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The Messenger

New Faces



**Bob & Carol
Pantea**

Church Events

February 2 - C4 Youth Super Bowl Party

February 7 - C4 Youth Winter Retreat

February 6 - New Class "Christian Evidences" Begins

February 14 - C4 Youth to Winter Jam Knoxville

February 15 - Men's Breakfast

February Birthdays

2/4 Larry Allen	2/10 Eric Martin	2/24 Karla Baumgartner
2/4 Ben Bowman	2/12 Jeffery Amarello	2/24 Ken Harrison
2/5 Daniel Beasmore	2/12 Ed Lowery	2/25 Darwin Bowers
2/5 Frances Anne Ogletree	2/13 Carol Thames	2/26 June Seymour
2/6 Carl Bell	2/15 Bill Andrews	2/27 Tina Naylor
2/6 Tom Tollett	2/15 Dick Deweese	2/27 Carol Pantea
2/7 Cadhli Gannon	2/17 Tim Allen	2/27 Ken Schrichte
2/7 Alice Meyers	2/17 Kayleen Andersen	
2/8 Teresa Borton	2/21 John Borton	
2/9 Tracey Craig	2/22 Patrica Zanone	

For up-to-the-minute information, make sure to check out the Church Website.

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The Pastor's Two Bits...

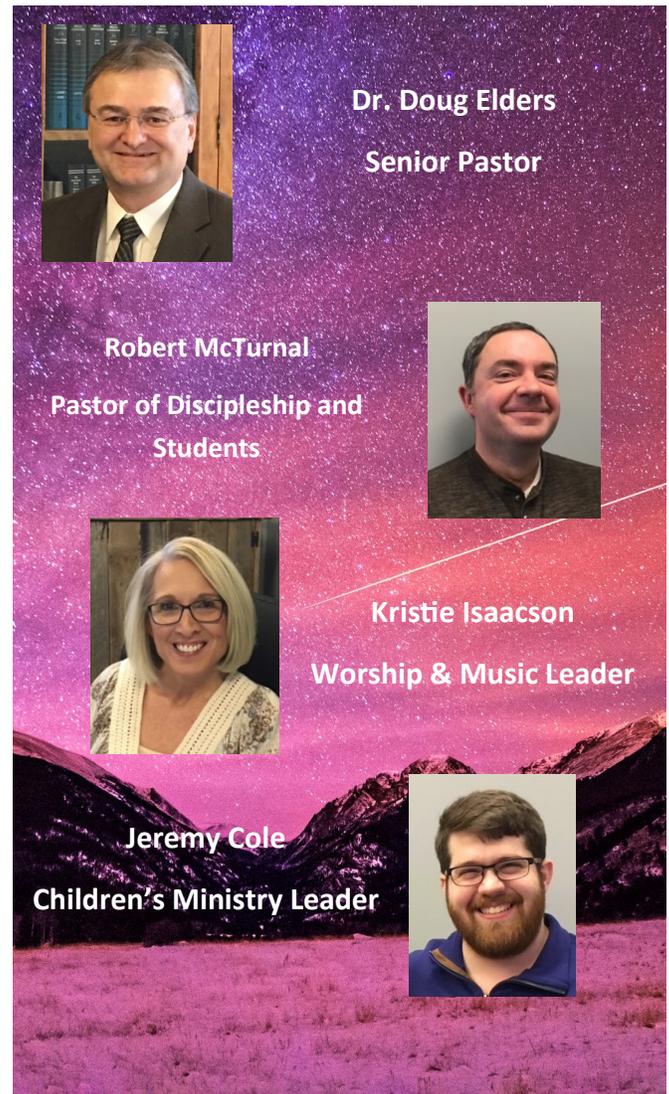
Aaah, love is in the air... or is it just indigestion? This month is usually associated with Valentine's Day and roses and chocolate. Love is expressed in lots of ways in February. When I was a kid, my mom used to buy a box of valentine cards for me to give away to classmates. A classroom project was to bring a shoebox to school. You cut a hole in the top and decorated it so other kids could fill it with valentines. Funny how you gave and received valentines from friends and foes alike... guys and girls all gave valentines to one another (it wasn't weird to do so)... and they all said the same thing... *Be My Valentine... You're Dino-mite!... You're Special!... I'm stuck on you...* We all knew it was just for fun. Everyone enjoyed the classroom Valentine's party with cupcakes and games. They were times of innocence.

Our society has redefined and perverted the idea of love. It has taken away innocence. It has confused infatuation and lack of self-control for love. It has overused the "L" word to justify sinful lifestyles and behaviors. There are three Greek words in the New Testament that are translated "love". The most used (*agape*) is love in its purest form; it is a Godly form of love. However, there is a fourth word (*eros*) that is referenced in Bible literature, but never actually used in the Bible. It is the one that refers to erotic feelings. Unfortunately, that's the one most focused on in our society. Love just ain't what it used to be.

Well... actually... God's love has never changed. John 3:16, *For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* Romans 5:8, *But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* God's love is perfect and goes far beyond the physical and emotional. It is steadfast, sacrificial, and permanent. God's love is what makes it possible for you to spend eternity in Heaven. Hmm. I wonder what God's valentine to you might say... ♥♥ I Love You! Be Mine... Forever! ♥



- Pastor Doug



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Senior Pastor

Robert McTarnal

Pastor of Discipleship and
Students

Kristie Isaacson

Worship & Music Leader

Jeremy Cole

Children's Ministry Leader



2/1 Larry & Shar Allen

2/2 Fred & Linda Schaffer

2/7 Tony & Alice Meyers

2/14 Gerri & Mike Bojanzyk

2/14 Dan & June Seymour

2/14 Arnie & Becky Smith

2/17 Michael & Vanessa Petty

2/23 Tim & Tammy Knipp

2/26 Ralph & Judy Davis

YOUTH NOTES FEBRUARY 2020

Seriously?! Has January left already? This is crazy. 1/12th of our year came in and flew by just like that!

We have had a minor change to our youth calendar already in 2020. The youth had planned to go on a winter retreat over Martin Luther King weekend, however, that proved to be fairly expensive, so it has been moved to the weekend of Feb. 7-9, after the Mega-Plate Football Frenzy (AKA- Super Bowl Party on 2/2 at Pastor Robert's house). We also will attend the Winter Jam Concerts (2/14) in Knoxville. The party and the concerts are geared towards getting youth to invite friends to hear the Gospel and accept Christ. The retreat's intent is to get the group away, and focus them on the Lord through several study sessions, coming closer together as a group...and a couple hours of Snow Tubing along the way.

Another item that we are adding to programming is a monthly "off-campus" hang out time. The first of these was in January, as the group took a Wednesday to go to Chuckles. With the busy-ness of February, we may not do that this month, but NORMALLY the youth will be doing something off site that is purely fun, and fellowship driven. This is done in hopes of providing a "non-threatening" and neutrally located event for youth to invite friends to and allow them to make a connection with the group. This will hopefully lead to these friends' attendance on Sundays and/or Wednesdays, thus growing the group.

One final note. I know that everyone is anticipating the annual Youth Fundraising Dinner. This year, it will be held on March 14th. Why, you might ask? The answer is simple – to get more people to come! I have had several of our members that take their multi-month trip to FL mention they'd like to participate in the dinner sometime. So, the event has been moved to March to make it available to a few more of our members. Be on the lookout for the sign-up that will be coming soon! As usual, you WILL NOT want to miss this!

Thank you for the continued support and prayers for this ministry! Blessings!

Robert

DATES TO REMEMBER

2/2 – Super Bowl Party (Pastor Robert's House)

2/7-9 – Winter Retreat

2/14 – Winter Jam (Knoxville)



We are starting not only a new year but a new decade. Time to decide what to improve on in 2020. Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church had a very good year in 2019, but we need to keep that going forward. So, what to do to improve 2020? In addition to finances, we need to give of our time and abilities. There are many areas, including the nursery, where helpers and volunteers are needed. If you need a place to plug in, please contact someone on staff.

Back to finances: many in our church are tithing now. How about increasing your tithe 1% or giving to special projects, supporting a mission or adopting a family in the church? Even if you are not currently tithing, increasing your contribution by 1% is a step toward that goal. Let's make increased giving our Vision for 2020.

Stewardship/Finance Team



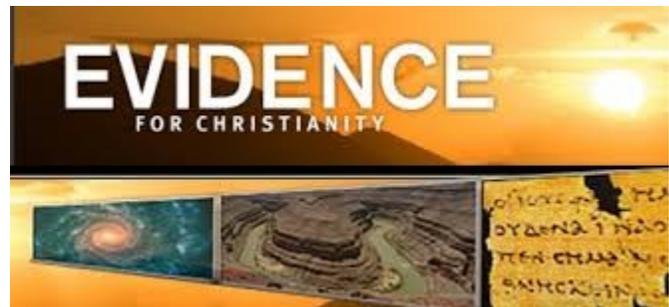


Upcoming Events.....



Our C4 Youth will be having their Super Bowl Party Sunday February 2nd at Pastor Robert's house. For more info contact Pastor Robert.

Why should we place our faith in Christ, rather than in Mohammed, Krishna, or Buddha - or in nothing at all? On what foundation does our faith rest, and how solid is that foundation? How certain can we be that the Bible is true, and not just a collection of fairy tales?



Starting February 6th, Ray Prigodich will offer answers to all these questions. Sign-up in mid lobby or call the church to get into this great class!



Great music, great music, great fun. That's what you can expect at Winter Jam 2020. If you have a son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandson, granddaughter, or a youth-aged neighbor that would be interested, please contact Pastor Robert for more information about this awesome night of fun.

Where is your heart?

- ♥ *Little ones are such a joy, be part of the nursery.*
- ♥ *Love greeting new people? First Impressions is for you.*
- ♥ *Enjoy worshipping in song? There is always a seat in the Celebration Choir.*
- ♥ *Like planning events? Adult Leadership team needs you.*
- ♥ *Don't like sitting around? The MVP team needs movers AND shakers.*

God didn't intend for us to be idle in His church. He intends us to be His hands and feet. Contact the church office if you have questions about where you can plug in.

