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“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”

If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

"All you need is love" ~ The Beatles

In the month of February, our thoughts turn to love. The greeting card companies and the jewelry stores want us to be sure to remember Valentine's Day. Many of us feel great pressure to get the "right gift" for that special someone. We think of Valentine's Day as a celebration of love, but it is a celebration of a specific type of love: *eros* or romantic love. In English, we are limited in our language for love, but the Bible speaks to us about *agape*, or universal, unconditional love that transcends, that serves regardless of circumstances. I encourage you to take Valentine's Day as an opportunity to show some agape love to those around you. Imagine the gift that it would be for both us and God if we really loved like is spoken of in 1 Corinthians.

God Bless,
Pastor Tim



The Care Group Ministry will meet on Thursday evening, February 2 at 7:00 pm. If you currently participate or would like to become a part, please plan to come. This is a great Outreach for our church.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentines for Vets: The Mission Committee has ask us to donate Valentine cards to be sent to our VA Hospitals in NC. Please place them in our "church mailbox" with a brief note by February 5. Thank You for your support again.



Baby boy, Preston Marshall Legge, was baptized on Sunday, January 15, 2017. His parents are: Justin and Lindsey Legge. My God bless this family.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

We have a report showing what Flat Rock people contributed last year to filling the pantry boxes. From the Adult Sunday School class giving almost \$2,000 and total for congregation was over \$2,600. This represents over 2600 cans of food from soups to meats, peanut butter to jelly and much more. In December 119 boxes were given out. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! For the month of January it was reported the largest number box given away to be 135. This means that the need is increasing more each month as we continue helping feed our people. Would you be interested in taking over the community clothes closet or serving on a committee to oversee the operation of this ministry? If so, please contact Damita Penry at her number 336-972-2713.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Janice Covington	February 4
Wayne Farrar	17
Misti Ridenour	18
Faith Williams	18
Mike Roach	19
Bobbie Williams	22
Randi Kinton	23
Jerry Pegram	25
Roger McClure	27

February is our Birthday month where we celebrate each of the 12 months with dinner and games. Prizes are given for the best table decorations and the best birthday cake. Come out and enjoy this fellowship. It is February 18, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Look for sign-ups for food (soups or chili) and your special decorating skills. For more information, see Lisa Hutchins.

IT'S FUN!!

WEEKLY MINISTRIES		
Sun	8:30 am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion on 1st Sundays)
	4-5:00 pm	Liturgical Dance Team Practice
	5:15—6:30 pm	UMYF Meeting
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Countryside Village
Wed	9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship with Pastor Tim at BJ's
Wed	6:30 pm	“Covent” Bible Study

Worship Helpers for February

Ushers: Tim (or Hannah) Dunlap and Jeff Brown

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Feb. 5	Lisa Hutchins & Janet Hanks	Emily Fields & Ethan Cox
Feb. 12	Priscilla Slate & Misti Ridenour	Charlie Fields & Faith Williams
Feb. 19	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Ryan Fields
Feb. 26	Jackie Younts & Erik Cox	Wayne & Nancy Farrar

This Nursery and Children's Church schedule will remain the same each month (only monthly dates will change) If you are unable to fulfill your week, please find a replacement or notify Jackie Younts (336-456-7912) as early as possible. THANKS

Memorials:

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Brad Hohn, Thomas and Ruby Vernon, Anna and Ben Gann, Becky Edwards from Shelby and Mike Jordan.

United Methodist Women

NO regular UMW meeting this month; however instead we will attend the Northern Piedmont District Mission Study at Trinity Memorial Methodist Church, Trinity, NC. On February 11, from 9:30 am—2:30 pm. (bring bag lunch).

The March meeting will become “Membership Month.” All women are invited to join us and see exactly how strong and dedicated we are to our women ministry. See Jill Joyner or other UMW women for information.



ALL youth are invited to a planning meeting and a time of fellowship at Charlie and Emily's home on Sunday, February 5. Time” 5-7 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS *mark your calendars		
February 2	7:00 pm	“Care Group” Meeting
February 5	5-7 pm	Youth meeting at Charlie & Emily's house.
February 7	6:00 pm	Continuing Prayer Group meeting with pastors and lay people.
February 11	9:30—2:30 pm	UMW Mission Study @ Trinity Memorial, Trinity, NC
February 11	6:00 pm	Community Feast Fellowship at Crossroads Church (next to Terminex) All are welcomed.
February 14		Valentine's Day 
February 18	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Birthday celebration for our church family. (NOTE: Check new times)
February 20		President's Day
February 25	9-11 am	Flat Rock @ Good Samaritan Food Pantry support hosts
February 26		4th Sunday Lunch
February 27	Noon	Deadline for newsletter

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