

THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER

Silver Lake Baptist Church

“Dad, can I have a glass of water please?” “No, go to sleep.” “Dad, I’m thirsty, can I have a glass of water- please?” “NO! Go to sleep.” “Daaaaad, I’m really thirsty, Can you get me a glass of water please?” “No, and if you ask one more time, I’ll spank you.” (silence)..... “Dad, when you come into spank me can you bring me a glass of water please?”

Children have always had a special place in my heart. They have not yet learned to ‘push’ forward for themselves; pride doesn’t feature in their thinking; often they are just happy to be where they are in life; they have the confidence in other’s, they grow up with the view that people are good and that the world is a marvelous place to live. They have a short memory that truly amazes me and they will tell you exactly what they are thinking, holding nothing back.

As I think about my own children and those that I am often around, I wish I **still** had those same attributes. Why have I allowed this world to reshape my outlook, my expectations, and my desires. How long has it been since I have had the ‘*faith of a child*’ when something big or small hit my personal life? *What has made me think I have to hold grudges, have certain things my way or blame others when the ‘problem’ might just be me!*

I know that as the leadership of Silver Lake Baptist Church strives to help each of us in setting the biblical foundation’s for our lives in 2010, it will be up to each of us to meet the challenge of putting our past excuses, our past heartaches, our past differences, and our past failures behind us in seeing to it that we never waste an opportunity to be the best in Christ we can be. I am reminded of a saying “*The Bible that is falling apart is used by the one that is not!*” I pray that we strive to have the faith of a child, in that we still have dreams and desire to be all we can be as **nothing** can hold us back.



Chris Gregg
Minister Of Education



1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (NIV)

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY:

- 9:30am - 10:20am Sunday School
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 10:30am Children's Church
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Meeting

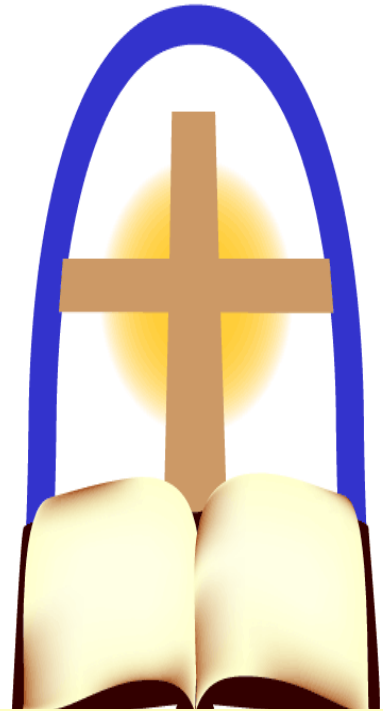
WEDNESDAY:

- 6:00pm - 6:45pm Wednesday Dinner
- 7:00pm Adult Bible Study
- 7:00pm Children's Ministry
- 7:00pm Youth Meeting

THURSDAY:

- 10:00am Bible Study

A nursery is provided for the 10:30am Worship service for children ages birth through three years old.



UPCOMING EVENTS	UPCOMING HOLIDAYS
February 5 - 7: Youth Ski Trip	Feb. 2: Groundhog Day
February 9: 7:00pm - Council Meeting	Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
February 13: 6:00pm - Dinner and a movie	Feb. 15: President's Day
February 11: 12:00pm - WMU Meeting	Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday
February 20: Children's Ministry Day	
February 21: 6:00pm - Business Meeting	
February 28: 2:30pm - Autumn Care Nursing Home Visit	
March 12 - 13: Ladies Spring Prayer Retreat	
March 20: Silent Auction - To raise money for camp for children and youth	
March 26: Children's Lock-in (4 yr. olds through 6th grade)	
April 3: Easter Egg Hunt	

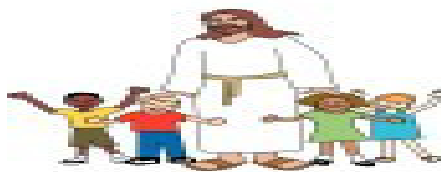


Nursery Schedule

Feb. 7:	Margaret Piner Rachael Piner
Feb. 14:	Brenda Hunt Joyce Sledd
Feb. 21:	Maida Martin Jessie Britt
Feb. 28:	Eloise Roseman Karen Roseman



Feb. 3:	Toni Ivey
Feb. 7:	Mary Ellen Smith
Feb. 12:	Vickery Jackson
Feb. 14:	John Viar
Feb. 16:	Luke Dewyea Gayle Tipper
Feb. 17:	Dakota Harootian
Feb. 20:	Noah Harootian
Feb. 22:	Alicia Brant Bonnie Townsend
Feb. 24:	Stephanie Swain



Children's Church Schedule

Feb 7:	Lee & Leandra Dewyea
Feb. 14:	Michelle Johnson & Carol Kennedy
Feb. 21:	Helen McClain & Jenna Cartrette
Feb. 28:	Gayle & Larry Tipper



Feb. 10:	Gene & Laurie Killete
Feb. 15:	Kevin & Renee Merritt



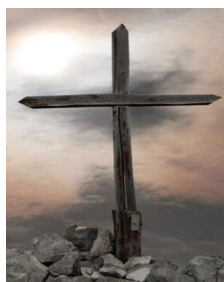
YOUTH NEWS

The youth group is planning a spaghetti supper to raise money for summer camp. The dinner will be Saturday February 13th beginning at 6:PM with a movie to follow in the sanctuary. For planning purposes an approximate count of those attending is necessary. the menu, Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Price: adults \$10 per person - 18 and under \$5 per person. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or you may contact Vickery at 520-7780 or Helen at 799-8312.



The Children's Department is collecting items for a Children's Ministry project in recognition of Children's Ministry Day, Saturday, February 20th. The items that are needed to make "Birthday Bash Bags" for our food pantry and for others in need in our community are as follows: cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, small birthday plates, birthday cups, party favors, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, birthday card and present for a child (card and small gift should be appropriate for any child whether a boy or girl.) Donated items may be placed in Children's Church room. If you have any questions or if you would like to participate in any way, please contact Gayle Tipper at 508-9504 or email kidstyle@silverlakebaptist.com.

If you would like to help in the Children's Department at Silver Lake Baptist, or if you would like more information about any of the children's programs, please contact our Children's Director, Gayle Tipper at 508-9504 or send an email to kidstyle@silverlakebaptist.com



The Season of Lent

The Lenten season is that forty-day period of the Church year which starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Saturday of Holy Week. It calls the faithful community to reflect on Jesus' suffering, crucifixion, and death. Following our Lord in his preparation for his Passion, we prepare ourselves on the way of the Cross for full obedience to God. The season of Lent is, therefore, as one commentator put it, a season of "preparation, accompaniment, and journey." As followers of Jesus of Nazareth, the church finds its life in his sacrifice on the Cross, his victory over evil, chaos, sin, and death, and his restoration of all things through his resurrection, his ascension, and soon return.

Beginning with the recognition of Ash Wednesday, we accompany our Lord on his journey to the Cross, humbling ourselves before him who gave his all for us in order that we might be set free from sin, Satan, and the grave. Ash Wednesday historically has been observed as a day of fasting and repentance that reminds us that as disciples we journey with Jesus which ends in the Cross (Luke 9:51). Ash Wednesday begins the observance of Lent.

Luke 9:22-26 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." [23] And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. [24] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. [25] For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? [26] For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Lent is our resounding "Yes!" to follow our Lord to the Cross. During this season we take up our crosses and follow him. This journey is recognized in different ways by different traditions and churches. Using ashes made of the previous year's palm leaves from Palm Sunday celebrations, many congregations start the journey on Ash Wednesday, signifying their commitment to brokenness with the mark of ashes on their foreheads on that day. Others begin with special times of discipline, reading, and practice of spiritual and ministry disciplines to show their solidarity with all other believing congregations who spiritually accompany our Lord to the Cross once more during the Lenten season. However you choose to begin your journey and recognize our Lord's humility and availability, stay focused on the challenge and blessing of identifying with our Lord in his death. Let your tradition, context, and situation guide you as you explore ways to tangibly demonstrate your identification with our Lord and his people as they journey to Calvary.





PRESIDENT'S DAY

*Back in Seventeen ninety-six
Is when this Holiday began
For the birthday of ol' George
At least, that was the plan.
It was his last full year
Of his Presidency
Born February twenty-second
Or the Eleventh, because you see
The old calendar was different
Than the one we use today
And some celebrated one
Some people, on the other day.
By the early Nineteenth Century
Celebrated every year
Birth-night Balls were held
Taverns reveled in good cheer.
Public figures gave their speeches
And Receptions given by a few
Then along came ol' Abe Lincoln
His Birthday, in February, too.
In eighteen and sixty-five
The year after Booth's fatal shot
Both Houses of Congress gathered
For a Memorial, and solemn thought.
Not a Federal Holiday like George's
But legal in more than one State
And then a Resolution was enacted
Back in Nineteen sixty-eight.
They made the third Monday of the month
To make for a three day weekend
To honor Washington and Lincoln
And this story comes an end.*

DEACON'S CORNER



Surviving the Trials of Life

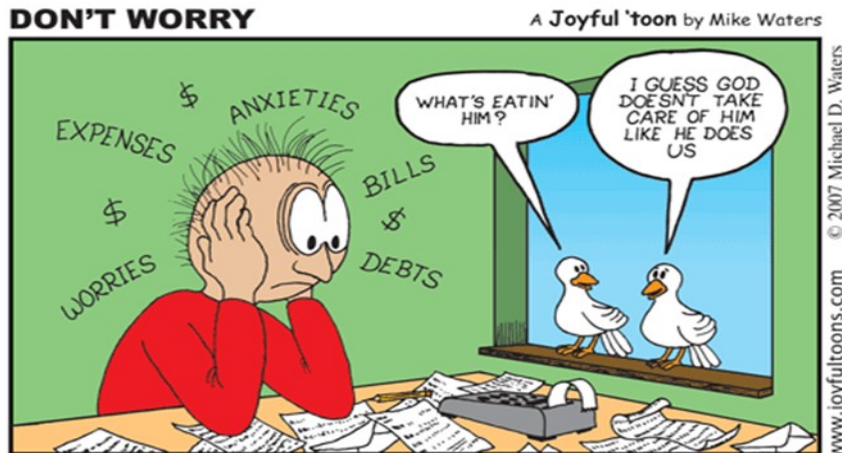
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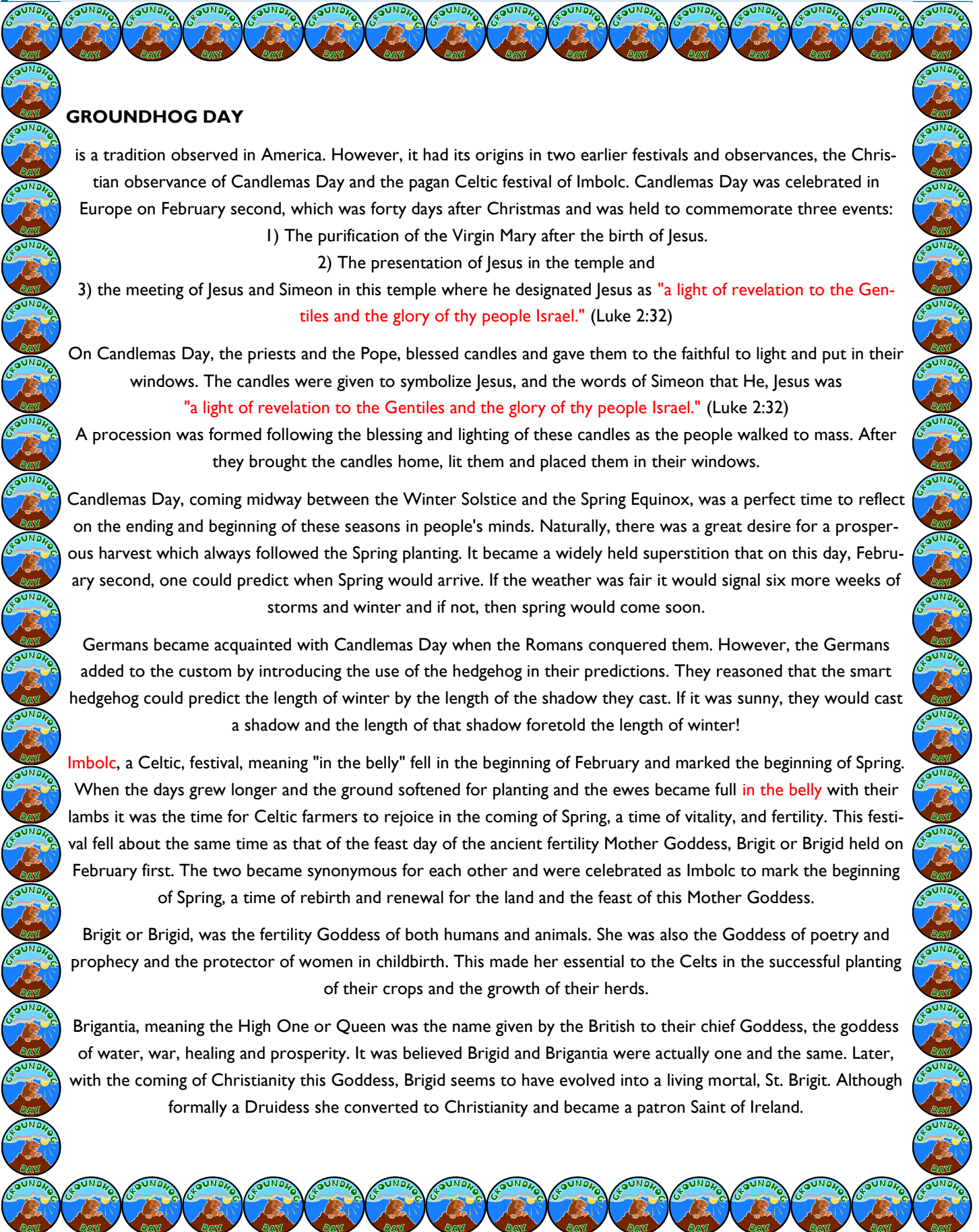
It seems that the last couple of years have been tough for a lot of people, and it also seems that it has just been getting worse for many over the last several months. Many have lost their jobs or have had to take cuts in pay or benefits. As a church, Silver Lake has always tried to do what we could to help those in need and we will continue to do whatever we can to help.

I also think that worry and fear have grown to what I believe are unhealthy levels during this time. Stress related diseases such as high blood pressure, strokes, and heart attacks are on the rise. People are scared about what the future holds.

I wanted to take this moment to remind you that God is still in control. In Matthew 6:26 Jesus said “Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” If God takes care of the birds, He most certainly cares of and watches over His greatest creation, YOU. This is a promise that was made to us by a loving and caring Father.

His word also tells us how to deal with problems when they arise. I Peter 5:7 says “casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” We simply need to turn all our troubles over to him. I challenge everyone to look up more examples in God’s word where we are told he will see us thru whatever comes our way. Remember, He never promised that our journey would be free of bumps or potholes, but He did promise to see us thru to the end. God bless all of you.





GROUNDHOG DAY

is a tradition observed in America. However, it had its origins in two earlier festivals and observances, the Christian observance of Candlemas Day and the pagan Celtic festival of Imbolc. Candlemas Day was celebrated in Europe on February second, which was forty days after Christmas and was held to commemorate three events:

- 1) The purification of the Virgin Mary after the birth of Jesus.
- 2) The presentation of Jesus in the temple and
- 3) the meeting of Jesus and Simeon in this temple where he designated Jesus as **"a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel."** (Luke 2:32)

On Candlemas Day, the priests and the Pope, blessed candles and gave them to the faithful to light and put in their windows. The candles were given to symbolize Jesus, and the words of Simeon that He, Jesus was **"a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel."** (Luke 2:32)

A procession was formed following the blessing and lighting of these candles as the people walked to mass. After they brought the candles home, lit them and placed them in their windows.

Candlemas Day, coming midway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox, was a perfect time to reflect on the ending and beginning of these seasons in people's minds. Naturally, there was a great desire for a prosperous harvest which always followed the Spring planting. It became a widely held superstition that on this day, February second, one could predict when Spring would arrive. If the weather was fair it would signal six more weeks of storms and winter and if not, then spring would come soon.

Germans became acquainted with Candlemas Day when the Romans conquered them. However, the Germans added to the custom by introducing the use of the hedgehog in their predictions. They reasoned that the smart hedgehog could predict the length of winter by the length of the shadow they cast. If it was sunny, they would cast a shadow and the length of that shadow foretold the length of winter!

Imbolc, a Celtic, festival, meaning "in the belly" fell in the beginning of February and marked the beginning of Spring. When the days grew longer and the ground softened for planting and the ewes became full **in the belly** with their lambs it was the time for Celtic farmers to rejoice in the coming of Spring, a time of vitality, and fertility. This festival fell about the same time as that of the feast day of the ancient fertility Mother Goddess, Brigit or Brigid held on February first. The two became synonymous for each other and were celebrated as Imbolc to mark the beginning of Spring, a time of rebirth and renewal for the land and the feast of this Mother Goddess.

Brigit or Brigid, was the fertility Goddess of both humans and animals. She was also the Goddess of poetry and prophecy and the protector of women in childbirth. This made her essential to the Celts in the successful planting of their crops and the growth of their herds.

Brigantia, meaning the High One or Queen was the name given by the British to their chief Goddess, the goddess of water, war, healing and prosperity. It was believed Brigid and Brigantia were actually one and the same. Later, with the coming of Christianity this Goddess, Brigid seems to have evolved into a living mortal, St. Brigit. Although formally a Druidess she converted to Christianity and became a patron Saint of Ireland.



A Valentine to send around the World

"For God so lo**V**ed the world,
 That He g**A**ve
 His on**L**y
 Begott**E**n
 So**N**
That whosoever
 Believeth **I**n Him
 Should **N**ot perish,
 But have **E**verlasting life."

John 3:16



The best mathematical equation ever seen:

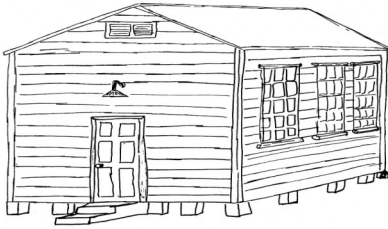
1 cross

+ 3 nails

= 4 given

That's the whole gospel message simply stated.

FLASH FROM THE PAST



SILVER LAKE
BAPTIST Church
August - 20-1950
Dr. Charles A. Leonard

Silver Lake Baptist

August 20 - 1950

Dr. Charles A. Leonard



Dr. Charles A. Leonard

1950 - 1953

Much visiting was done along Carolina Beach road by Dr. Leonard and the families to spread the word that Christian work had started in the neighborhood.

With a growing crowd, the need for a church building arose. A small group of men working all day and late into the night, had the roof and floors completed within two weeks. One week later, the church saw completion of a beautiful place in which to worship. Their dedication is truly to be admired by all. Baptisms were held in the Silver Lake, not just by Silver Lake Baptist Church, by other churches as well.

After completion of the building. Dr. Leonard was then asked to become our first interim Pastor.

Three missions eventually grew into churches after being adequately nourished, but not so readily as three missions which the Lord had brought into existence as churches these three years---Hampstead, Silver Lake and Olivet. The way these churches had grown had brought real joy to all of us and also by the Lord and the angels of heaven. Not one of the three churches received a cent from the State Mission Board. More gratifying than this were their deep spirituality and genuine blessing to their communities. They had each recently had good revival meetings. A number in each church had been baptized or were awaiting baptism. Each church had now taken a worthy place among everyone. The three brought to a complete fifty the number of churches that were constituting the Association.

The full-fledged church that had been organized, Silver Lake continued to be a joy to all connected with this earnest group. Before they were a year old they had doubled the size of their church building. Sunday School attendance was around 50 and church membership had grown to 60; four were awaiting baptism. The church had preaching every Sunday by Reverend Donald Farrow of Wilmington and Reverend Mr. Robbins of Brunswick County. Prayer meetings were full of interest and conducted by the male members of the church. Erection of new residences indicated that the community was growing.

In a short time, many classes were established including: The Training Union, Women's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Sunbeam Band, The Royal Ambassadors and the Girl's Auxiliary.

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What Is Children's Ministry Day?

Do you ever wonder if kids are too young to make a difference in the world? Think again!

Each year on Children's Ministry Day, thousands of children make a real difference in their communities through a variety of ministry projects. From feeding hungry people to visiting shut-ins, children across North America follow God's command to "put your love into action" (1 John 3:18).

Children's Ministry Day was created by WMU to move children out of their churches and into their communities to do mission action. We encourage leaders to investigate needs related to the focus area each year and create ministry projects that address these needs.

The first Children's Ministry Day was a huge success. Around 10,000 children's groups demonstrated Hope for the Hungry on or around February 16, 2008.

A leader from Indiana commented, "What a blessing the children and adults received, seeing firsthand missions work in action! They want to know when they can do it again!"

February 14, 2009, was the second Children's Ministry Day. Girls, boys, and their leaders showed Loving Hearts to their communities through health-care ministry projects.

Around 15,000 children and 4,000 adult leaders participated in ministry projects on that day. Children from India and Liberia joined in as well.

Together, these group's efforts touched the lives of nearly 70,000 individuals.

The third annual Children's Ministry Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010. Children from any church or family are invited to participate. Join us as we demonstrate God's love in our own communities!

Children's Ministry Day is sponsored by the Children's Resource Team of Woman's Missionary Union, a nonprofit organization that challenges Christian believers to understand and be radically involved in the mission of God. To learn more about WMU, visit www.wmu.com.

Visit www.childrensmissions.com throughout the year for more information about Children's Ministry Day!



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Happy Valentines Day



Saint Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who clung to his love for Jesus Christ in spite of persecution by Emperor Claudius Gothicus. It cost him his reputation. It cost him his career. It cost him his livelihood. Ultimately, when he refused to recant, it cost him his life. He was an example of God's divine, unconditional love. He was willing to deny himself and take up his cross and follow Jesus. 1



Valentine's Day has grown to symbolize a worldly view of love--kisses, heart candy, romantic music, cards with poems and pledges of devotion. This love is defined by the Greek word eros for erotic love, which is evident in our culture. Opposing this, the culture of the Kingdom of God is defined by the Greek word agape from the Greek New Testament Bible for God's divine love



How are we to view Valentine's Day as a Christian? We are to remember that God so loved the world that he gave us only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Jesus should not perish but have everlasting life. 2 What are we to believe about Jesus? That Jesus took our sin upon Himself at the cross. 3 He cleansed us from all unrighteousness, and made us right with God. 4 Then, we are able to love one another this Valentine's Day from a healed and pure heart.



Experiencing God's Love



It is possible to experience God's love throughout the day, year around. The Disciples experienced Jesus washing their feet. 5 The Apostle John alluded to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" five times in his Gospel. 6 He experienced God's love, which resulted in His love for God and obedience. 7 Likewise, we are to abide, continue and settle down in God's love, that our joy might be full. 8



The Christian life is all about experiencing God's love, but many find it difficult to realize that God loves them as much as he loved his Son, Jesus. 9 For this reason, we must ask God through prayer to help us grasp His love. I suggest you pray the following prayer from God's Word, while at the same time slowly meditate what you are praying. It is God's will for you to know His love.



"Father, I pray that from Your glorious, unlimited resources, You will give me mighty inner strength through the Holy Spirit. And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in my heart as I trust Him. May my roots go down deep into the soil of Your marvelous love. And may I have the power to understand, as all your people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep Your love really is. May I experience the love of Christ, though it is so great I will never fully understand it. Then I will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from You. Amen." 10



The Dolls on Mission (DOM) feature was such a hit with groups all around the country! Read on to find everything you need to know to start and finish this unique ministry project.



WMU NEWS

Our WMU group has a wonderful project for the month of February! We are making Witnessing Dolls. Ladies, if you enjoy crafts and sewing and wonderful fellowship we encourage you to join us on Thursday mornings right after the Bible Study class. We need you. The origin of the witnessing dolls is in the November 2007 issue of the MISSIONS MOSAIC magazine. Since the Sewing Seeds of Kindness ministry began over 1,000 witnessing dolls have been sent to 15 states and 5 countries. After the dolls are adorned with colorful fabrics and yarn their faces are hand painted, On one side, their eyes are closed, representing a lost person's spiritual condition. On the other side the eyes are open. A beaded necklace and a witnessing card with Scripture explain the plan of salvation,

The Children's groups, "Team Kids" and the Youth of the church will be involved making the necklaces and Scripture cards and painting the doll's faces.

Our Great God can use something as simple as fabric, yarn, beads, paint and sewing supplies to multiply His kingdom and bless others. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, 'Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.' We are not only sewing with our hands, but also sowing seeds for Christ, What an awesome God we serve!

Pray for God to use the witnessing dolls to reveal His plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, to people throughout the world.



Eloise Roseman

WMU Director



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REMEMBER

You will never know true happiness

Until you have truly loved,

And you will never understand

What pain really is

Until you have lost it.

See you next month,

Sue Riggs

I Corinthians 13

Valentine's Day is a day of love,
For showing that we care,
And if we read the Bible,
God describes love there:

If we speak like celestial angels
From heaven up above,
All our words mean nothing
If we don't have Christian love.

Love is patient, love is kind;
It doesn't brag or boast;
Love conquers pride and envy;
It is never self-engrossed.

Love is not rude or angry;
Forgiveness counters wrong;
Love stays away from evil;
It sings a truthful song.

Love is full of trust and hope;
It always perseveres;
Love never fails; It's faithful;
To the Bible it adheres.

And if you give this kind of love
To your special Valentine,
You'll be loving right in harmony
With God's own sweet design.

