

## The Love of God

The world's viewpoint about God's love is such a watered-down version of the Truth. They view Him as a benign and insipid force, lacking zest or flavor. They think that His love is so unconditional that He will happily overlook all of their faults. They think that God is not concerned about what religion they belong to or what they believe.

As Christians we know that our God is loving and merciful, yet He is also just in His judgments. We know that, although His love is not based on our accomplishments, His love is conditional upon Christ's death on the cross and upon our acceptance of that gift.

Our human brains cannot comprehend the infinity of God's love. The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians: *"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."* (Ephesians 3:17-19).

God's love does not come cheaply. God's love came at the cost of His own Son. Jesus endured immeasurable physical and emotional pain when He was separated from the Father in order to carry our sins. The perfect, holy, righteous Jesus Christ died in order to pay the wages of our sin. That kind of sacrificial love is incomprehensible. How great is God's love that He would give Himself for us. *"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. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."* (1 John 4:9-10).

We did absolutely nothing to earn God's love. We were born into sin; we were at enmity (deep rooted mutual hatred) with God. We were unlovable and undeserving. Yet Christ still died for us. *"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:6-8)

God's love is so abundant that He not only saved us from eternal damnation, but He adopted us as His own children. *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"* (1 John 3:1). He changes our very nature upon salvation so that we can become more like Him. *"No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God."* (1 John 3:9).

God does not want a one-sided relationship with us. He did not send His own Son to die a painful death on the cross for us in order for us to merely accept His forgiveness and continue our lives without Him. He did not adopt us as His children only to receive the occasional visit in return. He wants a daily, close, personal relationship with us. He wants to see us commit our time and hearts to Him in prayer. He wants us to talk to Him, praise Him, and worship Him every day.

The more we comprehend the magnitude of God's love for us, the more we will love Him back. The more time we spend in prayer learning about Him and developing a relationship with Him, the more our love for Him will grow. Spend time in prayer today just adoring Him. Praise Him for His amazing love. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in how to show the immensity of God's love to the world.

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our LORD."* (Romans 8:38-39)



## DEACON'S CORNER

There was a regular scheduled deacons' meeting held on September 17 at the church. In addition to normal business, the annual election of officers was held.

The new officers are Robert "Bob" Rice, Chair, Priscilla Shuler, Vice-Chair and Sandy Taylor, Secretary. Glenn McDearmon, Joe Stepp and Ryan Gray have completed their three year commitment and will be leaving. New deacons beginning a three year commitment are Carolyn Lane, Ed Britt and Neal Tidman. Remaining on the group will be Terry Bullock, Tim Perry, Bob Rice, Priscilla Shuler, Sandy Taylor and Richard Covington.

Please include us in your daily prayers and thank you for your support.

**GOD BLESS!!**



### Finance Committee Update

Thanks to all for submitting budget requests for the year 2016. The committee is busy preparing a budget to be presented at the October Business Meeting.

If you have been following the weekly offering in the church bulletin you have noticed that we are running about 10% behind for the year and we all need to work hard to close that gap before our calendar year ends.

#### Amazon Smile

If you purchase items on Amazon, did you know that Amazon will donate .005% of every purchase to Bowling Green Baptist Church? All you need to do is purchase through Amazon Smile and direct your donations to Bowling Green Baptist Church.

Thanks to all for giving generously.  
Terry Bullock

You are invited to.....

## **Kidz Nite Lego Party!**

**When? This Friday, October 2, 6:00-11:00 p.m.**

**Where? BGBC Family Ministry Center**

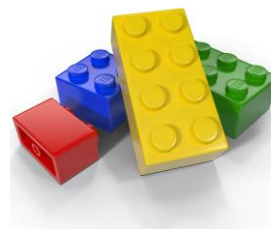
**What? Dinner, Games, Crafts, Lego Bible Study,  
The Lego Movie & More!!!!**



**How do I sign up? Call the church office or contact Paige at [paigejane@gmail.com](mailto:paigejane@gmail.com) or 804-241-4983 by Thursday, October 1.**

**What do I bring?**

- **Legos you are willing to share**
- **a pillow & blanket for the movie.**
- **\$ for dinner and a donation**



**Parents: \$3 for dinner, plus a donation to the Centrikid 2016 scholarship fund! Suggested donation is whatever your parents would spend on a babysitter for the evening! A donation of any amount is welcome!**

**Volunteers: Please be here by 5:00, if at all possible for set up and plan to stay after to clean up chairs and set up for church on Sunday! It will be quick if we all work together!**

## **Upcoming Events---**

**November 6** Costume Carnival - Homemade carnival games, glow sticks

**December 4** Make it -Share it- variety of craft stations to make ornaments and gifts to share with others

**January 8** Winter Game Night - vintage games, board games, Minute to win it

**February 5** Video Game Night - game stations, relays and themed games

**March 8** Beach Party - Beach Volleyball, toss games, relays, etc.

**April 1** Super Hero Night - hero themed games stations and crafts

**May 6** Talent Show and OMC (Organized Mass Chaos - a Centrikid game)



The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, which was emphasized last month, continues as we aim towards meeting our goal of \$1,000. Thanks to all who contributed. Since 1976 this offering for Virginia Missions has been a joint venture of Womens Missionary Union of Va. (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Va. (BGAV). Our monies helped provide such activities this summer as camping experiences for children and teens at Cross Roads Camp and Conference Center, and assisting a group of young girls on a mission trip to South West Virginia. Over 200 volunteers went to Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota to assist with mission activities. Other groups traveled to Romania, Africa, and Ghana. These mission projects were made possible through your gifts. Our WMU missions goal is to inspire and equip women to influence the world for Christ.

Beginning Sunday October 4 and continuing through Sunday November 1, we will have our annual Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox collection. You may pick up shoeboxes in the back of the Family Ministry Center and return filled boxes there. Each box should have an envelope for shipping fee, and guidelines for suggested items for different ages and gender are included. This is always a fun project which can include assistance from our children to fill with hygiene items and small toys. Our goal this year is 100 boxes.

WMU will be helping with the upcoming Harvest Festival on Oct.17, by placing Bible verses on cookie bags brought to the church on Oct 16. We will meet @ 1:00 p.m. to organize the cookie bags. Church members are asked to bring 4 dozen cookies bagged with 3 cookies in each bag.

We are looking forward to our annual International Study with other Hermon Association members on Saturday, October 24, from 10a.m.- 12:00 noon. This year we will be hosted by Calvary Baptist Church WMU and will learn about Indonesia. This study will be led by Pastor Mel Covington, and will be followed by lunch.

Next month we will emphasize the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on Tuesday, November 3. Many prayers are needed close to home and around the world. Please take the time to set aside a few minutes that day to pray –as so many others around the world will be offering up their special prayers.



Once again, our church will be serving the Caroline Football team a great meal before their home game on October 23, and we need several more folks to help cook and serve the meal. One of the most exciting things is that we are going to TEAM UP with Oxford Mount Zion Church (OMZC) to come together in Christ to SERVE Him. We would love to have anyone join us in our efforts to have Unity in HIS name in the faithful in our Community!!!

Our church is also planning to meet with the OMZC family to attend together a New Christian movie called "Woodlawn". It comes to theaters in October and is another great opportunity to join with another church in viewing this very inspirational true story. You can view the trailer on YouTube under Woodlawn.

For additional information on either of these events, contact Glenn McDearmon.



Two Fellowship Dinners are on the calendar....save the dates:

**November 10th** Patriotic Potluck Dinner and **February 17th** Birthday Potluck Dinner



In preparation for Cookies for Christ we are collecting monetary donations to purchase bottled water for the Bowling Green Harvest Festival October 17. You can add it in your offering envelope.....make a notation WATER or contact Bonnie Gromovsky. A friend of BGBC has offered to supply the water for us-- 15 cases \$2.00 a case -- 35 16oz bottles per case.

Cookie donations are due Friday October 16 by 11:00. Please deliver 4 dozen cookies to the church kitchen. Bag 3 cookies to a snack sized Ziploc bag. The WMU will add labels with bible verses Friday afternoon.

Please contact Bonnie Gromovsky if you would like to pass out water and cookies.



Cindy Myers, a friend of Daniele Cushing, was diagnosed with stage 3.5 ovarian cancer early this year. She does not have any health insurance. At this point, her medical bills total about \$500,000. This very godly woman, who, with her husband, is raising 3 grandchildren, faces the possibility of losing her home if she can't pay her bills.

A go-fund has been established for her. To make a donation online to help Cindy, go to [www.gofundme.com/cindycarusomyers](http://www.gofundme.com/cindycarusomyers) or you can write a check and give it to Daniele Cushing.

Thanks for all your help.



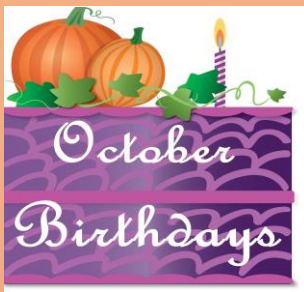
This is a reminder to our church family regarding our Church Library. We have several new books in our library and we would welcome your participation in reviewing and perhaps checking out our new additions.

I would like to highlight one of our new books, **Heaven**, written by Randy Alcorn. One reviewer stated, "Other than the Bible itself, this may well be the single most life changing book you'll ever read." Also, one of our members, Jack Shuler has read the book and recommends it for interesting reading.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 9:00-12:00 Preschool	3
4 <b>Communion</b> 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	5 9:00-12:00 Preschool	6 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors	7 9:00-12:00 Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	8 7:00 Finance Committee	9 9:00-12:00 Preschool  Family Ministry Center & Kitchen reserved  Sanctuary Reserved for Brittany Wright Rehearsal/Wedding	10
11 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Bible Study, home of Ryan/Charlene Gray	12 <b>Columbus Day</b> 9:00-12:00 Preschool	13 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 6:30 Care & Visitation	14 9:00-12:00 Preschool 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's to benefit Preschool 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	15 7:00 Deacon's meeting	16 9:00-12:00 Preschool 1:00 WMU bag cookies for Harvest Festival, Kitchen/Fam. Ministry Ctr.	17 9:00-4:00 Town Harvest Festival
18 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 5:30 Live Your Faith women's ministry, Family Ministry Center	19 9:00-12:00 Preschool 7:00 Church Council	20 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Building & Grounds	21 9:00-12:00 Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	22 6:00-9:00 County Relay for Life Comm., Family Ministry Center	23 9:00-12:00 Preschool	24
25 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Business meeting, Family Ministry Center 11:00 Traditional Worship	26 9:00-12:00 Preschool	27 10:00 Christian Book Club 11:00 Library Committee 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement	28 9:00-12:00 Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Student Ministries 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	29	30 9:00-12:00 Preschool	31 <b>Halloween</b>



3	Megan Allen
3	Kailey Gray
4	Barbara Allen
4	Ed Britt
5	Sherry Brillhart
7	Suzanne Stepp
7	Helen Williams
9	Lori Veorse
13	Joshua Cushing
13	Sheridan Farmer
13	Sabrina Farris
13	Cathy Gray
13	B. Walton Mahon
14	Mike Cooper
14	Jennifer Thomas
15	Scott Shortt
19	Sarah Burke
19	Priscilla Shuler
20	Sharon Curlee
21	Jordan Tyler Apperson
22	Rebecca Burke
22	McKenzie Burrell
26	Brandie Busic
28	Amber Brillhart
30	Jean Farmer
30	Kyle Farris
30	Robin Taylor
31	Kathryn Burchell



**Deacon of the Week:**

Oct 4 – Terry Bullock  
 Oct 11 – Richard Covington  
 Oct 18 – Tim Perry  
 Oct 25 – Bob Rice

**Counters:** – Joseph Pack & Heather Smith

**Building Security:** – Deacon of the week

**Flowers:**

Oct 4 – Anne Wright  
 Oct 11 – Meredith Pack  
 Oct 18 – Robyn Fisher  
 Oct 25 – Jeanne Jordan

**Nursery Workers: \***

Oct 4 – Naeda Gustard & Kamryn Gray  
 Oct 11 – Haley Kennedy & Debbie Thomas  
 Oct 18 – Paige Carter & Nathan Carter  
 Oct 25 – Olivia Perry & Jordan Apperson

\* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:30 service;  
 the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00  
 service.