

**FEBRUARY / 2020**

**NEWSLETTER**

**First Baptist Church of Owosso**

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**Our Mission is, "To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."**

## **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAVE.....**

**"The opposite of love is not hate, its indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, its indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, its indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, its indifference." —  
Elie Wiesel**

February is the LOVE month. February 14<sup>th</sup> is the day. Flowers, candy, dinner out are a few of the gifts. I remember decorating cereal boxes in school. They were placed around the classroom. And the instructions were to bring enough valentines' cards for the whole class. No one was left out. Everyone was included. "For God so loved the WORLD" means everyone, the whole world, no one is excluded. All that is necessary is to come to Jesus and accept the gift of God's ultimate love. Our job is to share the message, to take the light of God's love to those God places in our path; family, friends, neighbors, coworkers. And we have to guard ourselves against indifference. Indifference is defined as a lack of interest, concern or sympathy. The light of Christ that is in our hearts as Christians is to be shared. If we don't care, are unconcerned, or have no sympathy do we really have the light of Christ within us? First Corinthians 13, called the love chapter defines love. The King James translation uses the word charity for love. Charity cannot be offered without a cost to us. It will always cost us something. But love we must if we truly belong to God. "Love God and love others" seems simple when you read it. Maybe this month, February, we can check our love meter. And guard against indifference in our lives. And may the love of God dwell in us richly. Then be shared.

## **BABY PANTRY INFORMATION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HOURS:**

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

**11:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**DROP OFF HOURS: CHURCH OFFICE**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO**

**114 W. MASON ST. OWOSSO, MI 48867**

**MON, TUES, THURS, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE OF  
THE CHURCH DURING NON-DROP OFF HOURS.**

**THANK YOU.**



## **THANK YOU TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS**

How do I begin to thank my Church Family for all the Love and support you have given my girls, their families and myself. Your prayers, cards, meals, phone calls, texts and hugs have meant the world to us. I don't know how a person could go through such loss without the support of a church family and the unwavering Love of Christ.

Doug's service, at the church, was so beautiful. I was so proud of our church that day. Pastor Dave was gracious enough to share the pulpit with previous pastors and many friends who honored Doug. Each one expressing the relationships they shared with Doug. The church looked beautiful with the Christmas decorations still up. Our church never looks better than it does during Advent. I would like to extend a special Thank You to those who worked so hard, behind the scenes, to prepare the church for the funeral and the many people who came to pay their respects. It did not go unnoticed. Many of you prepared food, for our family, at the visitation and desserts for the funeral dinner. Everything was delicious and appreciated. Thank You Debbie Burke for organizing these food items in such short notice. You were "grand central" for several days.

Again, Thank You dear friends for holding us up during those difficult days. I am thankful I can count on all of you for strength in the coming days. You all have been the "hands and feet" of Christ as you cared for me and my family through this loss.

With humble appreciation We thank you...Love Marty Dixon, Jeri Bandkau and family, Lisa Senger and family.

# FIRST BAPTIST TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY™

## FBC SUNDAY SCHOOL

**"CHRIST'S KIDZ"**

**We offer children's  
Sunday School.**

**However, there will not  
be Sun. Sch. on**

**Feb. 16th.**

**We have an amazing time  
together learning about  
God!**

**We need volunteers to  
assist or lead Sun. Sch.**

## NURSERY NEWS

**Our nursery is available  
for children from infant  
to preschool. We have  
baby, toddler, &  
preschool areas with  
video link to church.**

**Nursery renovations  
(part 2) are nearly  
complete. We want to  
replace the rocking  
chair. However, we are  
\$230.00 short.  
Therefore, we ask for  
monetary donations that  
will enable us to  
purchase a new chair.  
Thank you.**

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**We are accepting donations  
of new or gently used Teddy  
Bears to share with those in  
need.**

**Please feel free to take and  
deliver a bear from a pew to  
a child or an adult to share  
God's love and blessings.  
Thank you.**



## Valentine Word Search



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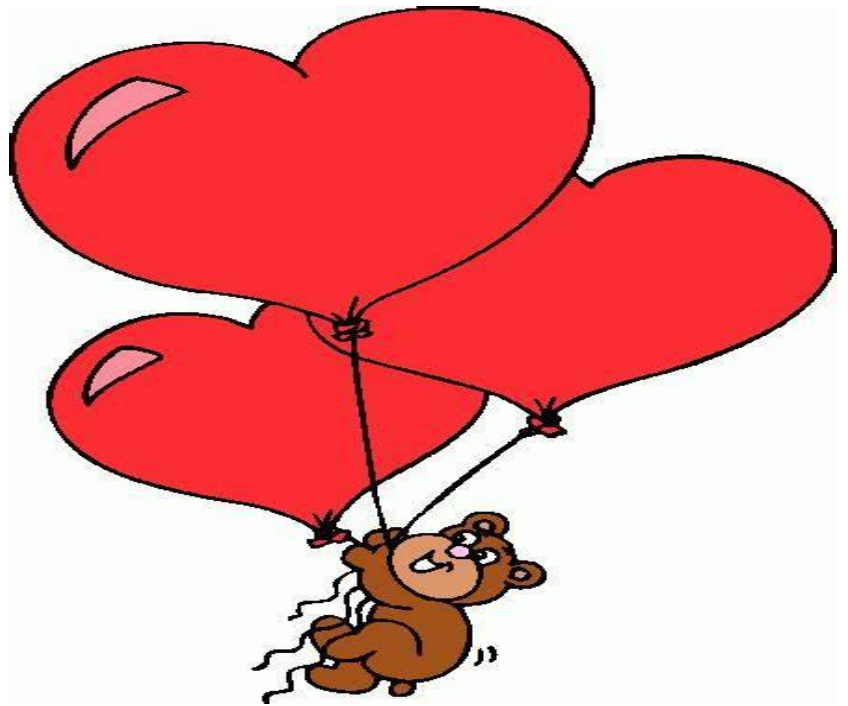
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Heather Valley 2/07

Dave Bandkau 2/09

Dave Wallen 2/11

Tim Oliver 2/13



## FBC HELPING HANDS

STEWARDS: 2/02 Gary Randolph, 2/09 John Creighton  
2/16 Betty Kelsey, 2/23 Lola Jean Smith

LEAD USHER: Feb. Craig Wotring March Terry Golladay

COMMUNION SERVERS: February – Mission & Outreach  
March – Worship & Music

Thank-you for your service to our FBC congregation.

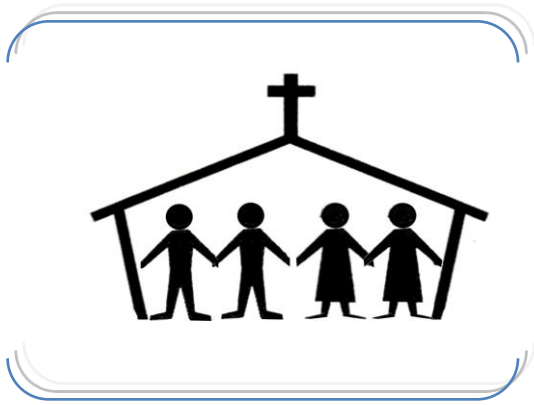


WE THANK GOD  
FOR OUR FBC  
HELPING HANDS



## WHO IS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO???

As God's people....



support for Missionaries and Mission projects in the United States and around the world.

We also participate in local mission service projects. First Baptist Church is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches USA. We work cooperatively with Christians of other Denominations ecumenically to share the good news of Jesus Christ in our community. This is accomplished by providing the Baby Pantry and various other services.

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**\*\* Missionary to Pray for: Emma Gordon \*\***

We are called to Show God's love to the world by sharing the gospel and helping to meet people's needs. We accomplish this by providing financial

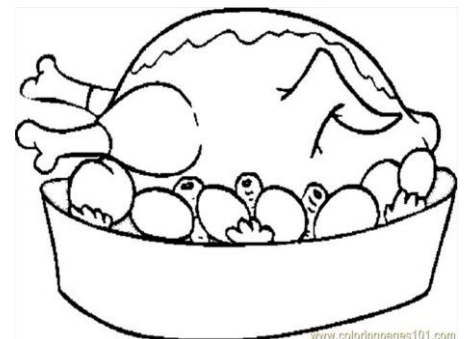
## COMMUNITY DINNER

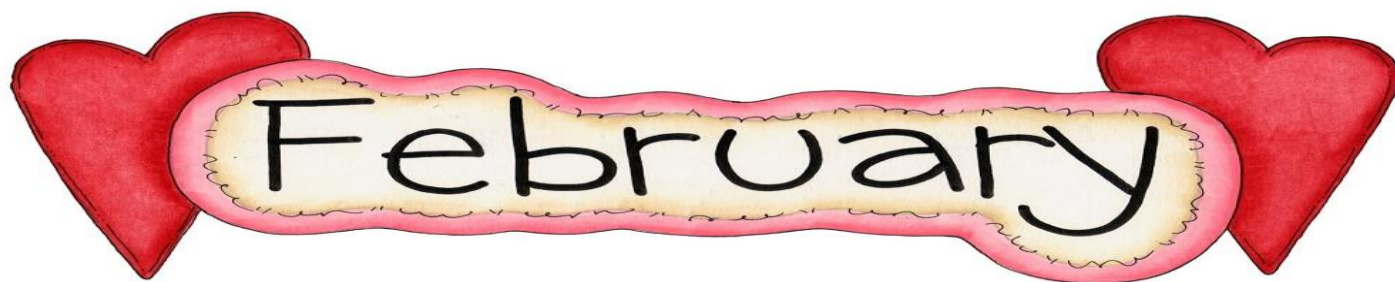
***A community dinner is provided on the last Monday of each month. This dinner is provided by the CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH***

***Located at 120 Goodhue Street. Owosso.***

***Dinner is served at 5:00 pm and it is FREE for all who need a meal.***

***For more information feel free to call (989) 723-2495***





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Coffee & Study with Pastor 10:30am	4 AA 10am & 7pm	5 T.O.P.S 9-11am	6 AA 10am	7	8
9	10 Coffee & Study with Pastor 10:30am  Baby Pantry 11am - 7pm  Discipleship Meet 6:00 pm	11 AA 10am & 7pm	12 T.O.P.S 9-11am	13 AA 10am	14	15
16 No Children's Sunday School.	17 Coffee & Study with Pastor 10:30am  Property & Finance 6:30 pm	18 AA 10am & 7pm  Sign Language 6:30 pm	19 T.O.P.S 9-11am	20 AA 10am	21	22
23 Pot-Luck  2020 Annual Meeting	24 Coffee & Study with Pastor 10:30am  Baby Pantry 11am - 7pm  Church Council 6:30p	25 AA 10am & 7pm	26 T.O.P.S 9-11am	27 AA 10am	28	29

*\*Newsletter Deadline to submit information for the February issue will be February 20.*

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