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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
 LeeAnn Burt: leeinkc@hotmail.com or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

Pastor's Corner



From the Heart

Our church does a wise and practical thing—our stewardship emphasis falls in January/February. I suspect that is because during those months the majority of our people are here. On Sundays January 30, February 6, and 13 we will have a series of stewardship sermons. On those weeks we will deviate from the lectionary texts.

Our theme this season is short, simple, and easy to remember. It is Thank You. During the week leading up to Dedication Sunday (February 13) everyone will receive a packet of information containing our stewardship materials (a letter from the Stewardship Committee, a copy of our Challenge Budget for 2022, and an estimate of giving card).

Ahead of that Dedication Sunday (at our annual meeting on Sunday, February 6) the Finance Committee of our Session will present the 2022 Challenge Budget that will be included in the above-mentioned packet of information. Please read the information and prayerfully consider what response will be made to God's call for us to be good stewards of all he has provided us.

February is heart month. The heart has been described as the place of conscious and decisive spiritual activity ... the comprehensive term for a person as a whole; his or her feelings, desires, passions, thought, understanding, and will. The heart has been described as the center of a person ... the place to which God turns.

We are to "love the Lord our God with all our heart." David was described as "a man after God's own heart." Jesus implores us "do not let your heart be troubled." The psalmist says, "search me, O God and know my heart." Jesus wants us to know that where our treasure is, there also is our heart. A quick glance at the concordance in the back of my favorite version of the Bible shows that "heart" is used in Scripture more than 250 times and very few (if any) of those instances have anything to do with that one pound organ beating somewhere close to the middle of our chest. Most of those references speak of our attitude toward the things of the Lord.

During heart month let's do a little self-examination. Let's look into our hearts and see what it tells us about our attitude toward the things of the Lord. Let's look into our hearts to see just how we are going to say "thank you."

The Lord be with you ...

All Military Overseas
& Home
All 1st Responders
All Educators
Pastor, Church
& Officers



Albert
Dawn Hart Branch
Rick Burton
Paul & Betty Carlisle
Bricker Daughtry
Kathleen Ellis
Joe Garcia
Iris Guy
Lois Hagen
Mark Harris
Larry Ickes
Joanne Lamb
Betty Jones
The Lehman Family
Dolori Morales
Katherine Nolen
Ryan Bordeau
David Smith
Sue Tiso

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 239-694-2444 if you wish to add or delete a name.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEB 4 CAROLINE ABBOTT
FEB 5 DOREEN DEOCK
FEB 6 TOM MORTENSON
FEB 14 LORI ANKNEY
FEB 21 RICK BURTON
FEB 22 DEBRA ZEMAITIS
FEB 25 JOHN MCWHORTER
FEB 27 HARRIET BRANDT

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

FEB 10 BOB & DONNA PETERMAN
FEB 17 ROY & MARILYN LIPSETT

Heavenly Father,
You are the Light of my life!
You are the Source of my strength!
I lift my hands in total PRAISE to YOU!
I Thank You because You kept me!
I Worship You because You saved me!

Thank You for my Family!
Thank you for my Home!
Thank You for my Career!!

My prayer is that You will Bless every
one of Your children with a long
and healthy life, Peace, Love,
and Financial freedom,
In the Precious name of Jesus,
Amen.

God's spoken Word Ministries

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, February 6, following worship.

The materials are being distributed on Sunday, January 30 for your review prior to the meeting.

Please remember this is an important part of being a member of the church and plan to attend.



SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays at 11:00 am — Fellowship follows each worship service Please come and join us!

Wednesdays, February 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 6:00 pm — WNC, *“The Gospel According to Andy, Barney, Opie, and Aunt Bea.”*

Sunday, February 6 — 11:00 am Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 13 — Souper Bowl Sunday—bring canned goods or donations for your favorite team.

Saturday, February 19 at 11:00 am — BBQ chicken

Sunday, March, 13 at 11:00 am — Soup & Salad Luncheon

Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 am — Palm Sunday BBQ, hot dogs and Easter Egg hunt for the kids.



February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 World Interfaith Harmony Week begins	2 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Meet- ing - Kitchen 6:00 WNC	3 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	4	5
6 5th Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Choir 10:00 Worship & Annual Meeting	7	8	9 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 WNC	10 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	11	12
13 6th Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Choir 10:00 Worship Souper Bowl Sunday	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 WNC	17 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	18	19 11 am - Chicken BBQ
20 7th Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Choir 10:00 Worship & Fellowship	21 President's Day 	22	23 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 WNC	24 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	25	26
27 Transfiguration of the Lord 8:45 Choir 10:00 Worship & Fellowship	28					

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to our newest members who joined our church in January. We are happy you have chosen to worship with us.



Joe & Gena Garcia

MEMBERSHIP AT BPC

Are you interested in becoming a member of Buckingham Presbyterian Church?

Please notify Pastor Tim and he will meet with you to discuss.



Pictured left to right: Joan Leighton, Janell Webb and Pat Bodine
(Not Pictured Leigh Reid)



Marion Ishimoto-Yuille's Baptism

Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Rodney Green
Kathie Saum
Dave Sundby

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
Grace Johnston
Vicki McWhorter
Bob Peterson

Vicki McWhorter,
Session Clerk



Every time you smile at someone, it's a gift to that person.

Some enter your life as blessings, others as lessons.

If we want to love, we must learn how to forgive.

God didn't call me to be successful, he called me to be faithful.

If you can't feed a hundred people, feed one.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

If you want to change the world, love your family.

Spread love everywhere you go.

Peace begins with a smile.



February 13th is Souper Bowl Sunday. We will be collecting money for your favorite team and cans of soup. Misión Peniel will receive the soup and we will send a check to help them with the purchase of food. Super Bowl teams will be decided on Sunday, January 30 between the teams listed below:



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Worship Committee Update

Our Worship committee is doing well. We have a great group of volunteers helping with both big and little things. Thanks to everyone for all you are doing to keep the Church going strong. We are always looking for more volunteers to make things move along quicker and better — the more the merrier!

Kathie Saum
Worship Committee Chair



Stitch N' Stuff

Serving is an active deed of love. The act of serving moves the hearts of others and offers comfort. The Bible tells us that God remembers our serving toward others and will reward us. Thus, the relationship between God and ourselves becomes deeper through serving others.

Please come join us as it warms your heart to do for others. We meet each Thursday from 9:00 am until noon. If you have any questions call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

Cornell BBQ Chicken Dinner

Our next BBQ chicken dinner is Saturday, February 19. We will begin serving at 11:00 am and serve until we run out. The cost is \$12.00 for an individual dinner that includes, chicken, salt potatoes, beans and a roll. Cookies are being offered for an additional donation.

Proceeds from this event help support all our various missions. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you and come and support our Church!



FEBRUARY THEME

Why We Love

Dear Friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11

YUMMY SAUSAGE CUPS (Barb Mitchell)

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground pork sausage
- 1 8 oz pkg shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 16 oz container sour cream
- 1 1 oz pkg ranch salad dressing mix
- 5 pkgs frozen phyllo cups (there's 15 in a pkg)

Brown the sausage in a skillet over medium heat, drain well and return to skillet. Stir in remaining ingredients except phyllo cups. Using a teaspoon, fill each phyllo cup with a scoop of sausage mixture. Arrange cups on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, or until heated through and cups are golden. (My oven took 17 minutes.)

Note: You can make the filling the night before, refrigerate, and bake the sausage cups the next morning. You can use any flavor of ground sausage you want (I use Tennessee Pride Hot) You can substitute the shredded sharp cheddar with another cheese of your choice.

Nursery Attendant On-Call

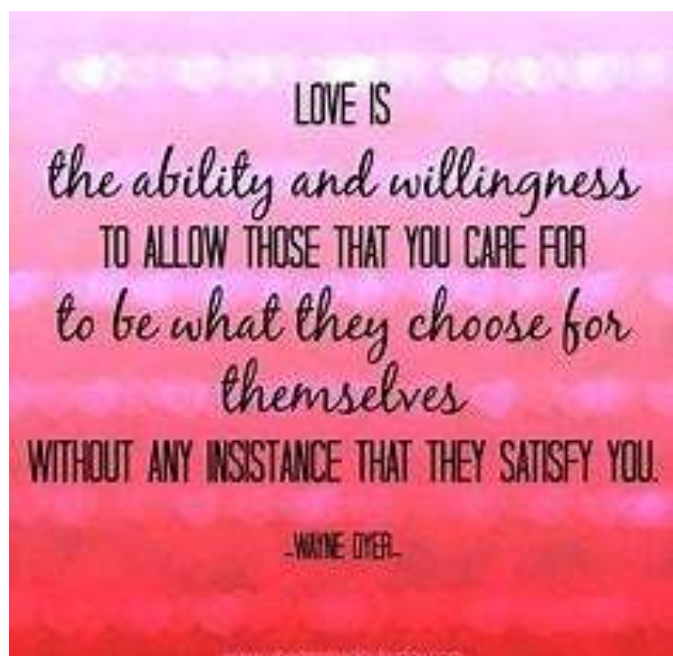
- February 6—Alexis Brown
- February 13—Kathie Saum
- February 20—Susie Green
- February 27—Mary Edmonds
- March 6—Lori Ankney



THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to all who have been greeters since the church reopened. You are much appreciated. If there are any others who would like to be on the list of greeters for me to call occasionally, please let me know. You do not have to be a member, you can also be a part-timer and still be on the list of greeters for me to call on. It is easy to be a greeter, all you need is a "smiling face" and a hand to pass out a bulletin.

Beth Day
239-313-0730
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Worship Committee





Wednesday Night Connection

WNC is a Wednesday night study that meets for shortened, specific topics off and on throughout the year. The evening begins with a pot luck dinner and fellowship and continues with a study led by Pastor Tim. Our current study is *"The Gospel According to Andy, Barney, Opie, and Aunt Bea"* The meal begins at 6:00 pm. Joining for dinner is optional. If you prefer, you can come for just the study which begins at 6:30 pm. For more information, please check the upcoming Sunday Bulletin or speak with Pastor Tim, Vicki, or the church office.



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