

# Chronicle

## Country Christian Evangelical Free Church

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### Weekly Opportunities

#### Sunday

9:30 Worship  
11:00 Sunday School for all ages  
12:15 Bible Study  
6:00 Bible Studies  
6:00 Impact Youth  
6:15 Bible Study

#### Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

#### Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study  
6:15 AWANA

#### Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study

#### Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

## Valentine Dinner

This year the Valentine Dinner will be on February 9 at 6:00. The dinner is a fundraiser for the youth group. Our young people will help prepare the food (under the guidance of experienced adults). They will also serve and take care of cleanup. The proceeds after expenses are used by those who participate to offset the cost of various activities throughout the year. Come by yourself or grab your valentine and join the fun. After dinner there will be entertainment by Trenton Steele.

Please register by February 3 so the correct amount of food can be prepared. The menu:

Appetizers:  
Mini Reuben  
Sandwiches and  
Mexican Dip with  
Tortilla Chips  
Salad: choice  
of Diane's Salad  
with Homemade  
Poppy Seed  
Dressing or Caesar Salad.

Main Course:  
Homemade Alfredo with Chicken, Shrimp, or Roasted Vegetables, Parmesan Encrusted Tilapia served on a bed of Rice, or Pork Loin

Cap off your dinner with a choice selection from many desserts made by Diane Barton.

See Gary Truax for more information



## Valentine's Fundraiser



*"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"*

February is the month most associated with love for many people. Valentine's Day is one of the top days annually for couples becoming engaged. Valentines treats have been in stores since Christmas. Cherub faced Cupids decorate many businesses, schools and homes. Many will exchange greeting cards, flowers, candy and gifts on Valentine's Day. All these things are in the name of romantic love.

As I study the Bible, one of things that I am becoming increasing aware of is how much the Bible talks about true love. We often talk about loving pizza, a sports team, family members, popular shows, music, celebrities and even Chia pets. Often using the same emotional energy and as we love one thing or another.

I am of the opinion that God's Word makes the case that one of the clearest signs of spiritual maturity is how we love others. Not loving others like we love pizza, but loving as God loves. One of the best-known verses states that "God so loved the world that He gave" (John 3:16). Jesus exemplified unconditional love. God exhibited this love toward Israel (Deuteronomy 7:7-11). Before going to the cross Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment in John 13:24-35 "34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The New Testament writers seem to indicate that a mark of spiritual maturity is unconditional love for others. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13 outlining what love looks like. He concludes the chapter that the greatest is love. There are other passages that Paul wrote like Ephesians 5 where he tells believers to walk in love. Peter seems to echo this in 2 Peter 1:5-7. 1 John reminds us that we cannot have this kind of love apart from experiencing God's love ourselves and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

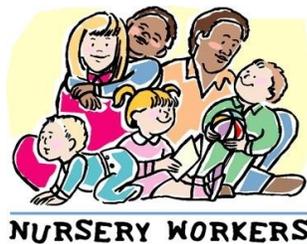
This is an area that I am still working on, but the goal is to be like Christ and that means loving as Jesus loves. Hopefully, I am growing closer to loving as Jesus loves each day. How about you? Are you growing in your love for others on a daily basis? We cannot love as Jesus loves unless we have experienced God's love ourselves. Have you experienced God's love for yourself? Look for ways to grow in your love of others.

*Jim Hawkins*—editor

## Nursery Help

February

3 Donna Budden and Kourtney Klimp  
10 Rosemary Goad, Jennifer McKelvey, and Ruby McKelvey  
17 Dawn Drallete and Jamie Morrison  
24 Ellie Kuiper and Lyndsay Juday



## Bible Quiz

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

A. James  
 B. John  
 C. Simon  
 D. Andrew

Answer: D (See Luke 5:1-11.)

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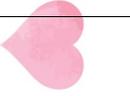
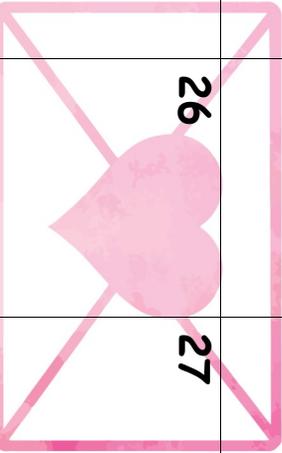
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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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 Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15  
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T  
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**Mondays:**

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the  
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

**Wednesdays:**

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00  
 AM

**Thursdays:**

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 itor in the back of auditorium



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**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If it is a school day, and Climax-  
 Scotts schools are closed for  
 weather, all church activities for  
 that day are automatically can-  
 celled. For non-school days, check  
 local television stations or with the  
 event organizer. If the weather or  
 roads are questionable, and the  
 event is still held, you are encour-  
 aged to use your best judgement  
 before venturing out.

# A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.

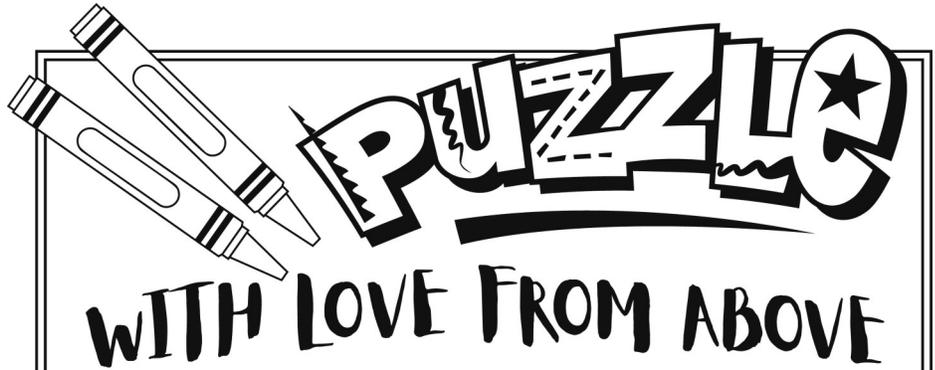


### What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

### What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

### A heavenly focus

“Why are not our hearts continually set on heaven?” asks 17<sup>th</sup>-century pastor and author Richard Baxter. Focusing on heaven stirs our faith, guards against temptation, eases suffering and makes us an encouragement to others, Baxter says. He urges: “Bend thy soul to study eternity, busy thyself about the life to come ... and let not those thoughts be seldom and cursory, but bathe thyself in heaven’s delights.”

**Pat Answers****Should We Focus on Our Own Community and Not Missions?**

Recently someone in our church mentioned our El Salvador Mission Trip only to hear another person say, "Why would your church do that when there are so many needs right here?" But a quick answer to that is if every church only focused on their own community, how would the world be reached? How would churches be planted where there are no churches? So the best answer is that it is not reach our community OR do missions, but instead it should be BOTH/AND. We are called to reach our own communities AND reach out as God enables us to the world.

A more Biblical answer is to refer to Jesus' own Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 – "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Jesus does not say to make disciples only where you already live. We must as followers of Jesus have a heart for what God is doing among the nations. As God opens up doors and gives opportunities, let us reach out to the nations through supporting and praying for missionaries going to the nations, as well as considering opportunities to go ourselves.

Another helpful Bible passage is Acts 1:8 where Jesus tells His disciples – "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." This has been called an inspired outline of the book of Acts, as the church began in Jerusalem, then had to be scattered by persecution to get them out of Jerusalem, spread-

ing the Word in outlying regions, and then finally to the ends of the earth, including Rome itself. But an application from this passage is that every church has a Jerusalem – our local community; and then a larger region, and then finally "the ends of the earth." This means we do reach out to our own area of CCEFC – Scotts, Vicksburg, Climax, Portage, etc. We want to impact Kalamazoo County and Michigan for Jesus. But we also want to see the name of Jesus exalted to the end of the earth. Again, it is both local and global.

But what about short term mission trips like the one to El Salvador? Some question the value of these trips, but there are two important reasons for such trips. First, a short-term mission trip can be an encouragement and help to those serving Christ in another nation. It is not that we are the experts, but we can serve alongside those already serving and together see a harvest in the name of Jesus. Secondly, these short-term trips can tremendously impact those who go for Jesus. Not only do many of the team members have a new heart for God's worldwide mission, the local church which sends these teams receives back people often more devoted to serve and live for Jesus even here locally! They will help reach their own community too.

For the glory of Jesus among the nations,

*Pastor Pat*

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