

THE BEACON



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Dear Friends of First Baptist, Marietta,

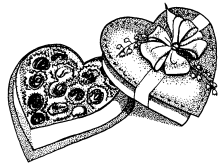


What a different winter season it has been, warm spring-like days to snow, ice and freezing rain! In some ways, our lives are just like the weather – from one extreme to another.

The great thing, in the midst of all the extremes that we all encounter, is the constant, abiding love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are reminded of “*this*” everyday. I hope not just one day this month - Valentine’s Day.

You and I, even in the midst of the greatest storms in our lives, know that there is the love of Christ and what He has done for us and what He continues to do for, and with us, daily!

We are reminded of this thing called “*love*,” in a secular way on February 14 (as we should be) - yes! Get a little something for your loved ones:



a card, candy, etc. In the midst of this very thing, “*love*” that is at the heart of being a follower of Christ, as Christians, we must understand and believe that we don’t set aside one day to express our love. It must be a constant part of our life.



I just turned to the Concordance in my personal pulpit Bible and there are four and one-half columns (in small print) of where love is found. Yes, it is the most used noun, verb, etc. in our “*Manual for Life*” - the Bible.

These are just some thoughts to get you to think about “*love*,” especially what God has done for each of us.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and Only Son.”

John 3:16

With Love,
Pastor Gerald



CARING TOUCH WORKERS

Feb. 07 – Dixie Brown and Joyce Miller
14 – Gary and Sharon Frye
18 – Chris Casto and Adrienne Young
21 – Cindy Sams and Bob Bumgarner
28 – Sharon Hambrick and Bonnie Hamilton

GREETERS

Our greeters for the month of **February** are members of the **Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class**.

ALTAR FLOWERS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers will be delivered to our shut-ins in **February** by members of the **Acacia Sunday School Class**.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Our *Deacons of the Month* for **February** are Bonnie Hamilton (373.7182) and Rex Prescher (374.8428).

CANDLE LIGHTERS

The candle lighters for February are:
February 12 – Emma Kitchen
19 – Abby Miller
26 – Anna Jones

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles or announcements for the **March** issue of The Beacon, are due in the church office by February 16th by calling Charlene at 373.1273 or e-mail charlene@fbcmarietta.org.



In the absence of a full-time minister, it is imperative that you leave a message when you call the church office. Our Administrative Assistant will check messages frequently and call you back as soon as possible. We have volunteers in place who are willing to make hospital calls, etc., and they will be happy to call on you and minister to you in your time of need.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES OFFERED

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study and Faith Weaver Friends meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p. m. Gary Frye is leading the Bible Study and Lydia Donnelly works with our children in the Faith Weaver Friends program. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of John. The outline for the first two Wednesday nights in February is as follows:

February 1 – Chapter 1:35-50
8 – Chapter 2:1-23

CARE PACKAGES TO BE PACKED

Care Packages to our college students and military personnel will be packed on Sunday, February 26th. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sunday School classes. Updated college/military addresses are requested. Please call the church office with the address information.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



In observance of President's Day, the church office will be closed Monday, February 20th.

PANCAKE DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

The Marietta Kiwanis Club announces its 58th Annual Pancake Days scheduled for February 3 and 4 at the First Congregational Church, 318 Front Street. The event will be held from 11:00

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



a. m. - 1:30 p. m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p. m. on Friday and from 7:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. and 4:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. on Saturday. All the proceeds, over \$20,000 last year - goes back into the community. There is a raffle and silent auction both days featuring items from local businesses. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from any Kiwanis member for \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door. Children under age five eat free with any ticket holder. The menu includes all you can eat pancakes, two sausage patties, orange slices and beverages. To purchase tickets, contact Linda Eddy at 373.9205 or Ann

Hontz at 373.1364. Tickets are also on sale at Peoples News.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 02 - Marcia Binkley and Debra Mulneix Circles meet

05 - Board of Deacons' Planning Meeting

09 - Marietta Baptist Association Pastors/Spouses Dinner
(First Baptist, Marietta)

09 - Board of Trustees

11 - From Caring to Sharing Our Lunch - Sponsored by the Singles and
Doubles Class

14 - Board of Christian Education and Board of Deacons' Meeting

16 - Angels of Light Circle meets

18 - Men's Breakfast

20 - Presidents' Day - Church Office Closed

25 - Marietta Baptist Association Men's Breakfast - Lawrence Baptist
Church

25 - From Caring to Sharing Our Lunch - Sponsored by the Acacia
Sunday School Class

26 - Pack "Care Packages"

“The Tell-Her-Gram” is the state ABWM publication. It is an accumulation of reports from each of the state officers. Some of you are now receiving this publication. Because of the cost of this paper, the state office in Granville is finding it more difficult to put “The Tell-Her-Gram” together, and we are being urged to look for it on line. Find the publication on line at: www.abministries@abc-ohio.org Please share your copies with your circle.



I want to remind you that we need to be planning for the Marietta Association ABWM Spring Retreat to be held at Parchment Valley Baptist Conference Center on April 20-21. This will be here before we know it. Talk about this in your circles and plan to take a car with several of your ladies going. Rooms will be assigned any time after 1:00. The retreat starts at 3:00 p. m. with opening exercises followed by the first Bible study. Dinner is around 5:30. You may come after work and check into your room and get to the Mission report at 7:00 and Bible study following that.(No one will check to see if you are a little late or early.) We finish with lunch on Saturday. Travel time is approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes to the camp.

Remember your theme basket needs to go with you. Bring a snack to share, a gag gift for a game, and, if you have an item that can be placed in a silent auction, bring that. This should be something that ladies might buy for around \$5, \$10 or so. This can be a gift to you that you may not use, or something else you have around the house that would interest other ladies that you have no use for. You don't have to bring this auction item if you don't have anything to bring. Do not buy something for this. Bring your Bible and a note pad if you are a note- taker.

The trustees have been gracious enough to pay the fees for this retreat.

The Bible book this month is The Epistle of Paul to Philemon. Philemon had been saved under Paul's ministry several years earlier. Philemon was wealthy enough to have a large house and at least one slave, a man named Onesimus. Onesimus was not a believer when he ran away to Rome. He met up with Paul and became a Christian. Onesimus provided a valuable service to Paul while he was imprisoned and Paul did not want to send Onesimus back to his owner, but Paul realized that laws had been broken and those issues had to be dealt with and decided to send Onesimus back to Colosse with a friend. Paul sent Philemon this beautiful personal letter, urging him to forgive Onesimus and welcome him back to service as a brother in Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!



During the month of February, the following people will celebrate their birthdays. Why not send them a card or give them a phone call.

February 01 - Sharon Hambrick
Winona Rinehart

10 - Nathan McVicar
Janel Nuzum

19 - Barbara Young

20 - Tanner Murray

21 - Shana Griffin


22 - Jayde Prescher

23 - Carmen Donnelly

25 - Elia Marchetti

26 - Jane Combs
Jo Martin

If you, or a member of your family, are not listed, please call the church office (373.1273). Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2012</h1>						
			1 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Faith Weaver Friends 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	2 9:15 Morning Glory Circle 12:30 Debra Mulneix Circle	3	4
5 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 12:00 Board of Deacons' Planning Meeting 1:30 Communion to shut-ins 3:00 Youth Group	6	7 6:30 Caring Touch	8 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Faith Weaver Friends 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9 6:00 Marietta Baptist Association Pastors - Spouses Dinner 6:00 Board of Trustees	10	11 11:00 <i>From Caring to Sharing Our Lunch</i> - Sponsored by Singles and Doubles Class
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sip 'n' Chat 10:45 Sunday School 3:00 Youth Group	13 12:00 Republican Women's Club Luncheon/Meeting	14 6:00 Board of Christian Education 6:30 Board of Deacons 6:30 Caring Touch	15 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Faith Weaver Friends 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30 Angels of Light Circle	17	18 8:00 Men's Breakfast (at the church) 10:00 Caring Touch
19 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 3:00 Youth Group	20 ^{President's Day} CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	21 6:30 Caring Touch	22 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Faith Weaver Friends 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 8:00 Marietta Baptist Association Men's Breakfast - Lawrence Baptist Church 11:00 <i>From Caring to Sharing Our Lunch</i> - Sponsored by Acacia Sunday School Class
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