

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 MMM Visiting Jim Balch	2 Edgar Burgess Amber Garrison	3 Brenda Isbell	4	5 Cody Rumble	6 Gym - Reserved Senior Adult Trip Alex Gomez
7 Deacon Meeting Bridal Shower for Logan Tverberg Nix Callie Bowling Peggy Simpson	8 Brenda Nixon	9 Jesse & Geri Duffley Zach Ledlow Johnny Nixon Zadie Woods	10 Business Meeting Greer Alexander	11	12 Adult Valentine Banquet Whitney Gilley	13
14 Leon & Charlotte Borden Kristie Mahatha Carol Underwood	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	16 Brandon & Ashley Eddy Jonathan Gooch Levi Houston	17 Madison Lawlor Christi Bowling Chase Senn	18 Dennis & Linda Sell Myranda Vandiver Theo Isbell	19 Brian King Jackson Clarke	20 Jacob Stutts Andrew Tidwell
21 Mary Underwood	22	23 Wayne & Faye Hester	24 Amy Morris	25 Brandon Hodge	26 Jim Meadows	27 Men's Ministry Break- fast Brittany Richardson
28 Hannah Morgan	29					

**NURSERY CARE**

**Wednesday, February 3**  
Linda Counts, Susan Young  
**Sunday, February 7**  
am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Logan Nix, Dana Massey, Amanda Gomez  
pm - Lura Agee, Joy South, Shelia McCrary  
**Wednesday, February 10**  
Linda Counts, Susan Young  
**Sunday, February 14**  
am - Sue Jeffreys, Dorothy Cabaniss, Patricia Gomez, Allison Beasley, April Simon  
pm - Tiffany Hill, Phyllis Myhan  
**Wednesday, February 17**  
Wanda Berry, Shelia Creasy  
**Sunday, February 21**  
am - Joyce Dennis, Charlotte Jeffreys, Meagan Rumble, Doug McDonald, Rhonda Keenum, Nita O'Brien  
pm - Penny Townsend, Tonya Reid  
**Wednesday, February 24**  
Mary Jane McDonald, Susan Rackley  
**Sunday, February 28**  
am - Tina Tverberg, Linda Isbell, Katie Looney, Freddie & Carol Morris  
pm - Carol Kuykendall, Norma Hallmark

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM**

7 - Bo. Keenum, Ban Roberts  
14 - Gary James, Charles Lamar  
21 - Rhonda Keenum, Patricia Gomez  
28 - Wayne Jeffreys, Jeremy Scott

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2016**

**Every Week**  
 Sunday School.....Sundays 9:15 am  
 Morning Worship.....Sundays 10:30 am  
 Celebration Choir.....Sundays 4:30 pm  
 Discipleship Training.....Sundays 5:00 pm  
 Evening Worship.....Sundays 6:00 pm  
 Grief Share.....Mondays 6:30 pm  
 Boy's Basketball Ministry.....Tuesdays 6:00 pm  
 Children/Youth Meal Time.....Wednesdays 5:00 pm  
 Children/Youth Activities.....Wednesdays 5:35 pm  
 College & Career.....Wednesdays 6:00 pm  
 Bible Study & Prayer.....Wednesdays 6:15 pm

1st.....Monday Morning Ministry Visiting 10:00 am  
 6th.....Gym Reserved  
 6th.....Senior Adult Trip  
 7th.....Post Wedding Bridal Shower for Logan Tverberg Nix  
 7th.....Deacon Meeting 4:00 pm  
 8th.....Monday Morning Ministry Bible Study 10:00 am  
 10th.....Business Meeting  
 12th.....Adult Valentine Banquet  
 14th.....PM Service moved to First Baptist Church Sheffield  
 15th.....Newsletter Article Due  
 15th.....WMU 10:00 am  
 22nd.....Monday Morning Ministry Bible Study  
 27th.....Men's Ministry Breakfast

**VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, February 3**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Jim Sanderson  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Susan Young  
**Sunday, February 7**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Greg Newell  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Barry Minor  
**Wednesday, February 10**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Lura Agee  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Lanny Jeffreys  
**Sunday, February 14**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, John Permenter  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Sharon Permenter  
**Wednesday, February 17**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Chuck Bryant  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Alisha Bryant  
**Sunday, February 21**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Hillard South  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Joy South  
**Wednesday, February 24**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, T.C. Hallmark  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Norma Hallmark  
**Sunday, February 28**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Randy Tate  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Ashley Carpenter  
 \*\*Riders for Sundays can split duties on Van 1 unless Van 2 runs. Check with drivers & riding partner on Saturday.

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**THE VISION**

*"Without a vision,  
the people will perish."*  
Proverbs 29:18

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

In our Sunday school class we are studying a book by Kyle Idleman called, "gods at war." Each week we learn a valuable lesson and there are times that I wished that everyone could have heard this so this month in my newsletter I am going to share a story from the book. titled: "A Little Competition"

Martha demonstrates another characteristic of someone who struggles with the god of achievement. She compares herself and seems to be keeping score. Martha makes a point of how much more she has done than Mary. High achievers will turn almost anything into a competition. There are two related symptoms that indicate that the god of achievement has gained some ground in your life:

1. A constant frustration with people in your life who, from your perspective, aren't getting it done. Martha is frustrated with Mary that she isn't being a better teammate, but Mary doesn't even seem to realize she's competing in a game. This frustration with others for not doing their fair share comes to the surface in the form of criticism. Martha is critical of Mary's lack of productivity. Are you constantly critical of those around you for not getting enough done or not doing it well enough? Maybe you are trying not to be critical but just get so frustrated you feel like you have to say something.
2. The second symptom is a constant sense of discontentment with yourself for not getting done what you hoped you would. Thomas J. Delong, a Harvard Business School professor, describes his five hundred interviews with "high-need-for-achievement-professionals." More than four hundred of them "questioned their own success and brought up the name of at least one other peer who they felt had been more successful than they were." What's interesting is that these professionals were selected from America's corporate leaders, yet they're making themselves miserable by constantly comparing themselves to others and feeling like they aren't achieving enough and are always running to catch up.

When we worship the god of achievement, getting things done right becomes more important than almost anything or anyone else. In Psalm 46:10 the Lord reminds us to "be still, and know that I am God." It's hard work to worship the god of achievement and be still and worship the Lord God at the same time. If it's difficult for you to take time to be still and know that the Lord is God, that should be a warning sign. The rest of the verse in Psalm 46 goes on to say, "I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." When we slow down long enough to know that the Lord is God, we are reminded of his sovereignty. He's got the whole world in His hands. Can I encourage you next time you find yourself being critical of others or especially hard on yourself to remember Mary and choose what is better? Take a deep breath. Be still. Know the Lord is God. Kyle Idleman

I pray that you have read this article and it has touched your heart. We can slow down, and realize that we are serving the Almighty God. What a joy to know who He is. As we take some time to look around and notice the creation that He has created for us to enjoy. Then when this life is over we will spend an eternity with Him in Heaven.

Bro. Greg

## FROM YOUR YOUTH/CLOTHING MINISTRY DIRECTOR

During the month of February everywhere we go to shop there will be heart shaped candy and red objects everywhere. Jesus talked a lot about "LOVE" but in a different way. Jesus spoke of love being an action, not primarily an emotion.

How well do you show love in "ACTION"?  
"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

Are you truly a "disciple" in action?

Frankie

## FROM YOUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

The Bible and Being a Good Parent

One of the most difficult jobs as an adult is being a good parent. The Bible provides instruction on how to successfully raise our children to be godly men and women. As a good parent, we must teach them the truth of God's Word. In Deuteronomy 6:7-9, we should be the godly example for our children. We should commit ourselves to keep His commands. Biblical truth should be the foundation of our lives. Children learn by watching us; and we should be careful in everything that we do.

As a good parent, we must understand Ephesians 5:21 requires wives and husbands to be respectful and submissive to each other. The husband should be the head of the wife. At the same time, the wife is not inferior. The husband's responsibility is to love his wife as his body.

As a good parent, we must heed Proverbs 13:24 that requires parents to not spare the rod because they love the child by giving discipline. Undisciplined children grow up feeling unwanted. They do not have respect for authority and usually rebel. Discipline must be balanced with love (Hebrews 12:11). "Father, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord". (Ephesians 6:4)

As a good parent, we should be involved in church and the ministry. Regular attendance and Bible study set an example for them. Discuss the Bible with them. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." Being a good parent is raising your children as a model in following, obeying, loving, and worshipping God.

- ◇ Feb. 3 - **Stuffed Animal Night (Zoo Night)** - The kids will bring their favorite stuffed animals to club.
  - ◇ Jesus Called Disciples
- ◇ Feb. 7 - Personal God
- ◇ Feb. 10 - **Kiss Night** - The kids will get Hershey's kisses for bringing their Bibles, learning their lessons, and having good behavior.
  - ◇ Jesus Met Nicodemus
- ◇ Feb. 14 - Salvation
- ◇ Feb. 17 - **Balloon Night**—We will have balloon games.
  - ◇ Jesus and John the Baptist
- ◇ Feb. 24 - **Bring a Friend Night** - The kids will bring friends to church.
  - ◇ Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman
- ◇ Feb. 28 - Identify in Christ

Mary

## FROM YOUR EDUCATION/YOUNG COUPLE DIRECTOR

I really enjoy working with Bro. Greg, the staff and you as members of Valley Grove! I'm settling in but continually asking dumb questions to all I contact. Nevertheless, you are very kind and patient and I appreciate it very much.

As Minister of Education, I am reminded of three words of VGBC "Invite, Involve, Invest."

**Invite** is to ask people to accept Christ or come to church. Once they come to Christ in faith we then **Involve** them in a ministry that fits them. Lastly, **Invest**, is the church ministering to them and their family to help them be their best for the Lord, therefore, enjoying life. So your desire is mine, to love God with all my heart and others as I do myself. This is the most rewarding ministry for all Christians.

The Lord willing, our first training for the 2015-2016 adult teachers will be February 24th at 6 pm in the gym, Room 104 (Marilyn Tedder's classroom). Part of my personal ministry goal is assisting Sunday School outreach. I also desire to create new classes in order to do "The Lord's great commission."

Thank you for your prayers and support! God Bless you. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Bro. Ted

## FROM YOUR OFFICE/EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Forgiveness: An Act of Love

### 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Forgiving those who have wronged us is a tough command to follow. Our human nature finds it easier and more satisfying to hold onto our anger. But as vessels of God's love, Christians no longer live according to the impulses of the flesh. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, when someone mistreats us, we can not only forgive but also show love to that person.

1 Corinthians 13:5 tells us that...

- **Love does not seek its own.** Many people are preoccupied with their "rights." Yet the idea of entitlements is a worldly construct, not a biblical mandate. That's not to say we should allow others to take advantage of us; rather, the Bible teaches that our primary concern should be something other than our own interests—namely, we're to be focused on showing God's love to our enemy (Matt. 5:44).
- **Love is not provoked.** Maintaining a peaceful spirit when we are irritated is difficult. But the moments when we are persecuted or wronged are precisely the times we most need to be mindful of God's love flowing through us. Think how often Jesus had to face religious leaders who deliberately provoked Him, and yet, on the cross, He sought the Father's forgiveness for them, too.
- **Love does not take into account a wrong suffered.** God's love flowing through us can carry away a hurt done by another person. But we must

allow this to happen instead of holding on to pain. People will wrong us. But if we have a caring attitude and refuse to be provoked or preoccupied with rights, then we will be able to let go of bitterness and forgive with love.

Molly

## COUPLES RETREAT

Together at the Springs

February 26-27, 2016

**Don't miss the January 31 early registration price of \$204 per couple.**

The cost will increase to \$254 per couple after the deadline.

Join other married couples for a weekend at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center.

Options are available for:

- One-night stay
- Two-night stay, which includes Saturday night program options, brunch and Sunday morning worship
- Commuters

See all Bro. Ted Vafeas for more information.

## 12th ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET

Friday, February 12, 2016

6:00 pm

The Banquet is for all adults. Be sure to get your tickets, they are \$12.00 per person. The menu is as follows: 1/2 smoked chicken, baked potato, green beans, slaw, roll, red velvet cupcake, tea, and coffee. There will be provisions for children up to 12 years old. We ask if you are going to bring your child please let Rendy Harper know so we can provide for them. Tickets have to be turned in by Thurs. Feb. 7th. Sorry, after that date we cannot sale any more tickets.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE @ VALLEY GROVE

APRIL 22-23, 2016

MC - Jerry Edgil

Speakers - Ronny Jones, Jackie Kay, Kevin Hamm, Jim Warren

Worship Leader - Steven Holland

Special Music - Dixie Echoes

## CLOTHING MINISTRY NEW TIMES!!

1st & 3rd Tuesday

2nd & 4th Monday

Open to serve 8:30am-1:30am  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**