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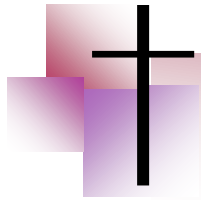
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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◆ 8:30 a.m. Sunday  | Adult Education Class       |
| ◆ 9:30 a.m. Sunday  | Worship Service             |
| ◆ 10:00 a.m. Sunday | Children's Bible Adventures |



# A SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Church Family,

I thought I would write about one of my recent ponderings. It is somewhat random but proposes a bigger question. The thought was this. How can I begin to think about food as an energy substance rather than a hobby? What a difference it would make if I could do this. Now, here is the bigger question. What would happen to me spiritually if I applied the same idea to Scripture and came up with an answer? Hobbies are for our spare time. Things to enjoy when we feel like it. Energy is essential to life. So is spiritual energy to spiritual life. Thus, spiritual meals are required for the Christian who would live their spiritual life energetically and not lethargically. So, where do I get these meals? Do they come pre-wrapped like frozen dinners? Well, almost. Just open up God's Word and read. Talk to Him about what you're reading. "God, how does this apply to me?" etc. etc. You get the picture. Spend time meditating on what you've read. Then just spend some time talking to God. Let Him write the agenda. If you want, sing a praise chorus to Him. These daily spiritual meals and occasional mid-day snacks will energize you spiritually in a way that will affect every area of your life. They will even help you feel better physically. It's amazing stuff. What a simple walk with God can do.

Yours in My Ponderings,

Pastor Carl

## Adult Sunday School



David Casey leads the study and discussion.

We meet Sundays in the Library from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

## Home Fellowship Groups

Angus - Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Adjibolosoo - First & Third Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Study—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Thibodeaux - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

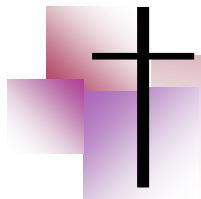
Armstead - Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

See Bulletin or Call Church Office  
(858.278.2633) for More Information



**PASTOR'S**  
**COFFEE CLUB**

Wednesday,  
February 10  
10:00 a.m.



# MVCF BLESSINGS

## USING GOD’S GIFTS

MVCF is beginning a new program matching those who are desirous of helping others with those who need things done. The purpose of the program is to provide work and income for those in need and blessing to members who had tasks to be done. Clean-up, painting, gardening, and other “honey-do” chores will be gladly handled by a crew of hard-working men and women of the church.

A list of workers and the specific skills they bring to a project and forms requesting help will be available. Many of the men and women who have signed up to provide work skills have already been working for other members of the church.

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Col. 3:23*

Connecting those who need work and others who need work done is more than a mission. It is an unexpected benefit for all. God will bless our efforts as we bless one another.

You will find a list of laborers and skills at the church. If you choose to hire one of the persons on the list, the financial arrangements, and picking them up at the mission on 16th & Island Ave, or at the trolley at the stadium is up to you.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01—Joseph Woo
- 02—Carrie Stinson
- 03—Abenazer Agiro
- 04—James Williamson
- 08—Dana McCasland
- 16—Seth Peek
- 16—Steven Johnson

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 01—Carl & Marilyn Jensen
- 17—Steven & Luisa Johnson
- 27—Daniel & Rosannah Kingsbury

“Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable – and, most of all, fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, while faith rejoices in its God.”

—Harry Emerson Fosdick



...HOW WIDE AND LONG  
AND HIGH AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV



# WHY WE OBSERVE LENT

**What is Lent?** It is a 40 day season of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The season begins on Ash Wednesday, when traditionally there is an imposition of ashes on the forehead of believers as a reminder that we are created from dust and to dust we shall return.



## *Ash Wednesday*

**How do we observe Lent?** Lent is a time when we can follow Jesus from his adult ministry through his suffering during Holy Week to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. During Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, we celebrate communion on Maundy Thursday, re-live the crucifixion on Good Friday, and celebrate the risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

**When is lent?** Because the Last Supper was celebrated during the Feast of the Passover, which is calculated on the phases of the moon, Easter is called a movable feast. Lent is scheduled backwards from Easter which falls on the first Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. In 2010, the date for Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup> making Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.



**What do we do for Lent?** Lent is a time for stripping down to essentials as we focus on our relationship with God. It is a time for us to remember our baptism, when Jesus washed away our sins. We recall the newness of life as we celebrate in the triumph of Palm Sunday. It climaxes with the glory that is the resurrection of our King.

Because Lent is a time of letting go of the bondage of sin, it is also a time of fasting, repentance, and prayer to prepare our hearts for the suffering of Jesus and the celebration of his resurrection.

As individuals we seek a new relationship with our Lord through prayer and meditation. There are Lenten devotionals available for those who seek guidance during this season. The weekly Tuesday night prayer service is another way for each of us to draw closer to our God. "Seek and you shall find."



## YOUR RESPONSE NEEDED!!

There has been discussion of discontinuing this newsletter, the belief is no one reads it! I know this is not true, what I need from you is your response whether it be by a phone call or an e-mail—please let me know!!

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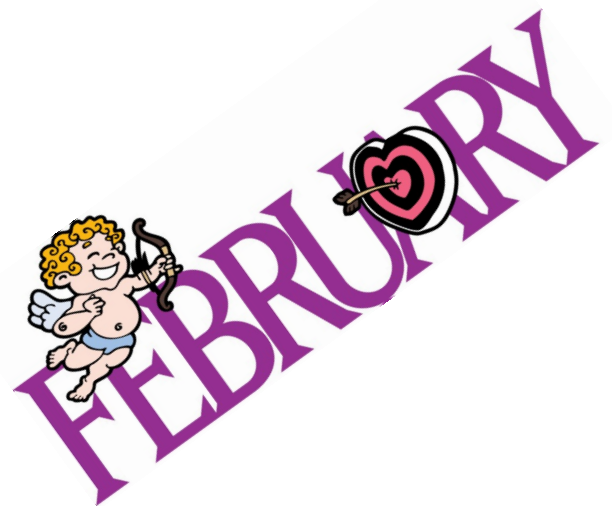


## JUST FOR FUN

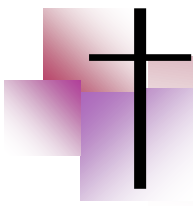


What did Jesus say his earthly mission was all about? Choose the correct answer from the list below:

- A. Doing his own will
- B. Doing God's will
- C. Doing the will of the people
- D. All of the above



Answer: B (See John 5:30)



# JUST FOR KIDS

## \* A JAR OF \* Love and Appreciation




Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

### What you need:

- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

### What you do:

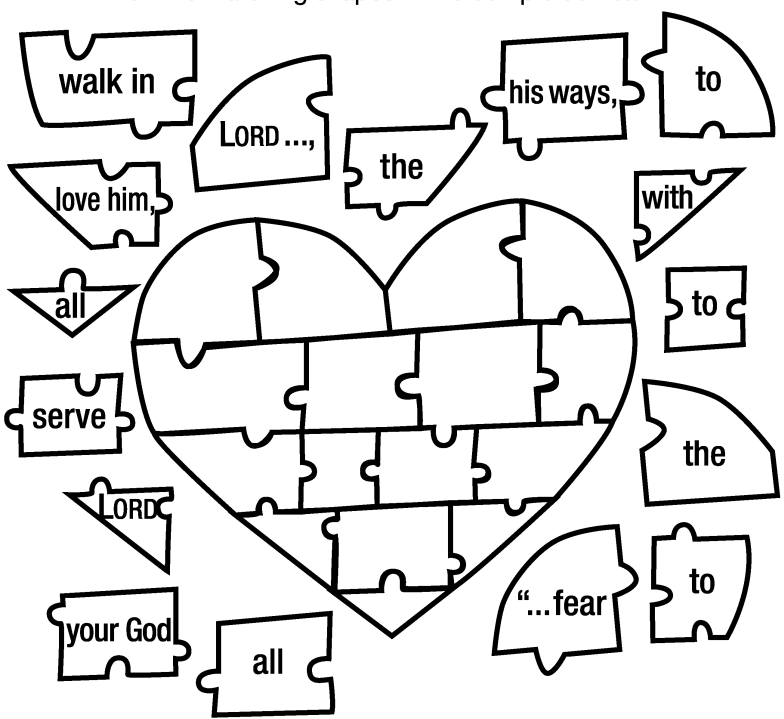
1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!



## Our first love

In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

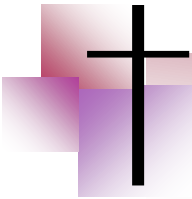
To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.



*... your heart and with all your soul ..."*

Answer: "... fear the LORD ... to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all ..."





# CALENDAR

Mon	Feb	1	June Angus' Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m. Adjibolosoo Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Tues		2	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		3	Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		4	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		5	Bunco/Potluck 6:00 p.m. - Armstead Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		6	Open
Sun	Feb	7	<b>Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit 3:00 p.m.</b>
Mon		8	June Angus' Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Tues		9	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		10	Pastor's Coffee Club 10:00 a.m. - Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		11	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		12	Armstead's Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		13	God's Extended Hand 8:00 a.m.
Sun	Feb	14	<b>Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Immanuel Convalescent Visit 2:00 p.m.</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b>
Mon		15	June Angus' Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m. Adjibolosoo Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Tues		16	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		17	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		18	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		19	Armstead's Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		20	Men's Breakfast & WorkParty 8:00 a.m.
Sun	Feb	21	<b>Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.</b>
Mon		22	June Angus' Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Tues		23	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		24	Youth Group 7:00 p.m. - Women's Study 6:30 p.m.
Thurs		25	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		26	Armstead's Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		27	Open
Sun	Feb	28	<b>Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Celebration Sunday -Thibodeaux Home Fellowship</b>

