

Preschool Little Bits

Preparations are now underway for the annual Older Preschool Class Valentine Dinner. It's always so much fun to do! The parents and grandparents will be our guests as the children cook lunch. It's their way of saying, "We love you!" Time and place is: Sunday, February 12, in the Fellowship Hall, right after Worship Service. This year's dinner will be extra challenging to have only a few children to cook the entire meal.

It's hard to believe that we are working on our 11th Preschool Worker's Appreciation Dinner. Some workers have been with us since the very first one and we want to make sure we acknowledge their years of service. But we do have a few new ones that haven't been to a dinner before. We always try to emphasize that the invitation goes out to everyone who helps with Preschool in any and every way; teaching, extended session, back-up people, resource people and van drivers who bring them in. Please mark your calendar for Monday, March 5. Our theme is "Color me Preschool." We promise it will be a special evening you won't want to miss.

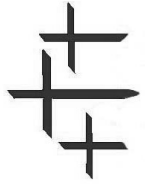
*Miss Brenda & the Preschool Council,
Vicki, Jenny, Myra and Brenda C.*



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The Pastor's Pen

How are you doing with your Radical commitments for the New Year? Many of you have returned your forms. Some of you may be waiting until we complete our study of the book Radical. Either way, I hope you are hearing the Lord speak to you.

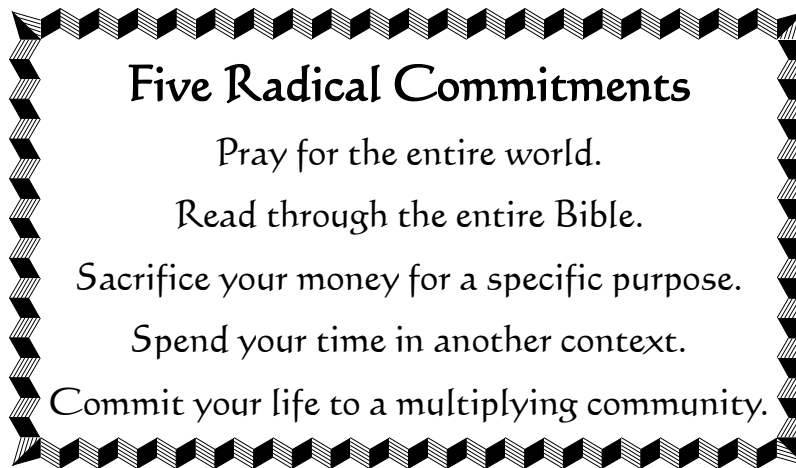
As you explore what it means to live a radical life of faith, let me invite you to join us in a special evening. David Platt writes about the persecuted church and how it must meet in secret. He tells how his church tried an evening of "secret church" where he taught for six hours with no thrills added. The experiment was such a success that he has continued to offer secret church opportunities. Lifeway has joined with Platt to offer a Secret Church Simulcast on Good Friday, April 6, 2012. We plan to participate in this unique opportunity.

The topic for this year's Secret Church is "The Cross and Suffering." Platt will discuss such questions as:

- Why am I suffering?
- Where is God when I suffer?
- How can I suffer well?
- When will my suffering end?
- How can God be good and allow such evil in the world?
- How can God be gracious and ordain such suffering in my life?

The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end around 1:00 a.m. If you want to participate in this experience, sign up by February 26. We must know how many participants we will have to register for the event. The cost will only be \$5 per person to cover the study guide. I hope we will have many who will take advantage of this event. I believe it will enhance your Easter observance this year.

Together in His Service,
Brother Joe



Mark's Madness

With the Speedway in Lights behind us, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to those who sacrificed their Monday Nights for this year. I hope each of you who worked enjoyed the fellowship with each other as much as I did. God has definitely blessed us with this opportunity to serve Him, and has given us this time to fellowship with people we otherwise may not have gotten to know. I am always amazed to see all the new faces each year and the turnout from the teens too. On the last Monday night that we worked, Kevin Berkley, who is the coordinator of Speedway, shared with me that he appreciated how hard that our church worked. In addition, he shared that as long as we wanted to keep being a part of the Speedway in Lights they wanted us to work. All of this can be attributed to all of you who are willing to sacrifice one, two, or all seven Monday nights. This opportunity would not have been possible without all who sacrificed to be there to serve. Again, thank you sincerely.

Parents, just a look at some upcoming activities:

- March 9 -10th Student Conference in Murfreesboro.
- June 11th – 16th Summer Camp at North Greenville University.

Please make sure you mark your calendars.

Running the Race, Mark ~ Hebrews 12:1~3

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Weekly Sunday Schedule:
 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School 11:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship
 4:30 p.m. ~ Calvary Worship Choir Practice
 5:30 p.m. ~ Evening Worship, God's Kids

Weekly Wednesday Schedule:
 6:45 p.m. ~ Youth Re-IgNite
 7:00 p.m. ~ Adults-Calvary Discipleship University,
 Children in Action, Preschool TeamKIDs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday morning van driver: Ron Hodge (291-9193)</p> <p>2/5-Deadline to sign up for M & M Comedy Show in Knoxville (\$31/person)</p>	<p>NOTE: Beginning January 1—March 4 Adult Choir Practice will be 4:30 p.m. Evening Worship will be at 5:30 p.m.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>6:30 Malta Meeting 6:45 Youth Re-IgNite 7:00 C.D.U., CIA 8:00 Church Council</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 M & M Fellowship 9:30 M & M Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:30 Refuge</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:00 C2</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Malta Fundraiser “Souper Bowl Sunday” after Morning Worship Youth Guys/Girls Night Out after Evening Worship</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11 W.M.U.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:45 Youth Re-IgNite 7:00 C.D.U., CIA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 M & M Fellowship 9:30 M & M Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:30 Refuge</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Noon-Older Preschool Valentine Dinner P.M. Business Mtg. 6:30-Deacons Meeting; Middle School SNAC</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 SS Leadership 7:00 C.D.U., CIA, CRAG at Edge Ministries</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 M & M Fellowship 9:30 M & M Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:30 Refuge</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Pledge 2 Purity Viking Hall</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:45 Youth Re-IgNite 7:00 C.D.U., CIA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 M & M Fellowship 9:30 M & M Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:30 Refuge</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 Youth SOS</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Deadline to sign up for Secret Church Simulcast (\$5/person)</p> <p>6:30-High School SNAC</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Music School—Grace Baptist Church 2/27, 2/28, 3/1, 3/2</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:45 Youth Re-IgNite 7:00 C.D.U., CIA</p>	<p>NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month beginning Feb. 21 at 10:00 a.m. This class will be led by Josh Allen and is open to all adult men & women.</p>		

Welcome New Members:

Jackson Humphreys
 Patrick, Donella, and Britni Beasley
 Dwayne, Marsha, Weston, and Kirsten Taylor
 Chris and Jennifer Carter
 Abby Stephenson
 Richard Workman



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 The weekend will be fun filled with lots of surprises...

For more information and to register, visit www.journeycamps.org
 Linda Chinery (423) 360-1380 lchinery@tnbaptist.org

Attention Senior Adults:

Sign up to see the Carl Hurley & Jeannie Robertson Comedy Show in Knoxville, March 6

Cost is \$31/person for the show.
 Sign up deadline is Sunday, February 5.

M & M Bible Study begins Thursday, Feb. 2
 Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study begins at 9:30

Mark Newman will be leading this year's study!
 He will be teaching from the Gospel of Mark.



The following February birthdays & anniversaries were turned in to the church office.

Birthdays

- Buddy Dicken.....2/6
- Jackie Woodward.....2/10
- Bradley Whitson.....2/11
- Jaden Wright.....2/12
- Vickie Hyder.....2/20
- Christy Lowe.....2/20
- Mark Newman.....2/21
- Lucas Penix.....2/22
- Betty Stout.....2/26
- Taylor Vanover.....2/26
- Jenny Wetzel.....2/28
- Jennifer Wright.....2/28

Anniversaries

- Jerry & Sherry Freeman.....2/4
- Doc & Judy Thompson.....2/13
- Travis & Vicki Johnson.....2/26

If you want yours listed in the upcoming monthly newsletter, please contact the Church Office.

February Schedules:

Money Counters:

- Sunday School:..... Larry Treadway, Gail Grindstaff
- Church:..... Bobbie Massengill, Tyler Hyder
- Stand-bys:..... Wade Hampton, Laura Aycock

- Ushers:**..... Benny Grindstaff, Johnny Hicks, Larry Hunter, Travis Johnson
- Stand-bys:..... Sam Buchanan, Jamie Campbell

- Audio:**..... Paul Stout, Wade Hampton

January Averages:

- Sunday School..... 166
 - Morning Worship..... 185
- Averages through January 22.*

Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Fund-raiser meal
Sunday, February 5
following the
Morning Worship
Plan to stay for a
“Soup-er” lunch and
make a donation toward
the upcoming
Malta Mission Trip



Sign up to attend this upcoming simulcast with David Platt
“The Cross and Suffering”
Sign up by February 26
Cost \$5/person covers study materials.
Details in Brother Joe’s article.