

THE SHINING LIGHT

February 2012

Germantown Baptist Church

*Real People
Relevant Ministry
Renewed Hearts*

Pastor's Corner

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February

- 2- 10:00 am: Senior Adults
7:00 pm: Ladies Bible Study
- 4- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
10:00am: Prayer Gathering Time
- 7- 6:00 pm: Youth Night
- 12- 5:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice
- 14- 6:00 pm: Youth Night
- 15 - 6:45 pm: Kid's Valentine Party
- 16- 10:00 am: Senior Adults
- 17 - 7:00 pm: Multicultural
- 18 - 12:00 pm: Valentine Bowling Banquet
- 19- 5:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice
- 21- 6:00 pm: Youth
- 26- 12:15 pm: "Get to Know Us"
3:00 pm: Youth Snow Tubing
5:00 pm: Cantata Practice
- 28- 6:00 pm: Youth Night
- Every Wednesday:
6:45 pm: Team KID
7:00 pm: Bible Study
- Every Sunday:
9:45 am: Children's Sunday School
9:45 am: Teen & Adult Bible Study
11:00 am: Worship Service

So far so good. This winter has been very mild. Very soon, we'll all be wearing shorts and t-shirts and fussing about spring allergies. Hopefully, your life has gotten back to some type of normalcy after the holidays.

The church council is hard at work trying to finalize a new Constitution and Bylaws for the church. The current ones are outdated and do not reflect our current polity. Once we have them finalized, we will make copies available to everyone and have a "town hall meeting" to answer any questions and make sure that everyone is on the same page. So, please keep us in prayer as we go through this process.

When we think of February, the holiday that comes to mind is that warm, cozy, heart-thumping, romantic, pitter-patter, loving feeling for that someone special in our life; Punxsutawney Phil. Yes, Groundhog Day is fast approaching, so make sure you get all your Groundhog Day cards and presents early. Just kidding.

We think of Valentine's Day and we think of love. The Bible is the ultimate love letter. It is God's Valentine sent to each one of us revealing His great love. Why does He love us? Could it be because we are so lovable? Maybe it's because we are deserving? Maybe He loves us because we are so beautiful? The answer to all of these questions is "no". He loves us, because of Who He is. He loves because He

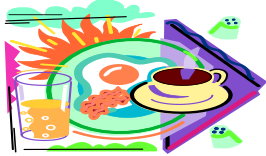
chooses to love us. We love, because we expect something in return. God loves knowing that His love might not be reciprocated.

Everything that God does is motivated by His great love. Ephesians 2: 4But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Maybe this month of love, we will allow the love of God to become our great motivator. We will love others, not because of who they are or how deserving we think they are, but we will love simply because God's love moves us to show the exceeding riches of His grace and His kindness.

God bless you and your family,

Pastor Robert





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

Men, you are invited to join us on Saturday, February 4th at 8:00 am for breakfast at

IHOP. Then we will return to the church for a topical Bible Study. For more information, please contact Pastor Robert.

Prayer Gathering

February 4th @ 10:00 am

Please see Ngata Nganga for more information.

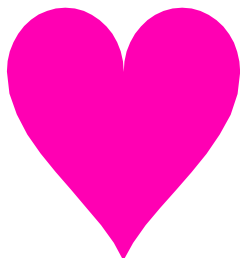




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VALENTINE BOWLING BANQUET

Bowlers and Non Bowlers of All Ages. Hope you spare the time to strike up some fun at the Valentine Bowling Banquet. Saturday February 18, noon to 2:00 p.m. at Bowl American in Gaithersburg. Price is \$10 per person. Headcount and payment due by February 12 to Janice Crogan. Menu includes Ceasar Salad, Pasta and Meat with Alfredo Sauces, Cheese, Pepperoni, sausage and veggie pizza, bread and sodas.

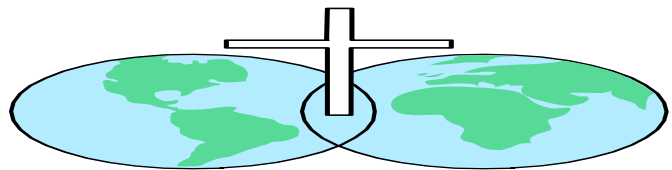


OASIS
(Older Adults Sharing In Service)

The winter months are upon us and perhaps you feel like you would like to hibernate, but let me challenge you to come and join us on February 2nd and 16th at 10:00 AM. A fellowship that will warm your heart and spirit. We exercise (nothing strenuous), devotion and various activities. Coupling all this with prayer.

For more information, please contact Carole Fusco

OASIS Group



MULTICULTURAL NEWS

Monthly Fellowship

Please join us for fellowship on Friday, February 17th at GBC Basement. Potluck dinner starts at 7pm followed by worship, devotional Bible Study, testimonies, and prayer.

Let us continue to dwell in God's Word, encourage one another, and lift each other up to the Lord. For more info, please contact Gil Gurra @ 301-775-5349 or email: gilgurra119@yahoo.com



Ushers for February



- 5- Howard Crogan, Rick Simms, Danny Cavell, Gary Cavell
- 12- Eddie Brassell, Ngata Nganga, Percy Jones, Matt Markiewicz
- 19 - Brett Whitworth, Bill Stanton, Mike Lentz, Tyler Walker
- 26 - John King, Tom Beavers, Kenny Solomon, Chris McKee

Greeters for February



- 5- Ivette Lopez & Armelia Brassell
- 12- Bud Whitworth & Sharon Stuart
- 19 - Armelia Brassell & Frankie Kline
- 26 - Jackie Whitworth & Alicia King

With Heartfelt Thanks

Dear GBC Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement, but most of all I'm thankful for your love and prayers.

Eula Wilkes & Family

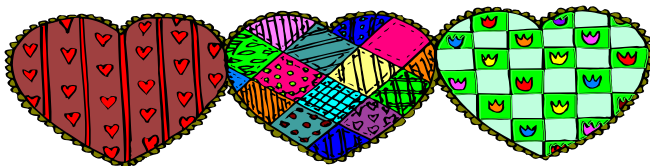
Dear Church Family,

I want to thank The Whitworth families that gave an offering to Lottie Moon in memory of George.

I also want to thank the church for the meal that was prepared.

I want you to keep me in your prayers as I am trying to get through this.

Wilma Whitworth



CHURCH LIBRARY



Come "check out" your church library! There are books and DVD/videos for all ages!

When checking out a book or DVD, please see instructions located at the library desk or contact, Michelle McKee.

Hope to see you in the library!



Church Resurrection Cantata Practice

Do you love to sing to the Lord and for the Lord? Then we invite you to join us for Resurrection Cantata Practice. We will practice each Sunday beginning, Sunday, February 12th at 5:00 pm.

For more information, see Michelle Stanton.





SIS (Sisters In Spirit)

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

We will begin a new Bible Study in March! We will be studying Beth Moore’s new study on the Book of James, Mercy Triumphs!

DIAPER DRIVE!

Ngata & Susan are having their third son in February! The Ladies Ministry will be hosting a "Diaper Drive" beginning January 29th - February 12th. If you would like to donate diapers (all sizes) and/or wipes, please bring them in and put them in the designated box in the educational hall. For more information, please contact Kimberly Walker. Thank you.

Our ladies ministry, “S.I.S” is open to all ladies. Please join us for Bible study or our monthly activities. We would love to have you open God’s Word and fellowship with us.

Love In Christ, Kimberly Walker

God’s Heart for Parents- By Max Lucado

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32

God has a heart for hurting parents. Should we be surprised? No, after all, God himself is a Father!

Are you separated from your child? So was God. Is someone mistreating your child? They mocked and bullied his.

Is someone taking advantage of your children? The Son of God was set up and betrayed by a greedy follower. Are you forced to watch while your child suffers? God watched his son on the cross.

But because of his great love for us, “he did not spare his own son but gave him for us all. So with Jesus, God will surely give us all things!” All things must include courage and hope!

Your child may not be in your arms-
but your child is safely in his!



What’s Going On With GBC Youth?

#1: Tuesday Night Bible Study! Join the Youth (grades: 7th-12th) every Tuesday night from 6 pm– 8pm! There will be team challenge games, Student Life Character Bible Study, prayer, fun & fellowship! This night is set apart just for YOU! Bring you friends, wear closed- toe shoes, and your BIBLE! If you don’t have your own Bible, there are Bibles at the church you can borrow or see Pastor Robert and he will get you one! It’s that simple!

#2: Snow Tubing! We are going Snow Tubing!!!! Sunday, February 26th from 6-8 pm! We will meet at the church at 3pm and return at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$12 per person for tubing and bring money for fast food on the way up there. If you will be attending, you MUST RSVP and pay by February 12th. Sorry, NO Exceptions! Parents, if you are able to drive, please let Kimberly know. Thanks!

#3: Student Life Camp See Youth Bulletin Board for details!

For more info on Youth Events, please contact: Pastor Robert or Kimberly Walker, Youth Leaders.

NEW TEAMKID CLUB SERIES

February 1st! - “STEP OUT”

We invite all kids grades K - 6th to TeamKID on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm. TeamKID is a high– energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and to grow in a relationship with Him. All parts of TeamKID - Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation - connect to teach life lessons to kids. Please come and be part of this exciting club at GBC!

For more information or to register your child, please contact Kimberly Walker , Brittany, Alicia or Lindsay!

Learning about God - Using the Bible- Living for Jesus

Please register your child/children for this new TeamKID series! Even your child has attended in the past, they still are required to register again. See one of their TeamKID Coaches for registration forms.

Directory of Services

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship & Junior Church 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Youth Bible Study & Fellowship Time.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

TeamKID (K - 6th Grade) 6:45 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday (1ST & 3RD)

Senior Adult Ministry 10:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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