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First Baptist Church Newsletter

Feb. 14, 2024

LOVING OTHERS

A Christian leader illustrated love well:

There is a natural, logical kind of loving that loves lovely things and lovely people. That's logical. But there is another kind of loving that doesn't look for value in what it loves, but that "creates" value in what it loves. Like Rosemary's rag doll.

When Rosemary, my youngest child, was three, she was given a little rag doll, which quickly became an inseparable companion. She had other toys that cost more, but none that she loved like she loved the rag doll.

Soon the rag doll became more and more rag and less and less doll. It also became more and more dirty. If you tried to clean the rag doll, it became more ragged still. And if you didn't try to clean the doll, it became dirtier still.

The sensible thing to do was to trash the rag doll. But that was unthinkable for anyone who loved my child. If you loved Rosemary, you loved the rag doll - it was part of the package.

The illustration is clear. Loving God (our Rosemary) implies we love others (His rag dolls). It's a package deal (see 1 John 4:21).

Together with you,
Les



Time for Fellowship!

THIS SUNDAY, February 18, we will have a baked potato bar right after the worship service. There will also be hotdogs available. Even if you didn't sign up, you can still come! Call the church office at 824-1558 and let them know how many are coming. Leave a message if it is not during office hours.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Spring Flowers

You may purchase spring flowers that will be displayed in our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday (March 31) in honor or in memory of someone. Then, you can take your flower home after the service. Order forms are in the foyer, and the cost is \$9.00 per flower. You may also mail your order and payment to the church office. Our deadline for orders is Sunday, March 3.



Wednesday, 6 -7:15 p.m. - Adventure Kids (grades K-5)
Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12)

Thursday, 8 - 9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, begin 1 Thessalonians this week



Teachers for Sunday Feb. 18, 2024

Kids' Time
Joyce Evans
Marcia Liddy

LOL
Darcy Isch

PRAISES & PRAYERS

Howard Jones went to the hospital Sunday morning. He was treated for dehydration and able to return home.

Denise Downs' recent PET Scan was clear of cancer. Please continue to pray for complete healing of the surgery wound.

Don Reeves continues treatment for cancer.

Chas Isch will return to Houston soon to ensure his immune system is okay.



UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please help proofread an updated directory by checking your contact information. Also, please check any other family members or friends that may not be in attendance. There will be a copy upstairs and also downstairs to look at during the meal. Make any notes, additions, or corrections. With your help, the final updated copy will be available soon!

Valentine's Day Jokes for Animal Lovers

What did one sheep say to the other?
I love ewe!

And how did the other sheep respond?
You're not so baaa-d yourself.

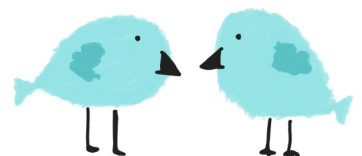
Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?
They are very scent-imental creatures.

What did the enamored deer say?
I'm very fawn-ed of you!

What question did the penguin ask on February 14?
Waddle I do without you?

What do you call two birds in love?
Tweethearts!

What did one bee say to the other?
I love bee-ing with you, honey!



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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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