#### February

Feb 10 Valentine Banquet for 55 and older after a.m. services

- Feb 11 Seven @ Seven
- Feb 18 Seven @ Seven
- Feb 20 Teen Supper in the basement at 6:30
- Feb 21 Man-Up at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room
- Feb 24 4th Sunday Luncheon after morning services
- Feb 24 Elders/Deacons meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 25 Seven @ Seven
- Feb 27 Bring cookies for Winfield Rest Haven

### MAN-UP

Men, there will be another Man-Up on Thursday, February 21, in the Fellowship Room. If you have any questions please talk to Wes.

## TAKE A NOTE

When I was in high school, I was a member of the choir and had a lot of friends in the band. We would kiddingly argue over who was the best—there were good things about each group. The band's main contention was they were louder, but the choir always came back with we could sing anywhere, no instrument in hand.

Many enjoy instrumental music of many different forms. But the harmonizing of voices...that is a beautiful sound! We are lucky in that we grow up learning to sing and the happiness it brings. When one is walking by singing or humming, we say they must be in a good mood. Or how many times do you have a song in your head that plays all day long! Some of the most memorable spiritual experiences have been singing around a campfire, at youth devo's, in worship services, at home and other places. Those who are lucky enough to go to LTC will find groups breaking out in song all over the hotel or in the elevators. When I attended the ACC teacher workshop in between sessions, groups would gather and sing. There were different songs going on everywhere—kind of like a taste of heaven.

The wonderful thing about making melody in your heart is you can do it anywhere—with others or alone, at work in your head, at home in the shower, or even in a strange place. Singing can hit the highs of happiness, pull one out of despair, strengthen the soul, take the tears, and lighten any load. Aren't we lucky that "Anywhere with Jesus" "There's Within My Heart a Melody." Now, that's noteworthy! —Selected

We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God. Please feel at home with our family, and let us know how we can serve you!

### FROM THE PREACHERS DESK The Hardest Topic

What do you think is the most difficult Bible topic to teach? For me, it's the topic of divorce. The mere mention of the word causes discomfort in many people. Why?

Divorce is destructive and devastating in the lives of those it touches. I have lived through a lot in my short 37 years but the worst of it all was living through my parent's divorce. If it was terrible for me, I can't even imagine what it was like to have been my parents.

It affected my grandparents, other relatives and all of the friends of my mom and dad. There was all of the usual: villainization of parties, choosing of sides, changing of living arrangements, changing of schools, division of siblings, terrible words and justifications.

It's no wonder that God says in Malachi 2:16

## *"For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel...*

At its core, divorce is the anti-gospel message. Imagine God saying this,

"You have not obeyed my commands. You have betrayed Me. I gave you a multitude of warnings, a multitude of second chances and all the while I still loved and took care of you. While I was blessing you, you were cursing Me. Enough is enough. I'm finished with you and your wicked ways. I am sending you away from Me. I am sending you to the hell you deserve. I am divorcing you."

Do you know what's truly amazing? We have not obeyed God's commands. We have betrayed Him. He has given us unlimited second chances. He has taken care of us even while we were unfaithful to Him. He did say, "Enough is enough," but that's where the most amazing twist in the story occurs.

God, being completely sickened with the sin of His people, does not punish us, but instead provides a means by which we can be made right with Him. He does the only thing that can be done to bring us back to Him. The blame for all of my wrong goes to Jesus on the cross, his blood is shed and my relationship with God is saved.

## PRAYER LIST

Wade Colwell, Dana Morris, Sandy Albin, Lindy Bolser and her son, Ralph Dry, Kylie Lock, Beth Brownlee, Ron Shields, Richard Wartick, Dalton Brownlee, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson. *Shut-In's:* Ella Mae Watson, Ted Davis, Bertha Brown, Gene Deffenbaugh, Dorothy Lauterbach, Maxine Cole.

# GOD NEEDS TO BE THERE

A braid appears to contain only two strands of hair. But it is impossible to create a braid with only two strands. If the two could be put together at all, they would quickly unravel. Herein lies the mystery: What looks like two strands require a third. The third strand, though not immediately evident, keeps the strands tightly woven. In a Christian marriage, God's presence, like the third strand in a braid, holds husband and wife together.

Lo, I am with you always.-Matthew 28:20

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life is like a camera, just focus on what is important, Capture the good times, Develop from the negatives. If things don't work out, Take another shot.

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Divorce is the tragic ending of relationship. It is the anti-gospel.

How comforting it is to me that God is so good! How wonderful that Jesus sees the church as His bride. How much does He love His bride? He died for her.

Over the next couple of weeks, as we approach the topic of divorce, let us be as kind, loving and compassionate to one another as God is to us.

Much Love,

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## Koine Greek Word of the Week:

In today's text, the word *"mystery"* comes from the Greek word *mysterion*, and it means, "secret or a hidden thing."

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ELDERS Rex Harris Ed Newberry	Marvin Kline Tom Norris	SCHEDULE OF Sunday Bible Classes Worship Children's Worshi	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. p.10:30 A.M.	
DEACONS Kevin Dodds Leroy Lewis David Pierce MINISTER	Aaron Hines Mike Neal Alan Shields	Evening Worship. Children's Class <i>Wednesda</i> Ladies Bible Class Bible Class	6:00 P.M. <i>y</i> 9:30 A.M.	



*Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church* to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.

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