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February Newsletter

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Where Do You Get Your Theology?

For the occasion of Valentine's Day, I would share I John 4:7, which says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.:

Last month I said that I would share Bible doctrine in the newsletter each month during 2017. If I were writing a paper on systematic theology, one of the first subjects I would include a section on would be what I believe about the Scriptures. Everything else to be believed hinges upon our view of Scripture. My belief is that our Bible is inspired by God in its original autographs (first manuscripts) and has been supernaturally preserved for our use down through the years.

The Bible itself claims to be inspired (II Timothy 3:3:16)

It is scientifically accurate when it says the earth is floating in outer space (Job 26:7)

Scripture has been essential for worship services (Nehemiah 8:1-8; Luke 4:16-21; Acts 17:1-3; II I Timothy 5:17; II Timothy 4:1-4)

Jesus treated Scripture as if it were reliable. He spoke of Noah (Matthew 24:37-38), creation (Matthew 19:4), Moses (Mark 12:26; John 3:14), the Psalms (Luke 24:44), and Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21). These are just a few examples. The view Jesus had of the Scriptures is the view that we should have.

Some folks get their ideas about God from culture, the media, or their own preferences. I prefer to include Scripture as a primary source in that mix of influences.

By the way, happy Valentine's Day!

- Dean

THE GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the most powerful things one person can share with another is encouragement. Encouragement can stop a suicide, a divorce, and countless other tragedies. A word of encouragement can heal someone who is broken and wounded. It can give someone the courage to keep trying.

Our world is full of negative, bitter, uncaring people who can't say anything good about anyone or anything. The people of God should be a radiant contrast to the people of the world. We should bubble over with the joy of the Holy Spirit. We should find it easy to be positive and uplifting. Are you an encouragement to those around you? Don't let someone die from neglect and lack of encouragement. Share your Christian joy by encouraging those around you on a regular basis!

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

when it hurts
when nothing is given in return
Love one another
when you're victimized
when all is dark and gloomy
Love one another
when you want to run and hide
when you're numb and beaten
Love one another
when you figure it won't even matter
when the battle seems lost and over
Love one another
when your first instinct is to lash out
when you feel justified to stop trying
Love one another
when your desire is to just pretend
things are okay
when you feel that all are at fault
but yourself...
Love one another
...because Christ forgave you, and continues to do so despite the pain and hurt that we cause Him. Love is the answer. Not hatred. Not bitterness. Not avoidance. Love is the extension of God's grace and mercy to us. And we must extend that to each other.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- Trevor Gi

Latest Prayer List (from Bulletin 1-15-17): Katie Engel, Ronald Allan Scribbs Sr, Vivian Hutchinson, Ed Cromwell, Jeanette Cook, Cathy Coldwell, Hannah Smith, Angie Porter, Donna, Edith Dyne, Adrianna Blackburn, Mason Pierri, David Hackett, Rene Majia, Richard Alyea, Joshua & Becky Pentecost; Jaffeth Saucedo; Nora Storer, Jay Johnson, Ellen McClurg,; Shelly Paul, Gloria Shearer, Vicki Page, Matt and Emily Webb, Ted Koechel; Evan's six year old daughter, Kathi Mull; family of Ayla Woolyung; Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki (family issues); Ray Carroll; Sue Sloane; Ann Conrad (wife of Pastor Paul); Susan Knecht; Kevin Swords, LeeAnne Johnson



Bible Study:

The pastor will be coming at 6:00pm, for the first, third, fifth Thursdays of the month (2nd, 16th), to study the Bible. You are welcome to **drop in!**

Pizza Party:

Sunday, February 12th, we will have pizza and snacks after church services, to celebrate Valentine's day. Bring sweets and you can get your photo taken, with your sweetie.

Coming up:

Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday, 6:00pm
Sunday, March 5th, Bring a Friend Carry-In
Sunday March 19th, Church Board after services.

Local News:

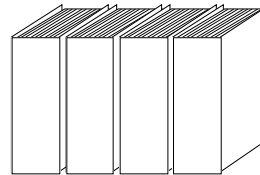
Donations have started for the AC units, stewards are getting several estimates by Feb 3rd.

We'd like to help the school next door, Pastor Dean will be talking to them about donating food from our barrel.

The church budget was increased at Council, so we can afford the electricity to cool the church, otherwise held the same in other categories. We spent less than the 2016 budget was, so we hope to stay in the black again this year.

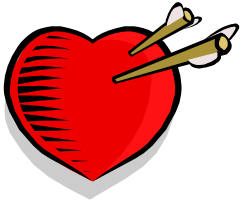
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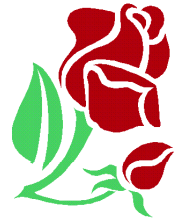


Brethren Heritage Center

The center is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays, usually 10:00am to 4:00pm. Contact them at 937-833-5222 or email amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org to schedule a visit.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Bible Study 6:00pm	3	Joan Pierce 4
5	Melissa King 6	Michael Fryer 7	Todd Schneider 8	Carolyn Stovall 9	Logan Cook 10 Craig Schneider Brayden Schneider	11
Valentine Pizza Party After Services 12	13	14 John & Linda Pierce	15	Daniel Pierce 16 Zachary Pierce Bible Study 6:00pm	Stan Rohrer 17	18
Shelly Porter 19	20	21	Candie Storer 22 James & Melissa King	Judith Storer 23 Jason Ballew Julie Huwer	Dean Fryer 24	25
26	27	Ernest Vaughn 28		Bible Study 6:00pm		