

February Birthdays

Feb 1: Ronald Sloan
Feb 2: John Phillips
Feb 2: Nancy Cantrell
Feb 11: Bradley Cooner
Feb 15: Gracelynn King
Feb 16: Patricia Reeves
Feb 18: Greer Dees
Feb 20: Celeste Dees
Feb 21: Judy Younger
Feb 24: Courtney Million
Feb 28: Sawyer Crosby

God's Love and Ours

"⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." (1 John 4:7-12)



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The First Family Newsletter

February



Staff

Pastor: *Brandon Phillips*
Youth Pastor: *Reed Eaves*
Music Director: *Rachel Phillips*
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whatever you do
work at it with all your
as working for the Lord,
not for men.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

February Events

- 2nd: Youth Breakfast @ 8 am.
- 13th: First Friends Outing
- 16th: New Members Class @ 9:30 am.
- 23rd: Cake Auction- Youth Camp Fundraiser
- Refer to calendar for more meetings & events.

SUNDAYS:

- Sunday School @ 9:30 am
- Worship @ 10:30 am

Children's Church after Praise & Worship

WEDNESDAYS:

- Children 6:30 pm
- Youth 6:30 pm
- College 6:30 pm
- Adult Groups 6:30 pm

BUS SCHEDULE:

Call the office for a ride.

February Servants

Security Team

2nd: Richard Dobbins
 9th: David Rhudy
 16th: William Simpson
 23rd: Scott King

Sunday Nursery Rotation

Ashlee Wheeler (2nd, 16th)
 Patricia Stanford (9th, 23rd)

Children's Church

2nd: Rhonda Eaves
 9th: Rhonda Eaves
 16th: Rhonda Eaves
 23rd: Rhonda Eaves

Toddler Children's Church

2nd: Rhonda Eaves
 9th: Rhonda Eaves
 16th: Rhonda Eaves
 23rd: Rhonda Eaves

Counting Team

Karen Dobbins &
 Judy Younger

Mid-Week Kids Helpers

5th: Steve Sloan
 12th: Matt Persons
 19th: David Rhudy
 26th: Jeffrey Hattaway

Wed. Night Nursery

5th: Nancy Cantrell
 12th: Teresa Sullivan
 19th: Jean Thompson
 26th: Emily Hattaway

From the Pastor's Study

Overwhelmed?

Have you ever been overwhelmed? Are you overwhelmed now? It is common to encounter challenges that drive us to a breaking point and deplete us of all our strength. However, is reaching a breaking point always bad? Is arriving at the end of our ability always negative? The answer to both questions is a resounding NO!

The Apostle Paul knew the feeling of being overwhelmed. Paul wrote his second letter to Corinth during a difficult season in life. In 2 Corinthians 1:3-11, the Apostle Paul revealed five reasons God allows us to experience difficulties.

1. So, we can be comforted by God (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

In these five verses, Paul used "comfort" nine times. Read Psalm 23:4 for a description of God's comfort in chaos.

2. So, we can comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Paul did not suggest that life is fair or that our circumstances are easy. He was proclaiming that God can use what is unfair and uneasy to testify to others.

3. So, we will rely on God (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)

Our society promotes self-sufficiency. The problem with this mentality is that our faith is not meant to be lived out separately from God. We need God's help. We need to rely on him.

4. So, God will become our hope and deliverer (2 Corinthians 1:10)

God is a delivering and redeeming God. He specializes in delivering people from difficult situations. Read Psalm 34:19 and Romans 5:2.

5. So, we will pray for one another (2 Corinthians 1:11)

Paul often asked churches to pray for him because he knew prayer changes things. We have a responsibility to pray for others (2 Tim. 2:1).

In Christ,

Bro. Brandon

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