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2009 February Calendar

Date	Time	Meeting
*1	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service/Communion
4	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting @ Library Girl Scout Meeting
6 - 7		Presbytery Mtg. Chatt., TN
7	10:00 AM	Praise Team
*8	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
9	7:00 PM	Session Ministry Team Meetings
12	7:00 PM	Small Group @ Aardema's
14		Valentine's Day
*15	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
16		President's Day - No School
17	7:00 PM	Ruth Circle @ Matchett's
18	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting @ Library Girl Scout Meeting
21	10:00 AM	Praise Team
*22	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
23	7:30 PM	Session & Diaconate Meetings
25		Ash Wed. (fast and pray)
26	7:00 PM	Small Group @ Aardemas

2009 February Sermon preview: Preparing for the New Year - (con't)

1-Opportunities to Take

Paul says in Eph.5 that we are to *make the most of every opportunity*. How can we move forward and what must we consider before we can effectively do God's will? There are: challenges to accept, enemies to defeat, dangers to avoid, and opportunities to take. The church has many opportunities and possibilities that we could take. Which ones does God want us to take? And - How can we do to make the most of these opportunities?

8-Attitudes to Develop

Eph.4:22-23; I Pet.4:1; Phil.2:5 What is an attitude? Why is it important? How does our attitude impact on: the challenges we accept, the enemies we seek to defeat, the dangers we seek to avoid, and the opportunities we desire to take? One of the most essential ingredients to accomplishing God's will is our attitude. What attitudes should we develop?

New Sermon Series: The Seven Essentials of a Healthy and Balanced Person:

Today we are embarking on a new sermon series: The Seven Essentials of Healthy Living.

The seven essentials of the EPC summarize what biblical/orthodox Christians believe.

The seven essentials of healthy living summarize the basic components of a Christian lifestyle.

15 - # 1 - The Essential of Living a Balanced Life – Lk.2:52

God's Word says, *Let all men know your moderation.* (We should not be given to extremes).

Why is it so important to live a biblically balanced life? What constitutes a healthy person? Luke 2:52 says that, *"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."*

Since Jesus is our example, how can we follow in His steps?

22 - # 2 - The Essential of Offering and Asking Forgiveness – Acts 24:16:

"I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man." The practice of asking and offering forgiveness is one of the most powerful ways to witness for Christ because it models graces of acceptance & letting go. Why would a person humbly acknowledge he was wrong and ask forgiveness? Why would a person voluntarily forgive someone who seriously wronged him?

25 - Ash Wed. - 1st day of Lent

Should We Stay or Should We Go?

By: Jaqueline Peens

As a high school student, unsure of what the future holds, life can be pretty stressful. The situation with our Green Cards, has added a tremendous amount of stress. Not only do I now have to worry about college applications and the rising tuition costs, but also the possibility of deportation. In the beginning, I was adamant about not wanting to return to South Africa. Now, I've begun to think that it may not be such a horrible fate. At this point, I'm not allowed to have a paying job. If we stay, certain paperwork in our Green Card process will have to redone, which could take up to two or three more years. During that time, I still won't be allowed to work. However, this doesn't mean that we've given up hope. We're doing everything we can to remain in the country. And we know that He has a plan for us. Whether or not He wants us to remain here is unclear right now, but we'll be accepting of whatever He wants for us.



No update on the budget this month

NEW BEGINNING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNDER SHEPHERD MINISTRY

THE FOUR BASIC OBJECTIVES OF THE UNDER SHEPHERD MINISTRY ARE:

1. Contact - To know the spiritual condition of the flock.
2. Communication - To keep the flock properly informed.
3. Care - To meet the basic needs of the flock unselfishly.
4. Commitment - To become fully functioning disciples.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The USM is designed to help us live our Mission Statement.

It will facilitate "Loving Relationships" so we might become a more "Caring Christian Family."

It shall serve as our principle tool for Congregational Care.

The Nurture Ministry Team will have the responsibility for coordinating this ministry

It will include all the Members of New Beginning (active and inactive),

The groups shall be reconstituted annually in conjunction with the Pastor.

Each Under Shepherd group will be headed by an Elder (and assisted by a Deacon)

The Elder will be responsible for shepherding the flock to which he/she is assigned.

The Elder shall serve as the chief follow up person for each person in their flock.

The number of flocks will be determined by the number of Elders and Deacons available.

We will begin with six flocks and add additional flocks as the church grows.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNDER SHEPHERDS:

1. Under Shepherds are to look for and interact with their flock each Sunday.
2. Make appropriate follow up calls with those not in attendance on Sunday.
3. There shall be a minimum of one personal home visit per household per year.
4. Pray for and with the members of the flock.
5. Weep with those who weep: i.e. Make hospital and bereavement visits when necessary.
6. Rejoice with those that rejoice: Share happy occasions-i.e. weddings, births, birthdays, etc.
7. Make a special effort to assimilate new members into the life/ministry of the church.
8. Communication: i.e. Keep the flock abreast of special facets of the church's life and ministry
9. Interpret decisions made by church leadership and encourage congregational support.
10. Initiate prayer/phone chain when requested or as needed.
11. Support the annual stewardship campaign as needed.
12. Encourage each member to be a fully functioning Christian disciple.
13. Encourage strong marriages and families.
14. Engage in a ministry of listening in order to discover and meet specific personal needs
15. Provide appropriate care for shut-ins.
16. Seek to prevent inactivity and reactivate inactive members within the flock.
17. Keep Pastor informed concerning needs within the flock and need for pastoral visitation.
18. Encourage spiritual growth and involvements in ministry opportunities.
19. Discipleship: inquire, diagnose, prescribe, evaluate.
20. Be willing to be regularly accountable for the exercise of this ministry. (e.g.. Periodic report)

LIST OF UNDER SHEPHERD'S

Dick Hockema

Mona Hockema
David, Melinda, Mathew and Merianna Carpenter
Kevin, Trena, Brandy, Kimberly, Valerie Kruis
John and Susie Alexander
Shirlee, Phil, Dayna Schambach
Jim Woodfin
Brandon, Becky, Austin, Bailey Nixon
Jackson

Betty Matchett

Fred and Jane Yarborough
Omer and Helen Johnson
Carolyn Hall
Bill and Marcella Smith
Kay Snow
Deke, Judy, Brenda Moffitt
Mollie Evans

James Bozman

Jen Bozman
Bill and Diana Miller
Joe, Debbie, Jodie Ponchot
Chad, Coleen, Bailey, Isabella Ponchot
Carole Beach
Rose Marie Cox
Shannon Walcott

Bob Koenig

Sue Koenig
Joe and Diana Richardson
Howard and Marilyn Spicer
Chris, Susie, Jordon, Alexa, Quinton, Diana, Declan Jang
Chris and Alberta Ecklar
Dennis and Alexandria Merriman
Brian and Shannon Wiehoff

Ada Goebel

Stephanie Riser
Steve and Alice Riser
Scott, Summer, Noah, Luke, Joseph Berger
Ron and Bonnie Heginbotham
Michelle Hunt
Andy and Marybeth Wehage
Jessica Nichols

Bob Aardema

June Aardema
Hugh and Karen Anderson
Robin Parsons
Lawrence and Barb Patterson
Basil Smith
Annalee Krauth
Maris, Jackie, Angie Peens
Susanne, Tori, Becca Dusing

+ Christian Symbols +



Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei is a Latin term meaning Lamb of God. It represents the risen Christ who triumphs over death. In John 1:29, John the Baptist called Jesus “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” The lamb carries a white resurrection banner with a cross of red. The banner, representing the body of Christ, is attached to a cruciform staff, representing the cross on which Christ died.



Bible Quiz



Second Kings, chapter 5, tells of Naaman, an army commander who had leprosy. A certain prophet of the Lord sent a message to Naaman, telling him to go wash in the Jordan River seven times. Reluctantly, Naaman did so and was healed.

Choose the prophet’s name from the list below:

- A. Micah
- B. Elisha
- C. Elijah
- D. Judah

Answer: B (See 2 Kings 5.)

X = Kiss



During the Middle Ages, when few people were able to write, many documents were signed with an X. Signers kissed the letter to affirm their sincerity in the same way they kissed the Bible when taking an oath.

The letter X wasn't selected at random. It was the sign of St. Andrew, who was crucified on an X-shaped cross. The X implied a sacred promise to fulfill one's obligation in the saint's name.



Prayer for Presidents' Day

Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest appreciation for this blessed land. Stir up a sense of stewardship in every citizen so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.

We pray especially for our leaders. Prompt everyone in a position of authority, from local to national leaders, to strive for righteousness, justice and the welfare of all citizens.

Finally, we pray that we may be ever mindful of the psalmist's teaching that "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord ..." (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise become real "from sea to shining sea." Amen.



A day for ashes

Since the Middle Ages, Christians in the so-called Western Church have observed Ash Wednesday (the seventh Wednesday before Easter) as the first day of Lent. On this day, in many churches, worshipers receive ashes on the forehead as a reminder of their sorrow for their sins. The ashes are often made by burning palm branches left over from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Ash Wednesday is February 25 this year.

What is Lent?

It is forty days of stripping down
to the living essentials;
It is forty days of facing truth
about one's self-indulgent evasions;
It is forty days of fellowshiping
with Christ in the desert;
It is forty days of rejoicing in God's
mercy and forgiveness.



The significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

Some Christians fast during Lent. This denial of bodily comforts can help encourage self-reflection about the need for Jesus' forgiveness.



Valentine's Day

In the early Christian church, there were three priests named Valentine or Valentinus. Though they didn't live at the same time, each was said to be holy and each had been martyred for his faith. All three priests were designated as saints. Around the year A.D. 498, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day came to be associated with love, romance and marriage. The day is now so popular that only during the Christmas season do people mail more greeting cards.

No matter how many cards, flowers or sweets you receive this Valentine's Day, be assured that God loves you with an "everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3, NRSV).



Valentines to give your children

- Acceptance – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- Self-confidence – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- Life without needless fears – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- Appreciation – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- Faith – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.

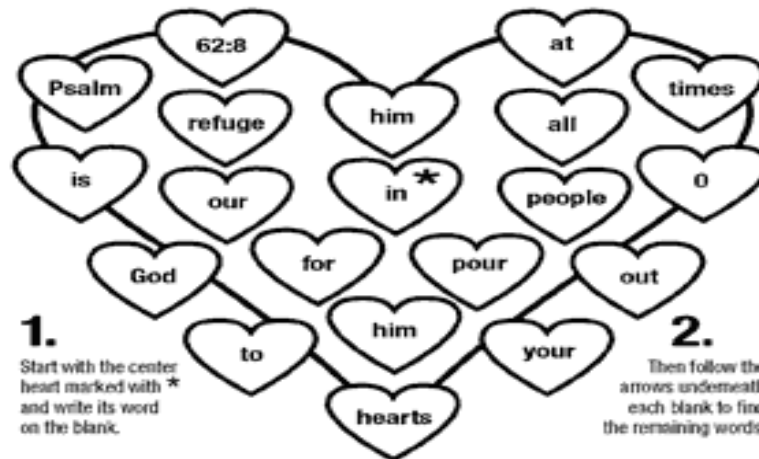




Just for KIDS

OUR HEARTS

This special Bible verse from the NIV describes what God wants us to do with our hearts.



1.

Start with the center heart marked with * and write its word on the blank.

2.

Then follow the arrows underneath each blank to find the remaining words.

“Trust _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____; _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____.”
 _____, _____, _____

Answer: “Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8

WHAT I LEARNED FROM GOD WHILE BREWING TEA



Event: Ladies Tea
Date: April 4, 2009
Time: 1:00 P.M.
Where: New Beginning Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Upstairs in the Sanctuary

More details to follow in the next New Dawn!!

