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February News

Sunday Mornings

9:45 am : Sunday School
11:00 am : Morning Worship

Pastor's Note

Prelude to the Resurrection

How you can prepare your heart for receiving God's Love

Prelude. *noun* : an introductory performance, action, or event preceding and preparing for the principal or a more important matter.

It may seem strange to bring up the subject of the resurrection in February. But as the catalyst of our personal transformation, the anticipation of the resurrection deserves a closer look into the One whom we worship and give gratitude for His commitment to the cross.

Beginning in February, I will be focusing on the Gospel of John through a series of expository messages on the life and ministry of Jesus.

Jesus: The Word John 1:1-3, 14

Jesus: The Light John 1:4-13

Jesus: The Son of God John 1:15-28, 49

Jesus: The Lamb of God John 1:29-34

Jesus: The Messiah John 1:35-42

Jesus: The King of Israel John 1:43-49

Jesus: The Son of Man John 1:50-51

John's Gospel introduces Jesus as the Word from the beginning, and what is profound is that from the beginning, God's plan for redemption is made through His Son. God gave man free will – that is amazing in and of itself – but through that free will God had to be willing to let man choose his own path even though that path would lead to destruction. Let's be honest about this, man chose a selfish path that would lead to hell.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 – David Bradshaw
- 6 – James Dickenson
- 8 – Leigh Surface
- 9 – Lesa Gardner
- 10 – Brianna Huffman
- 11 – Lois Banyai
- 15 – Carol Cole
- 17 – Tom and Lynn Schuler
- 20 – Mark Shelton
- 22 – Paula Midkiff
- 25 – Billy Trump
- 27 – Jean Crabtree, Jessica Powell



Pastor's Note, Continued

Encompassing this encounter with man, God's love is prevailing. God's love for man is the driving purpose of bringing His Son to the earth. And as we examine the characteristics of the life and ministry of Jesus, we will see the bigger picture of how God was, and is, continually reaching out, even chasing us with His love.

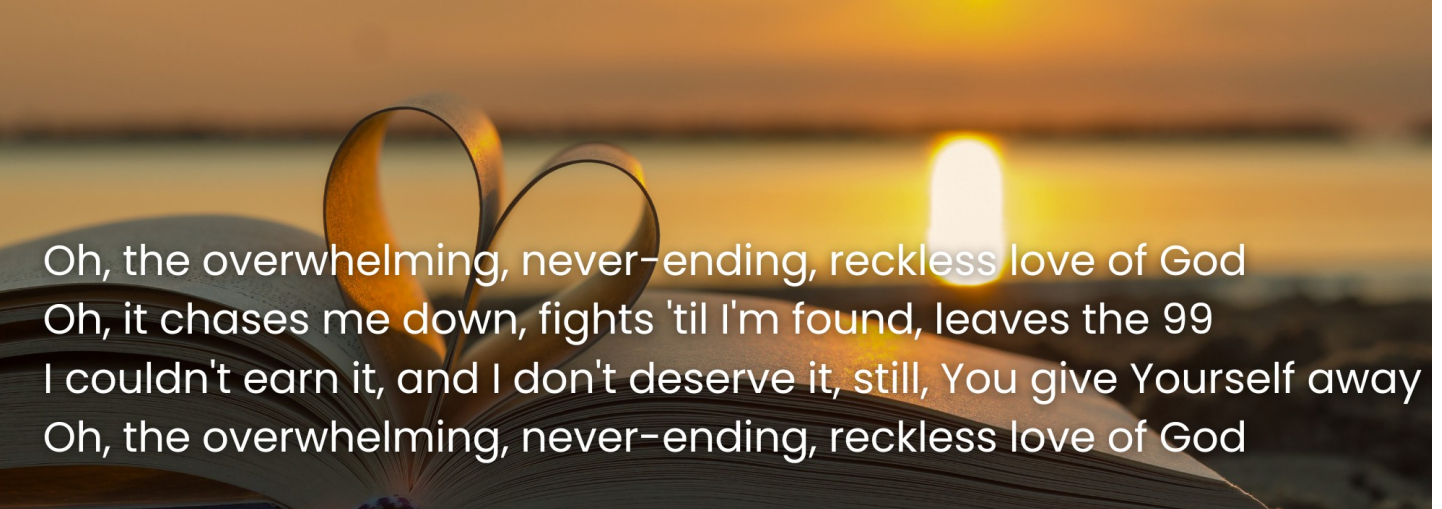
Just in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus is described as the light, the lamb of God and the Messiah, among other depictions. But the ultimate expression of love is His commitment to the cross. In this season when we celebrate Valentines Day, it is the final expression of love that Jesus had for all of mankind to give His life on the cross.

How can you prepare your heart for receiving God's Love? As we take this journey through John 1, let your mind dwell on the characteristics of Jesus. Let your heart sustain itself on His devotion to save you. And then open yourself to consider that no matter how bad your day is, no matter what difficult circumstances you face, in the background of your life, over and under and even through you – is the indwelling love of God to lead you through any circumstance.

The culmination of this love is the realization that comes that resurrection Sunday morning. On that day we celebrate the King of kings and Lord of lords who conquered sin and death! Jesus conquered sin and death. Your sin, your death. Jesus, the Word, the Light, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the King of Israel, the Son of Man, conquered sin and death!

It is a love that knows no bounds.

Pastor Keith



Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

A Word From Our Music Ministry

SOUL ON FIRE

I recently had the opportunity to watch a movie called *Soul on Fire*.

It caught my attention because it's based on a true story which is set in St. Louis, my home town. As a young boy, John O'Leary was in a fire which burned 100% of his body. The doctor said his chance of living was about 1%. Yet, against all odds, he survived. After many months of healing and relearning basic skills, he was able to live somewhat of a normal life.

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-John O'Leary*

As an adult, he became a motivational speaker and author. One truth that is foundational to his teaching is this; "We get to choose our mindset in every situation, no matter how bleak it seems."

John's mindset certainly played a role in saving his life. However, that mindset is beneficial to all of us. If you study the writings of the Apostle Paul, it seems obvious he embraced that mindset as well. Do you remember when he talked about being content in all circumstances?

I'm sure we all have some aspects of our life that are less than ideal; our job, our health, our finances. Some things we can change, but so many aspects of life are beyond our control. However, no matter your circumstances, you control your mindset. When Paul was behind bars, rather than complain about the terrible food and the uncomfortable bed, he saw it as an opportunity to share the Gospel. What ever is going on in your life right now, let me encourage to embrace a healthy mindset.

Gary Allen, Minister of Music and Worship

Announcements

First Sunday Fellowship

Bring a friend to join us for our First Sunday breakfast before service Sunday, February 1! This month's breakfast will be organized by the Fidelia class. As a reminder, this group will also be making coffee and setting out the welcome flags on Sunday mornings in February.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Please join us for a time of fellowship and food at Pizza Inn on Wednesday, February 4 at 11:30am. All ladies are welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions, please contact Lois Banyai at 540-998-3376.

Nominating Committee Meeting

We will have the nominating committee meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 7pm.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast meets the second Wednesday of every month at Country Kitchen in Christiansburg. This month they will be meeting Wednesday, February 11 at 8:30 am. All men are welcome!

Valentine's Breakfast

Our Valentine's Breakfast will be on Sunday, February 15 at 9am. We hope you can join us and bring a friend!

Church Leadership Council Meeting

Our rescheduled meeting will be on Monday, February 16th at 7pm.

Prayer Meetings

Friendly reminder for 6:30pm Wednesday night prayer meetings led by our deacons.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Choir will resume on Thursday, March 5 at 7:15pm. Thank you to everyone who participates in this together!

Business Meeting

Our Quarterly Business meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm.

Celebration of Life

Please join us for a Celebration of Life in the fellowship hall on Saturday, February 28 at 2:00pm to honor Donah Sutherland.

Operation Enlighten

Saturday, March 7 Calvary Baptist Church is hosting Operation Enlighten, a free course in strengthening church safety and responding to violent threats. For more information, pick up a brochure in the welcome center.

Cambria Baptist Prayer Guide

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February 2026

1. Prayer Praises/Blessings:

Gary Smith, new job! R.L. Price Construction
Tammie Crowgey – Successful Hip Surgery!
Jim Wesson – Accepted Christ (Agape Center)
Tom Schuler – Successful Heart Ablation 1/20
Brian Thompson – Successful Heart Ablation

2. Prayer for the Lost / Unspoken:

Pray for opportunities to build relationships to bring someone to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Banyai Family. All unsaved, several unspoken People who desperately need employment Phillip Caulder – Gary Smith's cousin

3. Prayer for Revival! Ministries of the Church:

Pray for our Pastors / SS teachers / attendees hearts to receive God's Word / God be glorified. Pray for our Students of all Ages! Children's Activity Coordinator Position Silar Moore – Young Men's Bible Study All About Jesus Boy's Ministry Disciple Making Cohort – Pastor and Deacons Gideon Bible Ministry Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network ministries Agape Center Ministry
Local Church Spotlight: Christian Growth Center

4. Prayer for pending or recovering surgeries and Ongoing Treatments:

Stephanie Boyd (Connie Moore) Breast Cancer
Denise Reynolds (Lois' sister) Treatment for UTI
Candy Woolwine, Oligodendroglioma (Brain cancer) Radiation & Chemo Treatment RMH
Bonnie Wimmer – (Connie's sister) Radiation Treatment in Pulaski for skin cancer (chin)
David Dove – Under care for CHF at Duke.
Mike Hymes (Fred N.) Tazewell. Treatment Bladder and Prostate Cancer - Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL

5. Prayer for the Brokenhearted / Down in Spirit / Lonely / In need of direction:

Pray for spiritual warfare against evil spirits. Andrew Phillips – to return to his first love in Jesus, communication with Timothy and Debbie. Marzie Flemming -Judy Baker's sister, cancer in throat - Vanderbilt. On feeding Tube. Beth – Church Hurt, Jason – Oxygen deficit. (Keith) Family of Donah Sutherland. Donna passed away December 29th, 2025, Celebration of Life on Saturday, February 28, 2pm Fellowship Hall John Didier – Passed away (Chris Millington) Peggy Q Friend at work, Sister on Life Support Kay Franks, Son's Mother-in-Law, killed car accident

6. Prayer for Shut-ins / In Nursing Home Widows / Widowers / Others that have lost loved ones:

Bob Pohner Jackie McCoy
Aubry Conner - Commonwealth Senior Living
Susan Chase (Bakers) Memory Care
English Meadows Memory Care:
Olen Gardner Carolyn Reilly – (Bakers)
Helena Sams (Rev. Robert Crawfords Daughter)

7. Prayer for Local / State / National Leadership / International News:

Peace for Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Iran and the innocent citizens affected by the war.
First Responders
Medical Staff, Doctors, Nurses, Technicians
Revival in our Nation over brokenness
Winter storm victims – power outages

8. Prayer for the sick and afflicted:

Mike West – Cancer, Barretts Esophagus.
Jackie Caldwell – Health Problems
Allen Sumner (R.Smith) battling cancer.
Steve Miller (Nancy's son) Diagnosed with Leukemia (CLL) Blood work every 4 months
Telan Millington (Chris' brother) Lead in blood
Cindy Gentry – Chronic Skin cancer
Fred Newhouse – Recover from AFib, Congestion
Selena McCoy, Laura Will's friend, from Newport, in Richmond on a vent with Guillain-Barre Syndrome.
Robert Morris, Nancy Miller's friend. Brain cancer has grown. More tumors. More Chemotherapy
Jim Legg – Pending Eye Surgery UVA
Charlotte (Kathy Dickenson Aunt) Lynchburg, possible Heart Attack.
Wayne Bishop (E. Baker Neighbor) Brain Cancer
Joslin (Baby) Thyroid problems (Iris M. friend)

9. Prayer for Missionaries:

Brandon Brooks – Student ministry.
Graham Rogers – Europe, unreached people
Jeff & Becky Hrubik (Lois' brother) Brazil.
Hrubik Family – Missionaries to Tokyo, Japan.

10. Other Prayer requests:

Jenna McKendrick – Gary Smith cousin, needs job
Brady Baker – Eddie/Judy's son. Fort Meyers, FL In need of a job

Missions Mosaic: In Psalm 96, Praise and Proclamation Go Hand in Hand By Kristen Sosobee

Sometimes my prayer life suffers. In my haste to unburden my heart from its worries, cares, or anxieties, my prayers lack a crucial component: praise. If I'm being honest, it's because I forget I'm praying to a holy, perfect God. I've wondered how this is possible. How can I forget I'm praying to the God of my salvation, the God of creation, to King Jesus, who is sovereign over all?

I can pinpoint a couple of reasons. My gaze is inwardly focused on my problems or outwardly focused on the problems around me. I have forgotten to fix my eyes on Christ. I cannot and do not see His splendor. His majesty, or His beauty. Because I am not looking at Him, I am slow to sing His praise. But we were created to worship God, and this is foundational to everything else about us.

PAY ATTENTION

When my children talk to me or my husband or co other adults, I often remind them to make eye contact. Why? Because paying attention helps us know how to respond appropriately. I must remind myself of this same thing when I approach God in prayer. I need to look at the God I'm praying to, I need to let who He is fill my gaze. He is holy, He is powerful, and He is worthy of my praise.

When you pray, fix your gaze on Christ. Doing this helps us see Him better. And when we see Him, praise results. It's the only appropriate response. Read Psalm 96:1-3 for a little more perspective.

SING TO THE LORD

Psalm 96 opens with a summons to "sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth" (v. 1). The psalmist is calling us to worship. When you come to the Lord in prayer, spend time doing the very thing you were created to do: Praise God for who He is. When we praise God, our hearts become rooted in His nature and character.

PROCLAIM HIS SALVATION

Psalm 96 tells us to praise God, but it also instructs us to do something else: "Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day" (v. 2).

Sing to the Lord *and* proclaim His salvation. When we praise God regularly in prayer, we train our hearts to proclaim His name.

In Matthew 12:34, Jesus said, "For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." When our hearts are full of praise for God, then our mouths will follow. We won't be able to help but sing His praise aloud for others to hear.

Have you ever noticed in the Ten Commandments in Exodus that the first commands deal with the vertical relationship between God and His people? When God called the Israelites as His chosen people. He told them they were to be a holy nation, set apart to Him (see Exodus 19:6). They weren't supposed to look anything like the nations around them, including whom they worshipped and how they worshipped. He gave the Israelites special laws to instruct and guide their worship, and He made a covenant with them that He would bless the world through them.

As God's people, our praise should be set apart to God alone. Not only that, but our praise to God is what sets us apart from the world. Take a moment to pray, praising God for who He is and what He has done.

AMONG THE NATIONS

Psalm 96 exhorts us to worship God in a specific place "Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples (v. 3). When we praise God in prayer we are laying the foundation for a missional mindset.

As Christians, our transformed hearts will compel our mouths to overflow with praise to God. Praise in one way we've been given in make His glory known on earth Praise that goes upward will flow outward.

As Christ fills our gaze, our hearts overflow in His presence, our mouths sing His praise, and people are drawn to Him. Our praise through prayer lays a strong foundation, one that creates and develops desire to see all people and nations around us experience God's love.

This is our global calling—to make Christ known among the nations.

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