

The Branch NewsLETTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches" John 15:5

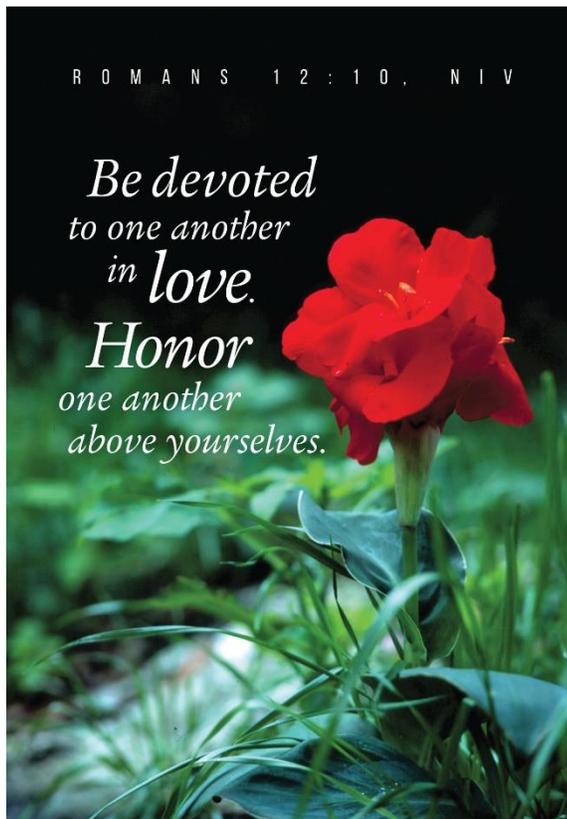
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Men's Prayer

Breakfast



**Feb. 11
8 to 9 am**

The Boy Scouts of Troop 239 are hosting a FREE Men's Breakfast in the church fellowship hall on February 11 at 8 to 9 am. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer so we will know how much food to prepare.

Deacon of the Week

February 5 Donnie Cox
February 12 Danny O'Neil
February 19 Mario Ward
February 26 Ken Bean

Women's Ministry Meeting



February 16
Thursday, 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Step Out in Faith—
Try Something New

We often let old habits keep us stuck in a rut. This is sometimes true for missions opportunities. What if we allowed God to lead us to grab our faith, step out into the world, and try something new? Are you ready for God to do something new in your life? Resist stubbornness, reject fear, and get ready. Something new is on the horizon.

Join us for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

From Our Pastor

From Our Minister of Music & Education

Love! It seems like everything in life revolves around this one word. We are exhorted throughout scripture to love because love is the attribute of God. 1 John 4:7 says "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." How are you doing in your loving? Most of us will use Valentine's Day to express our love and appreciation to someone special, but love is more than a once a year occurrence and feel good experience. The Greek word for the love of God is agape love. Agape love is the love of the mind, of the reason, and of the will demonstrated by a selfless and sacrificial behavior and way of life. We are to walk in love and obey God's great commandment to love God and one another. We love God as we passionately seek to know, worship and obey Him. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 characterizes how the believer is to live among others. Patient, kind, forgiving, selfless, and rejoicing in the truth are some of the attributes of agape love addressed in this text.

I challenge you to explore 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a deeper understanding and appreciation of how to truly love others. Let's make loving God and others priority in our life.

Your Pastor,
Brother Donald

Words cannot adequately express my thankfulness for all the calls, visits, gifts, and prayers during Marguerite's illness and passing. Your words of comfort meant so much to me. I covet more prayers as time goes on and adjustments are made.

Thanks to Graham Hartness and Linda Bean for taking care of the music in the worship services. The meal for about 50 of my family was wonderful!

I thank Ken Bean and Brother Donald for warm support. Danny O'Neil was everywhere taking care of everything!

I am so thankful for my church family and friends.

Paul

Lively Oaks Meeting

February 9th
11:30 a.m. at
Cracker Barrel
For ages 50+



Join us for our lunch at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and enjoy traditional Southern cuisine. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and car-pool to the restaurant.

February Birthdays



1 Sandy Daeschler	13 Misty Cox
3 Stacey Hartness	16 Ethel Roberson
5 Clyde Smith	23 Diane Burgett
6 Betty Blomberg	27 Paula Emmons
8 Cassandra Roberson	28 Bunny Costo
11 Irma Salas	



Don't hesitate to call the church office at 210-656-8200

- When there is a birth in the family.
- When there is a death in the family.
- When someone close to you is ill or in the hospital, or in need of spiritual help.
- When someone in the family is going off to college or joining the armed forces.
- When there are marital problems and before you call the lawyer.
- When someone in the congregation has done something to anger you.
- When you have a suggestion for the congregation.
- When you have a question about the Bible.
- When something in your life is troubling you.
- When alcohol or drug dependency is a problem for you or someone close.
- When you move to a different area.
- When you just plain want someone to talk with.
- When you want to be specifically remembered in prayer.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) please contact Rachel at 656-8200 to schedule the date. To place a notice in the bulletin, call Rachel, leave a message at the office or email to rdorch@sbcglobal.net.

Church Library

Open on Sundays 10:30–10:50 am



Books, DVDs, CDs, & More!

We have resources for teachers, Bible study helps, videos, fiction and non-fiction books. We also have a children's section with videos and books.

Stop by and check us out. If you need to come in at another time, call the church office at 656-8200.



Missions Day Camp

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017

For girls in grades 1–6

10:00 AM–2:00 PM

**Registration begins at 9:30 AM
Village Parkway Baptist Church**

Bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Girls will meet missionaries, enjoy multicultural foods, games and crafts, and discover ways that God can use them to share His love in all areas of their life! This event is free. A love offering will be taken.