



The Baptist Bulletin

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What's the Point?

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Covid 19

Larry Schweitzer, cancer

Have you asked the question recently? With all of the change that is going on. Change in the United States Government. Change in technology. Change in supplies. Change in the availability of products. Even Hostess Ho Hos made a change claiming to be have “our best chocolate taste ever!” That is a change I can get on board with. Change is everywhere. In our personal lives, church lives, work lives, and every other area of our lives. At times, I wonder what is the point of dealing with so much change. In that moment I need to go to the Bible to focus on the Gospel. Solomon sums up the question of what's the point in a nice and neat way for us in Ecclesiastes 12:13.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

What a powerful promise. At the end of everything, God has truly heard all. He hasn't missed a thing. He hasn't missed the moments we have been hurt by others, even if we never received acknowledgement or an apology. He also never missed the moments we wronged someone else and thought that no one would ever find out about it. He has witnessed and heard everything. He is trustworthy. Therefore, we know what to do.

Trust God and obey Him. He proved that He is worthy of trust from the moment He created the world. He solidified His trustworthiness when He forgave at the cost of His Son. We know what He asks of us. To love Him and to love others. This right here is the entire responsibility of our lives. For when we love God we rest in Him and Him alone. We no longer live for self. When we love others, we see them through the redemptive value that Jesus gives them and not the sin-stained value of this world. We see them as redeemable.

To love God, trust His redeeming work, share the Gospel with others, and rest in Him alone is the point of our lives. Let us praise God for giving us such a worthy purpose.

We have worked, we have even worked hard; but the question comes to us— “What have we worked for? Who has been our master?

With what object have we toiled.”

C. H. Spurgeon

Missionaries of the Month—Paul and Janet Harkness

January is moving along fast as we have begun 2021. We are gearing up for what lies ahead. God is at work during this pandemic in many ways. That is no less true in children's lives and children's ministries. While 2020 taught us we do not know what next month, next week, or the next day might bring, we know God's plan will not be opposed. He knows the future; He has a plan that we can trust. I once read a quote that comes to mind quite often: "Lead as if there is a tomorrow". It is easy and sometimes natural to be tentative and to stand back to see what happens in the storm. But, to plan for tomorrow is leadership. The Lord is moving Awana workers to gear up for what lies ahead this year, and all the way to 2050. The pandemic has not gotten them down. They know there is work to be done. Kids are needing the gospel message and they are needing to be trained to be lifelong disciples of Jesus. We count it a privilege to come alongside of these leaders.



Area Awana Clubs are back in session in the new year. Some in person and some virtually. Sparky letters are coming in. The kids are telling us that they love memorizing the Bible verses, and, "hope we live a long life." We hope so as well so we may continue serving in Awana

+Praise for the Awana Clubs reaching out with the message of hope in Christ.

+Praise for the continuing good gifts sustaining our Awana ministry.

+Praise for the year before us. What great opportunities we all have to share the hope that is within us.

+Pray we have wisdom in helping church leaders and Awana leaders navigate children's ministry.

+Pray for the decision makers at these churches.

+Pray for wisdom in our travels in light of the Covid realities.

+Pray for our closeness to the Lord throughout the coming year.

Friendship is God's special way of loving us through someone else. *Unknown*

Words are like medicine; they should be measured with care
for an overdose may hurt. *Jewish proverb*

Birthdays ~ ~ ~

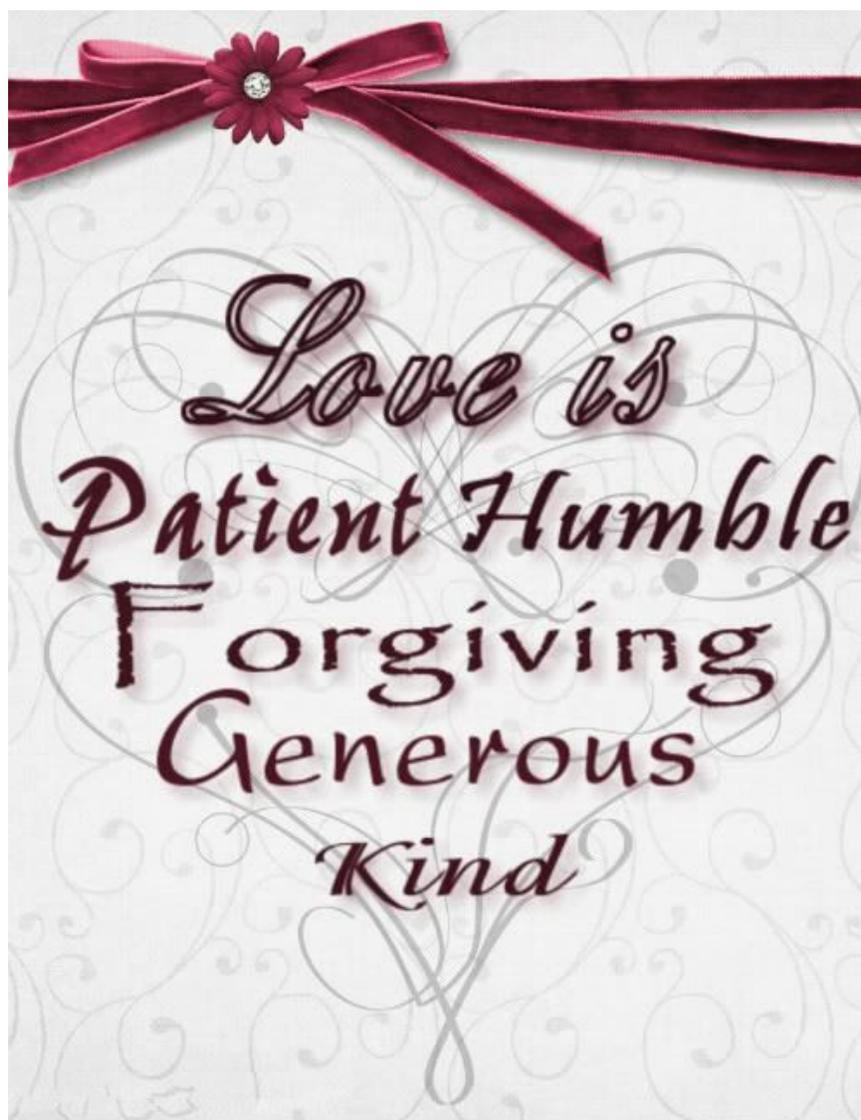
Cor Peterson	Feb 1
Val Cashman	Feb 1
Emma VanNtta	Feb 2
Lindsay VanNatta	Feb 9
Virginia Hudson	Feb 28

Anniversaries ~ ~ ~

Mark & Holly Ballmer	Feb 6
Steve & Fran Linegar	Feb 14

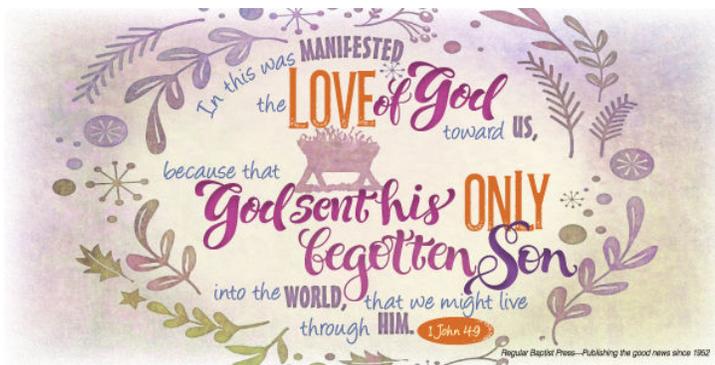
Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year: \$140,102.06
Fiscal Year ended 2/28/21
Offerings Received for 11 months:
\$121,082.70
Expenditures Paid for 11 months:
\$110,942.23





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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- Feb 7 Annual Election at noon
- Feb 7 Christian Ed meeting—12:30 pm
- Feb 9 Elder Board—7 pm
- Feb 21 Worship Watchcare meeting
- Feb 28 Fellowship Outreach meeting
- Feb 28 Family Fun Night—5 pm

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday Worship Service—9:45 am
Sunday School—11:00 am
- Monday Moms in Prayer—1:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study—1:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study—6:30 pm
- Tuesday MOPS / Moms2Moms
9:30 am (1st & 3rd weeks of month)
- Wednesday Awana Sparks (K—2nd) 6:30 pm

Annual Election of Officers is Sunday, February 7th at Noon.

Annual Reports Needed by February 28th

February ends the fiscal year of our church. To prepare for a new year beginning in March, each commission or ministry needs to submit a written report of the past year's activity to the office. These will be compiled into a report for our Annual Business meeting in mid March where a new budget will be voted on and new officers are installed.

Family Game Night

Get ready for another fun time of food and laughter February 28th from 5-8 pm. All ages are welcome and invite your friends too!

