February 26, (Wee)	Tina Church

## Financial Summary

	January 1, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,857.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 534.20
Total Offering		\$ 4,391.20
	January 8, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,719.84
Designated Gifts		\$ 215.00
Total Offering		\$ 3,934.84
	January 15, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,677.50
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,328.74
Total Offering		\$ 6,006.24
	January 22, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,436.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 59.05
Total Offering		\$ 2,495.05

### General Fund

December General Fund Receipts	\$ 18,690.84
December General Fund Expenses	- \$ 23,822.27
December General Fund Net	- \$ 5,131.43
December Fund Balance	- \$ 23,654.38



The Hospice cookie donations (along with other staple items) were delivered to both locations on January 2. Our next “**Hospice Sunday**” will be **February 5**.

For your information, through the **Baptist Toy Store**, 1,467 children received gifts this year which represented over 400 families. There were also 14 professions of faith and 11 rededications made during the dispensing of the toys. We are proud that our church assisted with this endeavor by purchasing toys and also of the members who worked at the toy store.

Heart pillows have continued to be donated to Cone Hospital and Nancy continues to sew tiny outfits for Newborns in Need. Our “Inward Missions” resumed by preparing and delivering a meal to a family within our church. The WOM is here to assist in any way possible so if you are made aware of a need within our church or community, please let us know.

The soup, salad and baked potato meal sponsored by WOM in December was so very well received that **the WOM will again sponsor another soup and salad supper as our monthly family night supper on February 1**. Everyone is encouraged to bring either homemade soup, salad & toppings, crackers or cornbread by 6:15 for another time of fellowship. This change of menu from our standard Family Night meal is planned as a tribute to Baptist Women's Day which will follow later in the month and also due to the absence of our wonderful head cook, Edna Bond.

Each of our WOM ladies has been busy in January preparing centerpieces for the February 1 supper to represent some of our 22 projects from the past year. Please take time to appreciate the love and consideration gone into each one and the many lives touched by every representation.

Our mission group is small but our hearts and desire to help others is tremendous as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE**.

### Senior Moments Highlight

We will be having a luncheon on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 am. So bring a covered dish and join us for a fun time of fellowship.

### Food Drive

The Youth Group has volunteered to manage the February Food Drive at the Union Cross Food Lion. The Youth will be at the shopping center collecting food for Crisis Control on **Saturday Feb 4 from 10AM until 1PM**.