

# **PULSE**

*The heartbeat of  
Flora Presbyterian Church*

**MARCH 2017**



Session Mtg  
February 19th

*All is Now Ready*  
**Lafayette Great Banquet  
Men's Weekend**

**March 9-12**

**Women's Weekend**

**March 16-19**



March 20<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring

Daylight  
Savings Time  
March 12<sup>th</sup>



# **WHAT IS LOVE?**

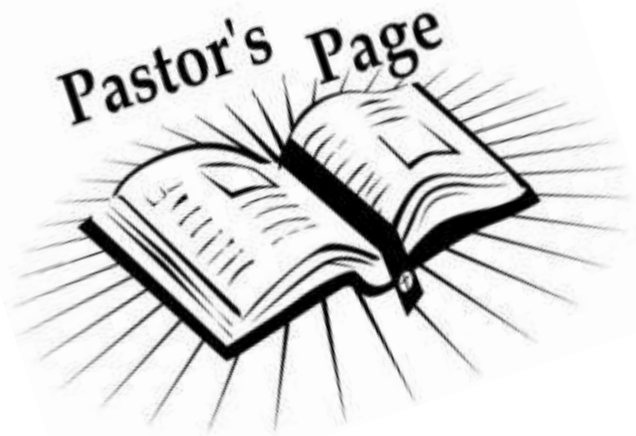
What is love? Everyone wants to talk about “God is love”. Perfect love. The Apostle Paul tells the Corinthian church what love is and is not. His first letter to this church was in response to either questions from or reports that he had received about the church.

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.

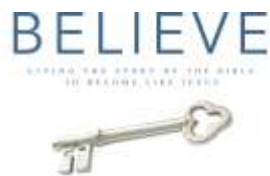
Pastor Grace

## Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson

### **Sunday School**

Please consider joining the adult class on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. We have really been enjoying the "Believe" study and videos. We meet in the classroom upstairs next to the kitchen. Those in choir come from 9 to 9:30.



### **Oasis**

**Bowling Party**  
On February 12<sup>th</sup> 32 children, parents and

leaders went bowling at Myers Sport Bowl in Logansport. Thank you to all who donated snacks!

### **Ash Wednesday**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, during our usual worship time at Oasis (6:35 – 7), you are invited to join Oasis to learn about Ash Wednesday and receive ashes on your forehead.

Oasis will meet on March 1, 8, 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> and take off the 29<sup>th</sup> for spring break. The final event of this school year will be the annual swim party on April 19<sup>th</sup>.



There are still several open slots for preparing meals before the end of this year. The children and leaders are so appreciative of the delicious meals every Wednesday night.

### **VBS 2017 Planning**

We are working together with the Cutler Presbyterian Church and the Flora First Christian Church to plan VBS. Our first meeting was held at the Christian Church on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Our church will be hosting VBS again

this year and the joint planning committee selected June 25-29, 2017 -- save the dates! If you are interested in helping plan, you are welcome to attend our next meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11 a.m. at our church.

### **March Library Corner**

by Laraine MacLauchlan



The library opened on Wednesday, Feb. 1st for the Oasis group. We loaned out five books and five DVD's. The kids enjoy borrowing the books & DVD's for a month at a time and return them to get more. It is a very successful part of Oasis and teaches the children responsibility and ownership. Of course, the library is open to everyone - come and check out our selection!



### **Presbyterian Women**

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on March 21 in the church dining room at 7:00. We will be using the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, "Who is Jesus?".

This month the Hostess will be Donna Sholty; Year Book of Prayer, Libby Sparks; Horizons, Marlene Smith; Bible Study, Jane Bishop. We welcome and invite all women of the church.

### **Thrift Shop Schedule for March**

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Sat. March 4,...?????..Sacker  
Thurs. March 16...Libby...Sort&Mark  
Thurs. March 23...Marlene... Sort & Mark

Ladies::This is our month to clean the shop each week. So, gather together your dusting cloth, window washing equipment, bathroom supplies and come join the fun!!

## **Clerk of Session**

*by Lauraine MacLauchlan*

The next Session Meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Stewardship/Mission**

*by Joe Mayfield*

Not so subtle hints of spring have been in the air, but spring in Indiana is fickle, so don't be too disappointed if it turns cold again. Keep coming to church and enjoy the weekly get together among friends, family and Christ! Even though I am writing this in February, I must thank you in advance for all your contributions to the Food Pantry! The Food Pantry and the Thrift Shop have become irreplaceable services for our community. Income for the first month of 2017 was \$7,971.98 Expenses for the same period were \$13,621.15

Pray for Delphi and Carroll county, pray for Grace and a speedy recovery from shingles and as always, pray that we may bring the good news of Christ to those we interact with each day.

God Bless,

## **Worship Committee**

*By Terry Langston*

## **Usher Schedule**

March 5 Joe and Barb Mayfield  
March 12 Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan  
March 19 Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan  
March 26 Mark and Denise Good

## **Nursery Volunteer for March**

Barbara Wilkinson

## **Scripture Readers March**

March 5<sup>th</sup> Terry Langston, Doug MacLauchlan  
March 12<sup>th</sup> Bill Kearns, Laurie Brower  
March 19<sup>th</sup> Tammy Moss, Susan Scholl  
March 26<sup>th</sup> Joe Moss, Sally Schmidt

## **Additional Thoughts**



Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again — the short hand of discipline and the long hand of mercy. Slowly and surely, the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at each strike. But over and over passes the hand of mercy, showering down sixty-fold of blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial. And both hands are fastened to one secure point: the great, unchanging heart of a God of love.

—Virginia Brandt Berg

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	3	4
5 9AM Adult Sunday School  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	6 B=Howard McGill	7	8 6:00 PM Oasis  B=Bob Peterson	9	10	11
12 9AM Adult Sunday School  <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</i>  2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	13	14	15 6:00 PM Oasis	16	17	18
19 9AM Adult Sunday School  3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	20 B=Maggie Scholl  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring</i>	21  Pulse Article Due!!	22 6:00 PM Oasis	23  B=Dick T. Bishop	24	25
26 9AM Adult Sunday School  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	27	28 B=Rhoda Kratz	29 6:00 PM Oasis Library Visit	30	31	<i>April 1</i>

# Puzzle!

Are you getting "antsy" for spring?

Using the clues provided, fill in the spaces to complete these words that end in A-N-T.

	A	N	T				
				A	N	T	
					A	N	T

CLUES (from top row to bottom row):

- ▼ An 8-foot man would be one
- ▼ To take back one's testimony
- ▼ Opposite of a master
- ▼ Pertaining to, germane
- ▼ A drug that heightens the senses

Answers: giant, recant, servant, relevant, stimulant

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