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From Our Pastor

Colossians 2:16-17 "...the reality, however is found in Christ."

Hebrews 10:1 "The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming...."

February! A month known primarily for romantic love, Presidents' birthdays and a groundhog! The big "furry rodent" gets a lot of attention all because of its relationship to forecasting weather! If it sees its shadow on Feb. 2 then we have to deal with six weeks more of "bad weather." More fun than reality, yes?

What we as the church might take note of when we think of "shadows" is the astounding contrast between laws, rules, hardened traditions, and Christ. These two passages in Colossians and Hebrews are profound statements on either primarily relating to Laws for the fullness of life or whether we find our truest selves by a relationship with a Person. Laws and rules are but a "shadow" of what has come to us in a personal relationship with God in Christ. Not that we can do without Laws but that the Law does NOT make for a full, whole, saved, loved Life! That only comes with the full reality of life IN Christ as we seek, knock, and find our way by faith and trust in the One who is the "substance not the shadow."

So, here's a pointing finger to a month of a renewed close relationship with Christ through prayer, worship, life together, and service to others. When you see a groundhog this month, let that help you draw closer to the Person.....not to the shadows of keeping the law, Sabbaths, new moons, or anything of rigid custom or tradition that replaces that personal life with Jesus the Christ.

Peace and blessings in Christ!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 2. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This will be a time of good fellowship and good food.

Fellowship Supper

There will not be a First-Wednesday Supper in February. Plan to be with us when the suppers resume in March.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

Bucket Offerings

In February our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be used to help fund our Kedron youth activities.

Happy Birthday to:

Palmer Jennings	February 7
Coleman Stacey	February 7
Ray Lee	February 9
Esther Dunbar	February 11
Keith Lee	February 15
Loren Vanderkooi	February 25
Jane Rainey	February 26
Caden Salem	February 27

Happy Anniversary to:

John and Mary Ellen Vance February 22

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to our local food bank. The suggested item for February is soup. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Thank You

Thanks to Doug and Dee Rouse, Pastor Barry and all who assisted with the youth meeting in January. Thanks to all youth who attended. They met at the new bowling alley in Smyrna, a time of fun for all. They also made plans for the youth study group. Pastor Barry has obtained the study books. The next meeting is scheduled to be February 16.

Laity Meeting

The site of the February Rutherford County Laity meeting on February 25 will be announced. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Where is this found?

"The mind of the wise makes their speech judicious, and adds persuasiveness to their lips. Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body."

-NRSV

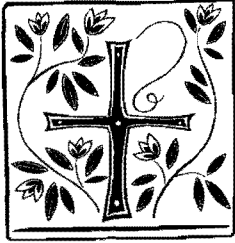
(hint – Book of Proverbs)

Luke 1:78-79 spoken by Zechariah was the quotation in the January newsletter.

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

- Thomas Edison





Telling the Story

Many Hawaiian songs end with one

of these two phrases: *ha'ina 'ia mai ka puana* – “the story is told” or *ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana* – “let the refrain be told.”

It's intriguing that the addition of one word (*ana*) changes the sense from past to a wish for something to happen.

Maybe these words would fit well with prophesy. When the prophet Amos was challenged he said, “I can't help it. I had no intentions of being a prophet, but God called me.”

Other prophets carry the sense of “this is the word of God; tell it to the world.”

Either way, the message seems to be clear: God's word is to be told. Whether we have done it or are being challenged to do it, the word of God *will* be told throughout the earth.

February Calendar

Saturday, February 2:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 3:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, February 5:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 10:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, February 12:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, February 16:

Youth Meeting – Details will be announced

Sunday, February 17:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, February 19:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 24:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. March newsletter

information due. Email:

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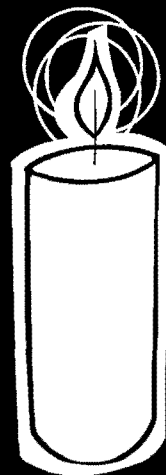
or phone: 615-459-2618.

Monday, February 25:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford Co. Laity

Tuesday, February 26:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study



Your
word is
light to
my path.

Ps 119:105

Heart Word Find

Look up these Bible verses to find the kind of heart. Then find that word in the word find.

- Exodus 35:5 G _____
- Numbers 32:9 D _____
- Deuteronomy 28:47 G _____
- Deuteronomy 28:65 T _____
- 1 Samuel 25:36 M _____
- Nehemiah 2:2 S _____
- Psalms 12:2 D _____
- Psalms 34:18 B _____
- Psalms 101:5 A _____
- Proverbs 10:8 W _____
- Proverbs 17:22 C _____
- Proverbs 25:20 H _____
- Isaiah 35:4 F _____
- Jeremiah 17:9 D _____
- Jeremiah 17:9 P _____
- Ezekiel 18:31 N _____
- Matthew 5:8 P _____
- Luke 8:15 G _____
- Hebrews 3:12 E _____
- Hebrews 3:12 U _____

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Matching Hearts

Draw a line from the heart in the top row to its match in the bottom row.

