

FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 4 - 8:00 AM (\$3.00)
Youth Super Bowl Party: Sunday 5 - 5:00 PM
Finance Team Meeting: Monday 6 - 7:00 PM
Deacon's Meeting: Thursday 9 - 6:00 PM
Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Monday 13 - 7:00 PM
Valentine's Day: Tuesday 14
Clothes Closet: Tuesday 14 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Hospice Meeting: Tuesday 14 - 12:00 PM
Building & Grounds Meeting: Tuesday 14 - 7:00 PM
Valentine Banquet: Friday 17 - 6:30 PM
Snow Date (Valentine Banquet): Sat. 18 - 6:30 PM
Marion Fields Circle: Monday 27 - 7:00 PM
Clothes Closet: Tuesday 28 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16-17

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February Birthdays

(Birthdays reflect active members & shut-ins)

Cedar Moore - 1
Charlie Keller - 2
David Hartsook - 5
Katherine Mason - 5
Lucille Rhea - 5
Virginia Wilmer - 15
Jean Blanck - 21
Emily Kendig - 25
Breeze Riley - 25

March Birthdays

(First Week)

Bret Worley - 7

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

- ⇒ Sunday School - 9:45 AM
- ⇒ Morning Worship - 11:00 AM
- ⇒ Impact - 6:00 PM
(6th - 12th Graders)

Wednesday

- What Baptist Believe Study - 11AM
- Children's Choirs/Missions - 5PM
- Sing 4Him - 6:20 PM
- Adult Choir - 7:00 PM
- Impact Zone - 7:00 PM



THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus is Lord

Our Mission Statement

Exalt the Savior - Evangelize the Lost - Equip the Saint

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Theme: *Heart & Soul*

Date: *Friday, February 17th*

Time: *6:30 PM*

(Snow Date: *Saturday, February 18th*)

Come and join us for an evening filled with fellowship, food, fun and music.

The menu this year will include:

*Chicken
Mashed Potatoes and gravy
Green beans
Rolls
Apple crisp.*

Kathy Crutchfield will be presenting the program for our Valentine Banquet this year.

Tickets are on sale NOW!

See Sherman & Linda Rice, Amy Worley, Bessie Forgie, Irene Romanello, Brenda Watson or church office.

Tickets: \$10 for ages 10 & up - \$8 for under 10



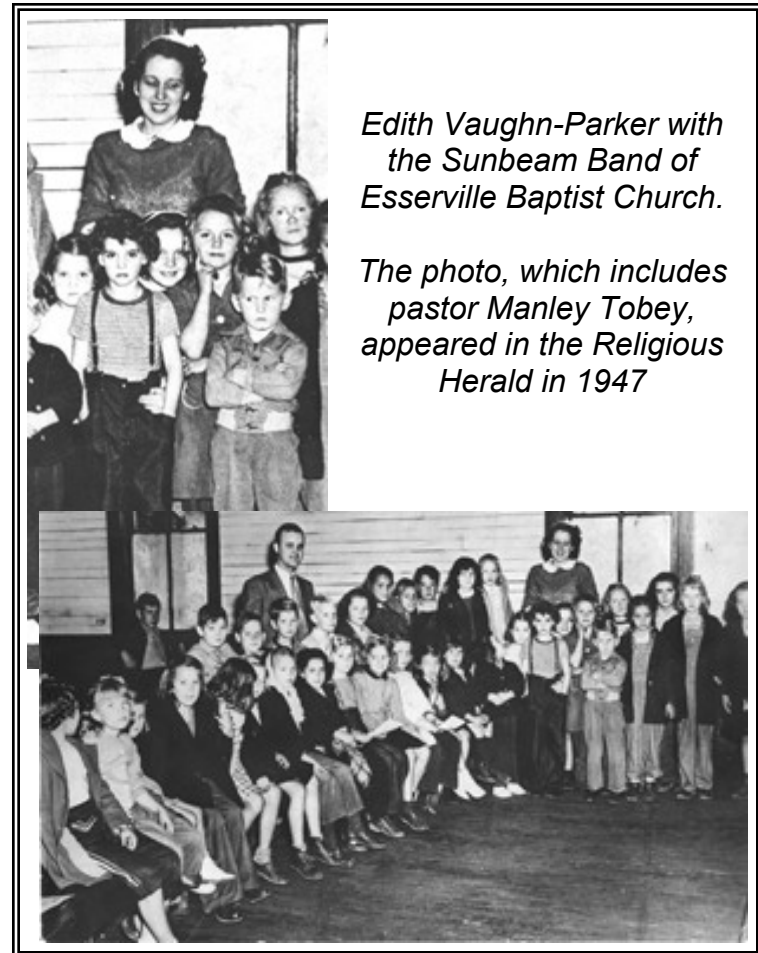
Edith Vaughn Parker

In 1987 Edith Vaughn retired back home in Pulaski. She no sooner returned than, as she describes it, a favorite aunt signed herself out of a nursing home so Edith could take care of her. Edith also helped in the First Baptist Church of Pulaski and she frequently traveled to Roanoke to lead a Bible study for Brazilians in the area. They needed me, she reflects, and I surely needed them.

All of those years student, missionary and retiree were spent as a single woman. Like all young girls I dreamed of getting married some day. But all through grade school, high school, college and seminary I never found my mate for foreign missions. In 1952 it came time for me to go to Brazil. My father was concerned and he talked to me about marriage and about going to Brazil alone. I laughed with him and said, Oh, it's alright, you know [the Apostle] Paul never got married.' He didn't think it was funny. He said, Maybe he did and we just don't know about it.'

In the summer of 1997, Edith attended a gathering of retired missionaries held at Ridgecrest. John Parker, a recently widowed retired missionary who had served in Chile, was present and unashamedly was looking for a wife. Of the 400 people there I figured the Lord had one for me, confessed Parker in an interview with the editor of the Religious Herald in 2003. They met and were married three months later. At age 76 Edith Vaughn had become a bride for the first time.

Interestingly, they almost crossed paths all those many years earlier. A native of Mississippi, Parker had graduated from Southern Seminary in '41 and became a pastor in Wise County with support of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. In the summer of '42, he was off to Chile for the beginning of a 38-year career. In 1946 Edith Vaughn entered Wise County to begin her long missionary saga. In the 1940s two stars passed almost within reach of each other! It took 50 years for those stars to cross again! The Vaughn-Parker partnership was a happy one for seven years, ending with his death in 2004 at age 90.



Edith Vaughn-Parker with the Sunbeam Band of Esserville Baptist Church.

The photo, which includes pastor Manley Tobey, appeared in the Religious Herald in 1947

"I knew that I wanted to be a foreign missionary; and every time I thought of something else, God would say, 'No, you must go across the mountains.'" I thought God was going to call me to Africa; but when God called me beyond the mountains, it was to Brazil and I loved it! *Edith Vaughn Parker*

Edith Vaughn Parker visits CFBC

On **Sunday, March 4, 2012** our guest speaker for the morning worship service will be, Edith Vaughn Parker. Make plans to join us on this special day.

We will follow the service with a covered dish dinner. Please bring a meat, vegetable, salad or dessert to share with others. The bread and beverage will be provided.

Please note: **Lord's Supper** - Sunday, March 11.



The next meeting of Primetimers will be **Monday April 16 at 12:00**. This group is an excellent way for our Christian friends to meet and fellowship. We need 3 or 4 people who are willing to serve on the host committee. Your responsibility will be to set up for the luncheon and see that things are left clean after the meeting. For this month you do not need to have a program. Please reach out for those you feel will benefit from this get together. There is no age restriction. We welcome any who wish to attend. As announced last Dec. this will be "pot luck" but Ernie and I will supply the meat. The bread and beverage will be provided. Think about a vegetable, salad or dessert you might wish to bring. If you do not wish to cook our policy has been you can contribute \$3.00 which goes to help for any expenses.

Please contact Lucille Huntington (862-5443) if you have any questions. O, by the way, this is the day federal income tax is due. Come celebrate with us.



Marion Fields Circle

(a women's missionary study group)

Our next meeting will be on **February 27th at 7:00 PM**. Ada Mattox will have the program and Seatta Wilhelm will be the hostess and have the prayer calendar. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for more information.

Polly VanLear Bible Study

(a Bible study group for men and women)

Please note that the Polly VanLear Bible study group will not meet in February. At this time the group is taking a break. If there is a volunteer who would love to step in to teach for a while, please contact Marcia Wham.

Deuteronomy 6:5 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

Journey To Jerusalem

(Sunday Morning Message)

Where are we going, which way do we go and how long is it going to take? Those are favorite questions of anyone starting out on a trip. Recently at Christmas, we were in Bethlehem. Now we are headed with our Savior toward Jerusalem. We could go with him by way of Matthew and his focus on the Kingdom of God. We could follow Dr. Luke and his wonderful side trips to view classic parables. Brother John opens up all sorts of philosophical vistas, as well as the mystery of the seven signs. But we will journey with Mark, the earliest writing and one that sometimes slaps us in the face with his straight forward presentation of the gospel. Recorded by John Mark, he was a close follower of Simon Peter. Who better to be our tour guide than the future leader of the church. Hold onto your hats, it could be an exciting and bumpy ride.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 4, 2012

8:00 AM

Come join the fellowship! Bring a friend!

(\$3.00)

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us

Was not a bunch of flowers;

It wasn't candy, or a book

To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,

So He could freely give

His sacrificial love for us,

So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and

Instruction, good and true--

To love our friends and enemies

And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,

Let's thank our Lord and King;

The reason we have love to give

Is that He gave everything.



Wow, we have a lot to be excited about!!! We serve an awesome God who continues to bless us beyond our wildest expectations or dreams. I feel that too often in life we walk about with blinders on, missing what God is doing around us. Let's do our best to keep our focus on God and seek His direction for our lives.

Let me do a little introduction. Beginning Wednesday February 1st we will start what is best described as small group ministry. We will meet at the same time (7-8pm) but will be in grade groups. (Example: Middle school boys together, Middle school girls together, ETC.....) There has been a lot of prayer and planning put into this. Leading our Middle school girls will be Melissa Drennen. Melissa brings a lot of experience to the table as a WRE teacher, and as a devoted follower of Christ. She is very excited about what God is doing here at CFBC. Leading our Middle school boys is Thom Burnette. Thom brings an excitement that the teens love. He loves God and desires teens to come to have a real relationship with Him. Please continue to pray for not only our students but our youth leaders also.

Mark your calendars!!! Youth Superbowl Party at Jeff & Melissa's on Sunday February 5th. We will meet from 5 - to the end of the Superbowl. 2/05/2012 -\$60 is due for those going to the Senior High weekend. 2/19/2012 - \$50 deposit is due for Summer Camp.

Calling all high-schoolers.....The Senior High weekend is close!! This year's theme is called "Inside Out." If you have not signed up yet please do so soon. You don't want to miss this awesome opportunity. Your \$60 is due by 2/05/2012 but I'm sure we will have spots available afterwards. For more info please see Jeff.

We have had our first Summer Camp meeting!!! I am super excited about the possible number of students that may be going this year. Deposits are due by Sunday February 19th. There will be other opportunities to sign-up but cost may go up. Please keep your eyes open for fundraising opportunities. This year we will be going to Charleston Southern University in Charleston South Carolina. The total cost to go is \$286.00 each. More information is available in Jeff's office on the second floor.

A quick glance at what the youth are studying for the month of February:

Sunday School: Purity Matters (SS begins each Sunday morning at 9:45 AM)

- Session 1: Pure Living
- Session 2: Pure Loving
- Session 3: Pure Speaking
- Session 4: Pure Thinking

Impact: We are studying through the parables that Jesus taught. (Impact is on Sunday Nights from 6-7:30 with Praise & Worship, Snacks, Games, and most importantly God's Word)

Impact Zone: The Armor of God (IZ is our Wednesday night small group night. We meet from 7-8pm in grade groups.)

- Session 1: Meet and know your enemy
- Session 2: Satan's attack on God's children
- Session 3: The Armor of God Part 1
- Session 4: The Armor of God Part 2

I want to end with this very positive note.....God is so good!!!! We continue to see God bless the ministry efforts here at CFBC in a Mighty way. Over the past 3 or 4 months we have seen a growth in our Sunday and Wednesday night Bible studies. We are averaging between 15-18 youth here for these studies. Please know that we are encouraging these students to come and worship with us Sunday mornings as well. Some attend other Churches, others don't attend anywhere. Please pray for these students and their families as we continue to minister to them. God Bless!!!

Keep Looking UP, Jeff



Deacon's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

In Romans 15:5-7 we are told, *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."*

This is a new beginning in the life of our church family as we begin a new year, 2012. Let us take to heart the words Paul wrote in Romans 15:5-7. Let us throw off the hindrances that keeps us in bondage so with one heart and mouth we may truly worship and glorify our God.

At the last deacons meeting several items of business were attended to. Linda Adams was elected chair and Gina Dodds, secretary. The deacons meeting time was established to be the Thursday following the first Sunday. The next deacon meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 PM. The candidates for the pastor search committee were identified and were approved on Sunday, January 22 by the congregation. Dr. Tom Stocks, field strategist for our region, will hold a session for training the search committee at a time to be determined.

Those serving on the search committee are: Ada Mattox, Charles Hodges, Susan Meyer, Craig Hudson, Ken Wham, Gary Showalter, and Linda Adams.

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Recipe: Chocolate Valentine Cookies

- 2-1/4 cups All-purpose Flour
- 1 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon Salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
- 1/4 cup Unsweetened Cocoa Powder
- 1 cup Firmly Packed Brown Sugar
- 1 whole Large Egg
- 1-1/2 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- Powdered Sugar, For Sifting
- Alphabet Stencils
- 2 sticks (1 Cup) Unsalted Butter, Softened



Combine flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and cocoa powder in a bowl. Whisk together and set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla and beat until combined. Add flour/cocoa mixture in two or three batches, mixing well after each addition. Place dough into a large Ziploc bag and flatten slightly with your hand. Seal bag and refrigerate for two hours.

To make to cookies, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove dough from bag and place on a floured surface for 5 to 10 minutes. Roll out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut with a heart cutter. You'll need to consolidate and re-roll the dough as you go.

Place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper or a baking mat. Bake for 12 minutes, or until set (but not browning at all.) Remove from oven and allow to cool completely.

Place stencils on cooled cookies, spelling out things like "Love You" and "Be Mine". Lay pieces of scrap paper on any areas of exposed cookie. Lightly sift powdered sugar over the stenciled cookies. Carefully remove paper and stencils with tweezers, being careful not to drop powdered sugar as you remove. Use a tiny brush to correct "errors."