

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

February 2017



Session Mtg
February 19th

All is Now Ready
Lafayette Great Banquet
Men's Weekend
March 9-12
Women's Weekend
March 16-19

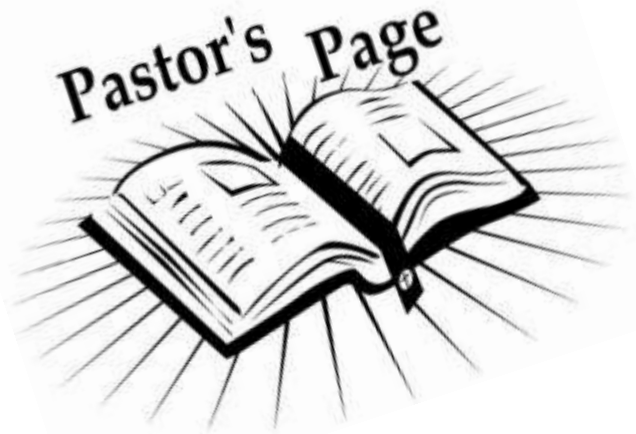


February 20

Oasis
PARTY
February 12!



WHAT IS LOVE?



What is love? Everyone wants to talk about “God is love”. Perfect love. The Apostle Paul tells the Corinthian church what love is and is not. His first letter to this church was in response to either questions from or reports that he had received about the church.

We need to remember that while love keeps no record of wrong that it also does not delight in evil. True parental love disciplines so that kids grow up knowing right from wrong and realizes that there are consequences to everything they do. Parental love also encourages the child to grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and people.

Pastoral love teaches the congregation that God forgives us when we sin but that we are to strive to respond to God’s love with loving actions towards others.

Marital love stands with the spouse through sickness and in health, for better or for worse, in financial boom or bust.

In what ways do you share God’s love with others? It’s easy to do at church but what about at the Corner Café when others are choosing to use profane language that you know God does not like. Do you join in showing delight in evil? Or do you take mastery of your tongue and speak truth? I’m not saying that you should condemn a non-Christian for their speech, but to gently show by your own language a better way of expressing yourself.

When kids attend church- are you more concerned about their appearance or about welcoming them and encouraging their participation? What about the donations you make to the pantry? If Jesus was coming to dinner would you serve your offering to him? Take time this month to consider what true love really is from God’s perspective. Take time to intentionally show that kind of love to your family, your co-workers and your friends.

Pastor Grace

Christian Education

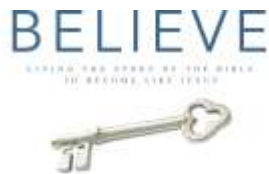
by Barb Mayfield

Sunday School

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It's not too late to join the adult Sunday School class. We are enjoying the video and discussion using the "Believe"

Bible Study resources. Join us Sunday at 9 a.m. We meet upstairs next to the kitchen.



Oasis

Annual Bowling Party

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We will be going to Myers Sport Bowl in Logansport on Sunday, February 12th. The bowling alley allows us to bring snacks to save on the cost of concessions. If you would like to donate packaged snacks for us to take to the bowling alley, please bring them to church on or before Feb 12th and mark them for this purpose.



Help Wanted:

We are looking for more volunteers to prepare meals for Oasis on Wednesday evenings.

This is a huge blessing to the leaders and children who participate. Resources are available to cover the food cost. Please sign up in the Fellowship Room to help. Speak to Laurie Brower or Donna Sholty if you have any questions or need ideas for what to serve.

Thank you again to all who help faithfully, prepare meals, donate funds, and pray for this ministry! We can't do it without you.

February Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan

Welcome back to our Oasis children! The library was still on break for January - our first get together with Oasis is in February.



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet next in March

Thrift Shop Schedule for February

Thurs. Feb. 2. Jane K. Sort & Mark
Thurs. Feb. 9. Libby S. Sort & Mark
Sat. Feb. 18. Donna S. Cashier
Sat. Feb. 25. Jane B. Sacker

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS 9:45-12:00

Fri. 3. Kevin C. & Jane B.
Mon. 6. Joe & Barb M.
Fri. 10. Gerry & Susan H.
Mon. 13. Ed & Donna S.
Tue. 14. Ed S. (9:30)
Fri. 17. Ed S. and Sally S.
Mon. 20. Sally S. & Kathy K.
Fri. 24. Laraine Mac. & Jane B.
Mon. 27. Gerry H. & Kevin C.

VOLUNTEERS
change lives

Clerk of Session

by Lauraine MacLauchlan

The next Session Meeting will be February 19th

Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield



Hey Everybody, February is Food Pantry Collection month. Be looking for a very specific list that we are putting together. We hope to

have a list by January 29th. In the meantime if you are in the grocery store, they always need canned fruit, peanut butter, paper towel, toilet paper, hand soap, dishwashing detergent, and laundry soap.

Stay Warm as we anticipate SPRING!!!

Usher Schedule

February 5 Terry Langston, Barbara Wilkinson
February 12 Joe and Tammy Moss
February 19 Joe and Tammy Moss
February 26 Joe and Barb Mayfield

Nursery Volunteer for February



Martha Clark

Scripture Readers for February

February 5th Kevin Clark, Laraine MacLauchlan
February 12th Martha Clark, Jay McMillin
February 19th Marlene Smith, Joe Mayfield
February 26th Ann Brown, Gerry Hollis

Additional Thoughts



God's conversation hearts

Those familiar conversation hearts that show up every February can be more than just trite romantic or friendly sayings. Use them to remind you — or to teach a child — of the greatest love of all: God's love for us, which empowers our love for others. For example:

- TRUE LOVE: What love is truer than giving up one's only Son so people might have everlasting life? (John 3:16).
- MINE: Jesus knows us intimately, as a shepherd knows his sheep. No one can snatch us from him (John 10:27-29).
- FOREVER: God loves us with an "everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).
- LOVE ME: The greatest commandment is to love God with our whole being (Luke 10:27).
- TRUST ME: "Let not your hearts be troubled." We can count on Jesus, now and for eternal life (John 14:1-3).
- SWEET TALK: God's words are sweeter than honey (Psalm 119:103).
- BE GOOD: We show our love for Christ by keeping his commands (John 14:15).
- CALL ME: God longs to be in fellowship with us. We can talk to him anytime in prayer (Jeremiah 33:3).
- FRIENDS: The greatest love involves laying down your life for your friends (John 15:13) — precisely what Jesus did.
- #1: "We love because [God] first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced

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B=Birthday N=Nursery SR=Scripture Readers U=Ushers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 PM Oasis Library Visit	2  B=Lola Snavelly	3	4 B=Reagan Catron
5 9AM Adult Sunday School Super Bowl	6 B=Laraine MacLauchlan B= Joe Moss	7	8 6:00 PM Oasis	9	10	11
12 Health Awareness 9AM Adult Sunday School Congregational Mtg OASIS BOWLING	13	14	15 6:00 PM Oasis	16	17	18
19 9AM Adult Sunday School Session Mtg Pray for Students	20 B=Melissa Bishop	21 Pulse Article Due!!	22 6:00 PM Oasis	23	24	25
26 B=Gerry Hollis 9AM Adult Sunday School Transfiguration of the Lord	27	28	<i>Mar 1</i> 6:00 PM Oasis Library Visit	<i>Mar 2</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>	<i>Mar 4</i>

Puzzle!



Use the clues to discover these four-letter answers. When read from top to bottom, the first letters reveal a phrase related to the children of Israel's wilderness experience.

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1. Camping shelter _____
2. To track wild game _____
3. Home to Adam and Eve _____
4. Middle Eastern tree _____
5. A form of precipitation _____
6. To follow commands _____
7. Martha's sister _____
8. A false god _____
9. Israel's first king _____
10. Valley in 1 Samuel 17 _____
11. Unable to hear _____
12. Smaller than an ocean or sea _____
13. Jezebel's husband _____
14. Mount climbed by Moses _____
15. Morning's light _____

Answers: 1. tent; 2. hunt; 3. Eden; 4. palm; 5. rain; 6. obey; 7. Mary; 8. idol; 9. Saul; 10. Elah; 11. deaf; 12. lake; 13. Ahab; 14. Nebo; 15. dawn; The promised land

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