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called to love

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37 - 39

These words of Jesus are the focal verses for this year's WOM Day, *Called to Love*. The women have planned an exciting worship for us on **February 8** - you don't want to miss it! Karen Sneed—Founder, Vice-President, and Executive Director of All Jesus Ministries; author; Bible study teacher and mother of five—will bring the message. Talk about someone called to love!

The Women on Mission (WOM) night group will carry out their "call to love" on Monday, February 9 when they share a Valentine Service with the residents at Senior Citizens Village. This is a great opportunity to show our love to our neighbors.

If you are interested in being a part of the women's ministry at Westfield, we hope you'll participate in the worship service on February 8—the choir will meet at 10:10 a.m. in the sanctuary—and on Monday night following at Senior Citizens Village at 7 p.m. No experience required, other than a heart that is called to love!



The Westfield Book Club had a great inaugural meeting discussing *The Shack* by William P. Young. We shared how our faith was challenged; our stereotypes, reshaped; and realized the need for strengthening our relationship with God and others. Although fictional, this story held truths about God's character, His will for our lives, humanity and forgiveness. If you haven't read this book, we all recommend it! It's not too late to join our group. If you'd like to purchase the next book, contact Chris Dawson by February 15. The cost of the book is \$12 (plus tax and a small shipping charge). We look forward to sharing how this next book speaks to each of us.

- ✧ **Next meeting**
Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.
- ✧ **Location**
Joe & Jennifer Carr's
- ✧ **Book**
You Were Made for More,
Jim Cymbala

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Vision Statement

To share Christ with all by leading and nurturing through a Ministry of love, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, praise and proclamation of the Gospel; to seek God's guidance as we respond to needs and serve as missionaries to our community and beyond.



Before I begin my article for this month, I want you to know that I do not profess to have all the answers or know all the answers. I'm not an economist, but I know the economy is bad. I'm not a business owner, but I know businesses are laying off good workers at an alarming rate in North Carolina.

from the Pastor's Pen

For these reasons, I would like to share with you what I believe is a word of comfort from our Lord. In Hebrews 13:5-6 (NLT), the author of this book tells us to, "Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never forsake you.' That is why we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper, so I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?'"

In these final words from the author, the message is one of hope, but he also warns the early Christians of the pitfalls in life that could potentially hurt their witness for Christ. The love of money was a major pitfall.

Am I suggesting bad things have happened to decent people because of their love of money? Certainly not. Do I believe people have lost their jobs or homes because they weren't satisfied with what they had? Absolutely not. I'm merely attempting to point our attention to the One who can calm all fears and take away the worries of life that can plague us daily.

However, I do think this nation's love for money has "short-changed" our faith. There are Christians who believe if we have enough money in the bank account then we're going to be alright. I believe that's a false truth and we must be careful not to fall into such a trap. Yes, money is necessary to buy food, gas, keep a roof over our heads, and clothe our families, but money is not our Savior.

The author of Hebrews quotes two Old Testament passages to remind God's children of His promise to never fail them nor forsake them (Deut. 31:6,8) and how the Lord will help his children and they should not fear any trial or tribulation implemented by humanity (Ps. 188:6).

When times are tough, God will embrace us. When times seem hard, God's comfort is abundant. When things are difficult, God promises an easy yoke. I'm not suggesting that life is easy. On the contrary, life can be cruel sometimes. Life can play tricks on our minds and weigh heavy on our faith. In those times remember the words in Hebrews that God will never fail us, and because we're one of His, we have nothing to fear.

May our love for God and each other carry us through the rough spots of life so when we emerge on the other side of the refiner's fire, God will look at us and say, "Well done you good and faithful servant." I pray God's watch care over each and every one of us as we travel the days ahead, and remember – God will never abandon us.

Love in Christ,

Chris

THIS MONTH USHERS

- Ronnie Autry
- Sylvia Campbell
- Joe Carr
- Michael Murphy
- Cierra Smith
- Pam Wiles

Deacon of the Week

- Feb. 1 Nonie Roberson, 892-5087
- Feb. 8 Joe Carr, 892-0940
- Feb. 15 Lucy Simpson, 892-3620
- Feb. 22 Ed Taylor, 897-8736

CHILDREN'S



Sermon

- February 1
Nina Sumner
- February 8
Melissa Scott
- February 15
Charlie Carpenter
- February 22
Chris Dawson



- Feb. 1 Lawrence & Sylvia Campbell
- Feb. 8 Verona Singleton
- Feb. 15 D & Violet Jackson
- Feb. 22 Frank & Gail Neville



Two dates remain for flowers in 2009—August 2 and September 20. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone for either of these dates, please contact Patti Parham 892-1203.

February 1
Paula Jones

February 8

February 15

February 22
Lu Murphy



Senior Citizens Village Outreach 2009 Schedule

- Feb. 9 Valentine Svc (WOM p.m.), 7 p.m.
- April 9 Easter Svc (WOM a.m.), 10:30 a.m.
- June 23 Devotional Svc (Baptist Men), 7 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Cantata (Choir), 7 p.m.
- Dec. 6 Christmas Store (WOM), 2 p.m.



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- 1 Amy Parham
- 4 Joel Plavec
- 9 Midge Carpenter
- 16 Douglas Godwin
- 16 Payton Harris
- 17 Tyler Carpenter
- 17 Lib McLamb
- 18 Kim Carpenter
- 23 Bayley Dawson
- 26 Katie Jones
- 27 Barbara Harden

Weekly Schedule of Services

- Sunday**
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 - 4:00 p.m. Youth Connection
 - 5:15 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

- Wednesday**
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Time
 - 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study

February 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  Youth Sponsored Food Drive February 1 - 8	2	3  Early Bird VBS Preview at LRBA 7 - 8:30 p.m.	4	5	6 YOUTH CONNECTION Party! Dinner & Wii at the Dawson's 6 - 9 p.m.	7 Evangelism Training Romans Road - LRBA 10 a.m. - 12 noon
8 Women on Mission (WOM) Day  Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9  Valentine Service Sr. Citizens Village 7 p.m.	10 11 12 Heck-Jones Offering for WMU of NC, Week of Prayer and Focus on WMU February 9 - 15			13	14  Valentine's Day
15  BUSINESS MEETING 6:30 p.m.	16  Presidents' Day  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 Pastors' Appreciation Banquet (LRBA WMU) Ron's Barn 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20 21 Youth Impact Weekend	
22 8:15 a.m.  MEN'S BREAKFAST	23	24	25  Ash Wednesday  Visitation Team 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28

Kids Time

Kids

	Tour Guides	Story, Craft/Game, Music	Cooks
Feb. 4	Lawrence, Sylvia, Lucy	Angela, Michelle, Joyce	Jim & Jane
Feb. 11	Pearce, Jimmy, <i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i> , Jane, Joyce	Carolyn H & Violet
Feb. 18	Paula, Gray, Marion	<i>vacant</i> , Carrs, Joyce	Michelle & Nicole
Feb. 25	Brinson, Ed, <i>vacant</i>	Judy, <i>vacant</i> , Joyce	Midge & Nancy
Mar. 4	Lawrence, Sylvia, <i>vacant</i>	Angela, Michelle, Joyce	Joe & Jennifer

Remember to contact Chris C ASAP if you can't work these days!

Thanks Kids Time workers! We had a productive meeting January 7. Continue to be in prayer about the issues we discussed, particularly adding Missions Education to our program. Also be in prayer for additional volunteers to lead the craft/game and Bible Story sessions. We also need adults to serve as back up van drivers on Sundays. Adults able to go through the process of being added to the van insurance policy should contact Chris C. If you can drive, play a game, tell a story, color a picture, or love a child—you can bless children and be a blessing to the world through Kids Time. Let God show you what a difference He can make through you! Plans are underway to reignite a Children's Choir program. Those of you asking for this, be patient - and prayerful - a little longer! We'll also need a couple of choir workers that can commit to helping each Wednesday night (no musical knowledge needed). Contact Chris C or Joyce Ballard for more information.



Our Members at Home

Mary Alice Campbell
 Britthaven of Harnett
 604 Lucas Road
 Room 400

O.W. "Bill" Godwin, Jr.
 1505 Lakeshore Drive, Dunn
 892-7347

Sallie Parham
 Senior Citizens Village
 Room 124

Verona Singleton
 307 West A Street, Erwin
 897-7858



*Congratulations to
Amy Parham & Joel Plavec
 on their engagement*

2009 Record of Our Giving

YTD Budget Requirements	\$ 14,612
YTD General Fund Offerings	\$ 12,668
Difference	(\$1,944)



*With Sympathy to the family of
Mary Dozier*



Change a Life.
Change the World.™

A BIG Thanks

You really came through! We asked for 3,000 Christmas cards and you gave over 9000! We not only gave cards to the prisoners, but to nursing home residents, Meals on Wheels recipients, the Anderson Creek Sr. Center and the Dept. of Aging (who gave to Disabled veterans, the mentally handicapped, and grandparents who are raising grandchildren). Praise the Lord!!

Women on Mission (WOM) Day Sunday, February 8

All women are encouraged to participate in leading worship. We need ushers and choir members!

Youth Connection

Thanks to the Youth Advisory Board, youth and parents who came to our Luncheon on January 25. We had a productive time!

Sundays at 4 p.m. - New Bible Study Series
Making Choices with God's Help
Don't miss out!

February 6
Youth Fellowship (Dinner & Wii) at the Dawson's

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★

Youth Impact Weekend

February 20-22

An Impact Team from Campbell's Campus Ministry will be with us all weekend for youth activities: games, sports/recreation, skits and worship, prizes, Bible study, and leading worship on Sunday morning! Plan to spend Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning together to see what impact God will have on you—and you can have on the world!

Parents - encourage your students to take part
Church family - pray that God will use this time to bless our youth!

Choir Corner

Thanks to the men of the church for their great singing and great attitudes leading us in worship for Baptist Men's Day! Ladies, you've got a tough act to follow! Remember that our WOM Focus Day is February 8 - any ladies interested in joining the choir on that day should meet in the sanctuary at 10:10 a.m. that Sunday. By the way - you don't have to go back to the pew after these special days! New choir members are always welcome to join us - and now is a great time, as we get ready to start on Easter music! (*Choir members have the best seats in the house!*)





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Organist Joyce Ballard

Pianist Brad Gardner



March

- 20 - 21 CBF NC General Assembly, Snyder Memorial - Fayetteville
- 28 Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.
- 29 Youth Luncheon Fundraiser

April

- Baptist Children's Homes Food Round-Up
- 5 Easter Cantata
- 9 Maundy Thursday Service
- 10 Tenebrae Service
- 12 Easter
- 18 Operation Inasmuch
- 25 Westfield Book Club
- You Were Made for More* by Jim Cymbala
- 26 Church Council, 6:30 p.m.