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WORDS FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

When you think of the month of February, the first thing that comes to most people's mind is Valentine's Day. A special day set aside to celebrate sweethearts and to let our significant others know how much they mean to us. Valentine's Day originates from the death of a Roman priest in 269 AD. Emperor Claudius II of Rome was discouraging marriage in an effort to build up his army. Rome was going through turmoil, and it was Claudius's belief that an unmarried soldier would fight better than a married soldier. The married soldier would be concerned about his wife and family in the event that something happened to him. The Roman priest, Valentine, actually encouraged the people to be married in the church. This went against the Emperor's decrees. Valentine would perform the weddings in secret. The Emperor found out what Valentine was doing and had him arrested. Valentine was imprisoned and tortured for performing the weddings.

Valentine had a three part execution that included beating, stoning and beheading because of his stand on Christian marriage. Legend has it that Valentine prayed for the daughter of one of the men that was to judge him. The daughter of the man had been blind and was healed through Valentine's prayers. The last words that Valentine wrote were to the daughter, and he signed the note, "from your Valentine" or so the legend goes.

I remember going to school growing up and trading Valentine's cards. The good ones were the ones that included some candy, suckers, etc. Now as a parent, I am getting Valentine's cards for my children to pass out at school. As you get older and leave elementary school behind, the tradition of trading Valentine's cards is replaced with flowers and chocolates for that special someone. One day, if the Lord doesn't come first, my children will be getting Valentine's cards for their own children to pass around. Even though several years have passed by since the

days of me trading Valentine's cards, some things remain the same.

Something else that remains the same is the love that Christ has and will always have for his children. It is the kind of love that takes us as we are. Christ loves us in spite of our flaws in much the same way that we love our own children.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:25 that husbands are to love their wives the same way that Christ loved the church. You ask the question, how did Christ love the church? Jesus sacrificed everything for the church. Jesus took on the punishment of sin for everyone that has ever lived and will ever live. Jesus provided us the key to Heaven's door, and all we have to do is to accept it. Jesus placed the need of the church above his own. This is the type of sacrificing love that we as men should have for our wives. We should place their needs above that of our own. Our wives should feel that outside of our relationship with Christ, they are the most important aspect of our lives.

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We should live this every day, and it should be noticed by our children. Their future relationships are going to be based on the relationship that they see between their parents. I am a believer that most marriages fail because of selfishness. We get caught up in our own wants and desires and forget about the needs of our spouse. We lose sight of the priorities in our lives. It is that selfishness that leads to the destruction of most marriages.

Even the marriages of Christian people end in much the same way. We need to read and follow God's word. We need to be "doers" of the Word and not "hearers" only.

Paul also tells us in Ephesians 5:22 that wives are to submit themselves unto their husbands. In no way is Paul stating that wives are to be servants to the husband. The husband is to be the head of the house in the same way that Christ is head of the church. Husbands and wives should work together as a team. If we as husbands live verse 25 of Ephesians 5, then there will not be any misinterpretation for

either the husband or the wife on what Paul means in verse 22. The "puppy love" that you have at the beginning of any relationship fades as time passes. As the relationship matures, it develops into something more precious and intimate. A relationship takes work from all parties. It requires sacrificing your wants for the wants of the other party. A relationship is based on give and take. All of one or the other is a recipe for disaster. The relationship as well as the individuals must be rooted in God's word. A family that prays together is a family that stays together.

Sincerely,

Scott Brown

RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY 2014

General Fund	\$19,438.84
Cemetery Fund	500.00
Youth Ministry	5,805.00
Lottie Moon	1,610.00
Christmas Offering	
Building Fund	50.00
Scholarship Fund	119.45
CD Interest	
Bynum & Alma Jackson..	241.69
Scholarship	
Christmas Cards.....	25
Sound & Video	1,000.00
Listening Device	
Salemburg Christian	25.00
Food Bank	
Local Missions.....	<u>20.00</u>
Grand Total.....	\$28,810.23

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015



Preschool	03
Children	30
Youth	20
Adults	<u>86</u>
Total	139
Last Month	147
January 2014	145

SALEMBURG CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK



Our Brotherhood is helping to support the ministry of the Salemburg Christian Food Bank and would like your assistance. The following item is needed: plastic bags (like those you get at Wal-Mart or Food Lion). Also the youth are helping with the food bank and need the following items: peanut butter, dried beans, bagged rice and breakfast items. Boxes will be available in the old fellowship hall to deposit your items. Thank you for supporting this worthy ministry.



YOUTH NEWS

Sunday Evening
February 8, 15 & 22
6:00 PM
Youth Meeting

Wednesday, February 18
6:30 PM
Youth to Food Bank

Saturday, February 21
8:00 AM
Food Bank Distribution Day

WMU NEWS

MEETING DATES

Monday, February 2
7:30 PM — WMU #2

Wednesday, February 4
6:00 PM — WMU #1

Wednesday, February 4
7:00 PM — Acteens, Mission
Friends, GA's and RA's

Wednesday, February 18
6:30 PM — Acteens and Older
RA's to Food Bank

Wednesday, February 18
7:00 PM—GA's, Mission
Friends and Younger RA's

Wednesday, February 25
7:00 PM — BYW

NURSERY WORKERS

February 1
Johnnie and Jill Holland

February 8
Ken and Allison Hargrove

February 15
Bradley and Jessica Jackson

February 22
Hughie and Trudy Wrench

March 1
Cindy Hayden and Christy Hayden

March 8
Erika and Heather Wrench

FLOWERS



February 1
Jean Carroll

February 8
Bonnie Autry

February 15
Keith and Carrie Jean Autry

February 22
Available at this time

March 1
Available at this time

March 8
Available at this time

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Group 1 - February 1
Kevin Jackson
Wanda Jackson
Lisa Knowles
Aaron Jackson
Shannon Jackson

Group 6 - February 8
Neil Baggett
Lisa Baggett
Scott Brown
Sarah Brown

Group 3 - February 15
Marshall Naylor
Stephanie Naylor
Johnnie Holland
Jill Holland
Cary Booyer

Group 4 - February 22
Simone Myers
Brandi Edge
Megan Daniels-West
Dylan Tew
Daniel Tew

Group 5 - March 1
Anthony Williams
Melody Williams
Abbey Barefoot
Terry Williams
Heather Williams

Group 6 - March 8
Neil Baggett
Lisa Baggett
Scott Brown
Sarah Brown

NEWS FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

What is WMU and why are they always listed in the bulletin with wanting things? They want me to save the little tab off my soda can. They want me to give to Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong....people I have never met. They ask about Relay for Life donations and other activities to raise money for that big organization. Agape Pregnancy Support needs our help too? And the list seems to go on and on.

Doesn't the WMU know I have kids that need clothes and lunch money and money for school and youth trips and they have birthdays? Or.... Doesn't the WMU know I am trying to prepare for retirement or I am retired and I have grandkids that need me to help with buying "stuff" they need because their parents are not made of money...and neither am I, but they are my grandkids so I will find the money to help them?

To answer all these questions, YES, the WMU knows all this. The WMU is a mission minded organization that has a focus to help others. That may mean those down the street (who we don't really talk to but know they probably need help paying their electric bill just to have heat), or it may mean helping someone in another state or country through our mission activities.

Well, that helps a little with knowing WHY they are always asking for my hard earned money, BUT do I have to help? And do I have to help EVERY time they ask? The quick answer is NO. The detailed answer is that opportunities present themselves to you most days to help others. That doesn't mean that you must or even that you can contribute to EACH project, but it does mean that your support is needed for each project. You as a member of God's family must determine how He is guiding you to help His own. Your support for one of the fundraisers may be to be present and help with preparation. At another event your support may be through giving money. Or even through telling others and helping others to participate. For all the events, your help IS needed....through prayer. WMU needs you to pray that each activity that is planned is successful in bringing glory to our Lord and to the great commission of bringing the Lord to the world.

The Sunday School lesson for January 25th is entitled Ready to Help the Poor. Deuteronomy 15:9 *Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye will be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, it be sin unto thee.*

Are we finding excuses for disobeying God and not being generous toward the poor? It is a sin to not help others. Yikes!!

The poor does not just include those who are financially poor, but those who are poor in other ways as well. We need to be the hands and heart that reach out to help others, and be able to do so without criticism.


As the WMU is moving forward with helping others through a variety of activities, you must pray and seek His guidance for what He wants and needs for you to do. You do not have to partake in giving to every activity, but choose the places He wants you to be a blessing to others. And remember the biggest blessing usually comes back to being the blessing you received by obeying and helping others.

In Christ's Love,
Annette Cash



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



<i>February Birthdays</i>			
1 Tye Mullins	11 Jason Faircloth	22 Judy Honeycutt Sherrill Morgan Jennifer Tew Theresa Ward Emery Williams	2 Orretta Honeycutt Elton House Lisa Taylor Preslie Williams
2 Amy Blanchard Pope Kevin Jackson	12 Tommy Hobson Mary Ann Matthews	24 Farrah Jackson	5 Caleb Brown
3 Diane Butler Aaron Jackson	13 Ryan Jackson Elizabeth Morgan Christy Naylor	25 Cindy Hayden	7 Jadyne Mullins
4 Traci Hendrix Aubrey Williams	14 Shannon R. Talton Dylan Tew	26 Joyce Daniels Wanda Edwards	8 Billy Gerald Peterson Mitchell Williams
5 Erica Autry Kenny Jackson Lisa Knowles	15 Reagan Jackson	27 Jerry Honeycutt	9 Pat Hall Elwood Tew Jonathan Williams
6 Grant Naylor Danielle Tew Anthony Williams Heather E. Wrench	16 Doris Jackson	28 Daylan Barefoot	10 Andrea Horne
9 Nathan Carroll Jerry Tyndall	18 Danny Hayden Jake Ratliff		11 Geraldine Johnson
	20 Adam Butler Don Edwards Trudy Wrench	<i>March Birthdays</i>	13 Glenn Blanchard
	21 Dalton Naylor MacKenzie Taylor	1 Madison Spencer Allan Tew	14 Dawn Pope Erika Wrench

Baptist Chapel Church

2208 Baptist Chapel Road
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Our Services

Sunday

9:15 AM - Prayer

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship

6:00 PM - Bible Study

Our Staff

Craig Page - Minister of Music

Erika Wrench - Minister to Youth

Angela Tyndall - Secretary

Donald Daniels - Custodian

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