

## Happy Birthday!

- 1 Jerry Brothers
- 13 Will Ploehn
- 13 Beth Winstead
- 14 Margie Cannon
- 17 Kara Chipiwalt
- 17 Laurie Lietz
- 21 Jane Archer

## Happy Anniversary!

- 3 Jerry & Evelyn Brothers
- 20 Pete & Judy Perry

## Wednesday Night Supper Menu

- 6 BBQ Chicken
- 13 Grilled Pork Chops
- 20 Hamburger Steak  
With Gravy
- 27 Baked Ham

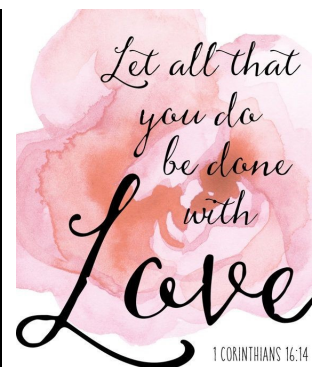


Don't forget to contribute to the Belvoir Ministry Fund throughout the year. We will use the money each December to buy books for the Belvoir children.

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## Golden Age Fellowship Tuesday, February 5th at 12:00 PM

Rudy Alexander will be presenting a travel program on Tuesday, February 5th, at 1:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM. Soup and sandwiches will be furnished. Phyllis Joyner will be preparing the soup and she makes the best in town. We ask attendees to bring desserts. Come and enjoy the program and fellowship!

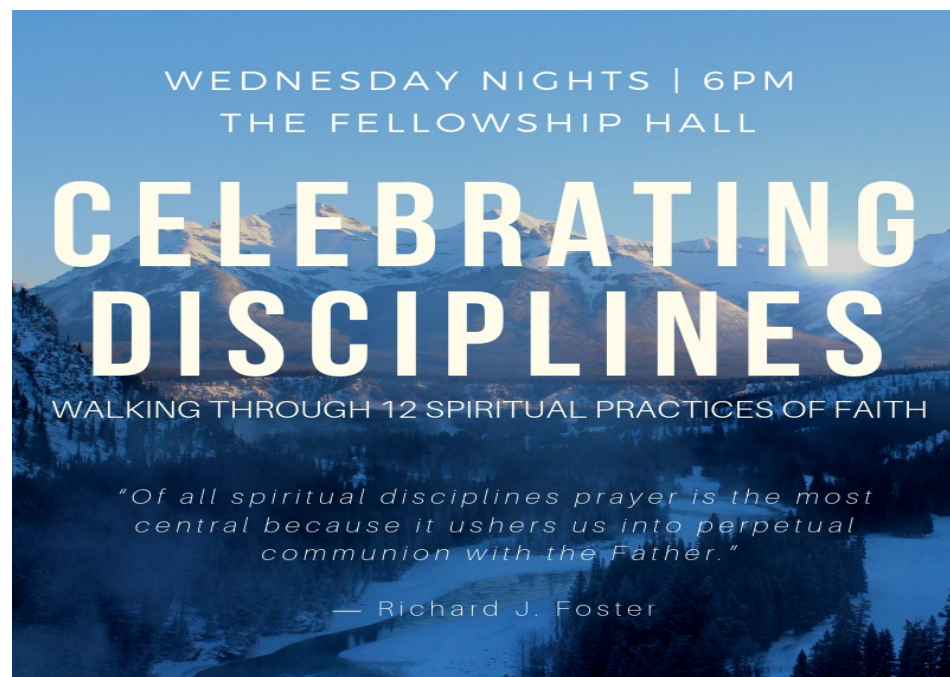


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## A Word From Our Pastor



"Love Is More Than Words"

*"Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others." – Jesus*

These words taken from the gospel of John are a powerful reminder to us all of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Often in our society, the meaning of "becoming a Christian" has been deconstructed into a one-time faith decision, with the hopes of securing a place in heaven after death. However, this is not the type of faith that Jesus describes here in this phrase. Faith in Christ was never intended to be a passive decision. Being a follower of Christ signifies an unending, active, and participatory response by the believer.

Jesus is telling us that everyone will know that Christ is within you only when you first love others. In other words, to be called a disciple of Christ, it must be seen in our actions and not just heard by our words. The change of our heart and soul that occurred when we first accepted Christ (justification) should be known through our active love for others.

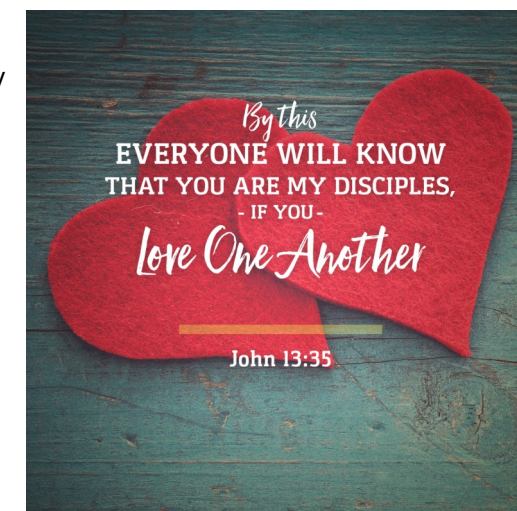
If we are not loving the world around us as a Christ follower, it is much like a person who receives a great inheritance, but fails to share this great reward with those around them before they die.

In the early church, those who became followers of Jesus were called "followers of the Way." These early Christians were convinced that the way they lived out their faith would impact the world around them. If the good news of Jesus was going to be spread around the world, as they were commanded to do, they knew it started with them. Jesus fully exemplified this type of love through his own sacrifice for humanity on a cross, as he revealed to the world that he truly was the way, the truth, and the life.

This February, as the celebration of "the month of love" is in the air, I hope we can be a people who illustrate Christ's love to everyone we meet. Love is more than words is not just a popular song lyric from the 90's. It is a way, as followers of Christ, to demonstrate the transformational way of Jesus into a world who so desperately needs it. This type of love is without condition. This means loving your neighbor Who doesn't look like you, loving the poor, and even loving the person who may have wronged you. So, this season I pray that we may reveal Christ in all we do and choose to simply love better.

Grace and Peace,

Asher



A Word From The Korean Mission Church

In the past newsletter I talked about Abraham's faith. I want to talk about his faith once more.

God tests Abraham through one of the most challenging tests in Scripture. He asks Abraham to sacrifice his son. This is an act that, regardless of how hard you try, you simply can not do. The only way you can pass such a test is not by courage from within, but by a certain confidence you have in the One who is testing you.

The reason Abraham was able to pass the most difficult test in Scripture was not because he was a man of such great courage, but because he believed that God was good and that “God could even raise the dead” in order to bring Issac back to him.

We have to trust God. We may have focused our efforts on trying to improve our trust, but we need to focus on knowing the character of God.

I hope that all our spiritual families open your spiritual eyes and see only God with eye of faith in the New Year.

Dr. David Nam

Women’s Ministry

This month we celebrate Valentine’s Day by sharing God’s love as well as the romantic love that is usually celebrated on this special day. God’s love is always all around us, but it’s especially important to share it on Valentine’s Day. In what tangible ways can we share God’s love with others around us?

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.”-Hebrews 10:24

Dates to remember: Women’s Monthly Meeting and Brunch Dates: February 16, 2019  
March 16, 2019

All meetings will start at 10:00 AM and be held at Phil Joyner’s house unless otherwise notified.



Our 2018 Missions Highlights

- In 2018 the Missions Council donated \$3,991.80 plus about \$5,000 for Belvoir BackPack Program=Total of \$8,991.80 to local and state ministry/missions. ALL of this money came from the Parking Lot ministry. Not only was money donated members of this congregation were active participants in the ministries/missions listed below. Jesus made it clear that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger and care for the least of these we are honoring and showing our love for him.
- CBF Refugee ministry in Raleigh-Work of Marc & Kim Wyatt (Saturday work day)
  - ECU Make a Difference-Greenville (Saturday work day for Building Hope)
  - LINKS-Ministry for youth phasing out of Foster Care in Pitt County (Ministry of our church)
  - Caperanaum-For Special Needs population in Pitt County (Ministry of our Church)
  - Weekly Community Building Suppers (Ministry of our church)
  - CBF Together for Hope-Poverty ministry (Day visit to learn/see work of LaCount & Anna Anderson)
  - International Student Ministry-Weekly transportation for grocery shopping and day trips to shopping/sightseeing outside of Greenville and welcome dinner (Ministry of our church)
  - Belvoir BackPack ministry of our church (Weekly)
  - Transportation to ECU dental clinic for homeless
  - Angel Tree-Members bought Christmas for 40 children identified to be in need by the Salvation Army
  - Kennedy Home-Members donated household supplies to Kennedy Home that received major damages from Hurricane Florence
  - Parking Lot ministry-Ministry of our church that raises monies for our ministry/mission

Meetings & Events

- Tuesday, February 5th**
- GAF Lunch & Travel Program, Fellowship Hall, 12:00 PM
- Saturday, February 9th**
- Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM
- Tuesday, February 12th**
- Lena Jackson SS Class Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30 AM
  - LINKS, Fellowship Hall, 5:00-7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 14th**
- Beyond Capernaum, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM
- Saturday, February 16th**
- Women's Ministry Brunch, Phil's Home, 10:00 AM
- Sunday, February 17th**
- Deacons' Meeting, Room 215, 5:00 PM
- Thursday, February 21st**
- Beyond Capernaum, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM
- Monday, February 25th**
- College/Career Free Food Monday, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM
- Thursday, February 28th**
- Beyond Capernaum, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM

Tithes & Offerings (2018)

December 30	\$	23,660.01
Needed Weekly	\$	6,240.38
Offering Given YTD	\$	308,580.44
Budget Required YTD	\$	324,500.00
Amount Under	\$	15,919.56

Tithes & Offerings  
January 6, 2019-January 20, 2019

January 6	\$	5,402.00
January 13	\$	3,938.00
January 20	\$	2,503.00

Needed Weekly	\$	5,923.08
Offering Given YTD	\$	11,843.00
Budget Required YTD	\$	17,769.23
Amount Under	\$	5,926.23

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Covenant

Irby Jackson SS Class  
Tom Chambliss & Jim Harris

Homebound Member

Daylon Boseman  
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Prayer Concerns

**Jerry Brothers**—Prayers for back and heart, loss of brother  
**Carrie Joyner**—Loss of her sister, Christine Turner  
**Barbara Pruden**—Recovering from knee replacement surgery  
**Gerry Goudreau**—Donna Hrinchuck’s Aunt—Hospitalized with severe pneumonia  
**Hong Yuexian & Her Family**—Prayers and support  
**Don Lee**—Heart complications  
**Lenny Foster**—Possible candidate for Duke Hospital eye treatment  
**Barry Tyndall**—At Wake Med with cellulitis. His parents are Pat & Linda Tyndall  
**Al Joyner’s Aunt**—Tumor is growing back  
**Rusti Rayburn**—Raychel’s Friend—Moving to Kansas while husband being deployed  
**Linwood Walters**—Rehab in Gainesville, FL  
**Gene McCreary**—Prayers and support.  
**Scott Dance’s Brother**—Prayers while in rehab  
**Francis Harris**—Prayers for health and strength  
**Ken Raper**—Recovering at home  
**Dean Nunn**—Tom Chambliss' Friend—Brain tumor  
**Louis Gross**—Hospice for prostate and bladder cancer  
**Jack Panton**—Continued prayers  
**Jack Myers**—Recovering from broken left arm  
**Kenjo Fujii**—Prayers and support for his parents  
**Jimmy Blaylock**—Steve Tomlinson’s Cousin—ALS  
**Grace Ann Peoples**—Prayers and support  
**Cpt. John Sikes** (Salvation Army)—In Greensboro rehab  
**Marie Williams**—Prayers and support  
**Hrinchuck Family**—Donna’s Father—Prayers

Attendance

Date	Sunday School	Worship
December 30	54	61
January 6	77	98
January 13	60	80
January 20	77	107