

February 2010

“WHEREFORE ALSO WE PRAY ALWAYS FOR YOU, THAT OUR GOD WOULD COUNT YOU WORTHY OF THIS CALLING...”  
II THESSALONIANS 1:11

# The Vandover Call

## Winter VBS in March

Begin to spread the word to children from ages 4 through sixth grade that we are having a Winter Vacation Bible School in March. The theme for our VBS will tie in with the Winter Olympics that are happening in February.

Our VBS will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. It will be a short, fun, three day Vacation Bible School. Get ready for some excitement.

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### Sunday Services:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. AM Worship  
6:00 p.m. PM Worship

### Wednesday Services:

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

## Southern Baptist Disaster Relief in Haiti

Kentucky and Mississippi medical teams will fly into Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic January 31. They will then transfer to a charter bus and make the long, difficult journey to Port-au-Prince in Haiti. The teams will be staying at the Florida Mission House and will minister in clinics.

Additionally, Florida and South Carolina medical teams will be traveling to Haiti via Santo Domingo this coming Wednesday.

Plans are underway to transport large quantities of rice into Haiti where it will be distributed by Haitian Baptists to those in need. Food distribution has been a large part of the ministry of Flor-

ministry partners following hurricanes in recent years. Pray for the logistics of getting the rice into the country and transporting it to the churches where it can be distributed to those who need it most.

**EARTHQUAKE  
VICTIMS  
NEED YOUR  
HELP!**

It is our prayer that every ministry Southern Baptists undertake to aid Haiti will bring glory and honor to

Him.

Vandover Baptist is receiving contributions to help minister in Haiti. The money will be given to the North American Mission Board for use with the Disaster Relief Teams going to Haiti.

Follow the work of our Disaster Relief Teams in Haiti at [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net) or [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net).

## God Loves You Breakfast

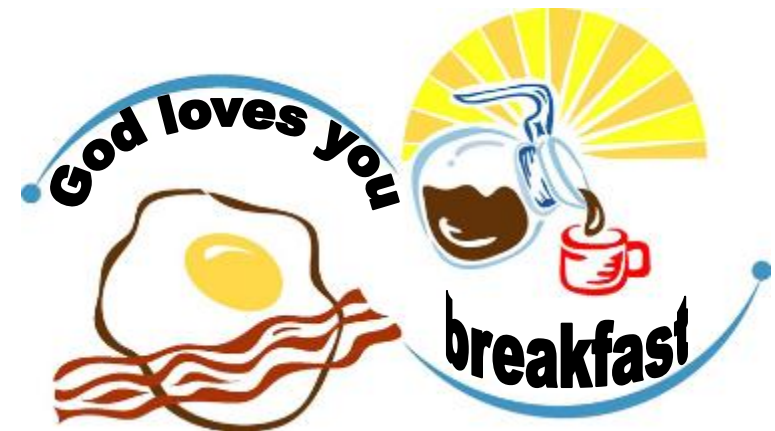
Let's gather together on Valentine's Day for breakfast. We want to celebrate God's love as His family.

The men will fix breakfast complete with some heart shaped food and heart felt compassion. Marcella will make sure the Fellowship hall is decorated with expressions of love. Our members will be bringing guests that God loves. Everyone will hear how

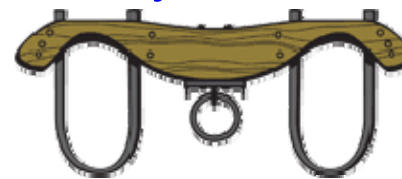
much God loves them.

The "God Loves You" breakfast will be from 9:30 to 10:30 on February 14th, Valentine's Day. We will have some time to visit with one another while we eat breakfast. This will be followed by time of reflection about how great our Father's love is to us.

Make every effort to bring a friend and join us on February



### Christian symbols

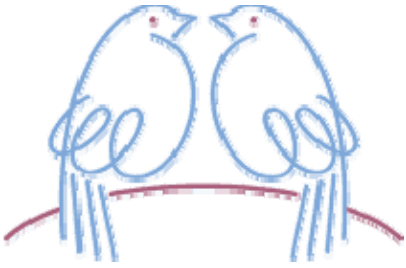


Yoke

The yoke is a burden of hardship

and toil, as well as of subservience. But Jesus said the "yoke" of serving him is "easy" and that he provides rest for the weary (Matthew 11:28-30). The yoke also symbolizes human allegiance, as in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV).

## Be a love bird



Many stories about the origin of Valentine's Day have come down through the centuries. There's no definitive story, but most revolve around the imprisonment of Valentinus (St. Valentine) for his disregard of Roman laws.

Many legends are also associated

with Valentine's Day. For example, because birds seemed to arrive and mate in some countries in mid-February, human couples came to be called "love birds."

In 1667, the first recorded Valentine card was printed. Today, people will give their sweethearts countless millions of cards and acres of heart-shaped boxes filled with candy. But why wait for Valentine's Day to share love with others? Remember Jesus' words in John 13:34 (NRSV): "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

## His Hands Ministry

His Hands Ministry will meet on February 4 and 11 at 11:00 am. Bring a lunch and plan on being God's hand as we seek to communicate with our community that God is at work in Fenton.

Come and make a visit, phone call, make a blanket, or send a card. Make a gift, a card or some cookies to share with a neighbor or friend. This is a time to let the people who live around Vandover Baptist Church know that we want to

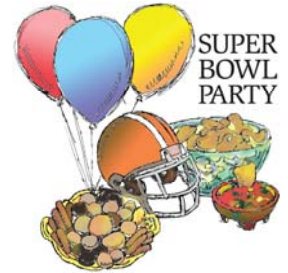
be their partner on their spiritual pathway. We start at 11:00, eat lunch at 12:00 and will finish by 1:30. See you then!



## Open House at the Lawrence's

Steve and Terri are hosting an "Open House" on Super Bowl Sunday. For non Super Bowl fans that is Sunday February 7. The game starts at 5:30 pm but the open house starts at 5pm. Stay for the whole game or just come for some snacks.

Steve and Terri live at 2607 Oakview Terrace in Maplewood.



## Seventy years

By the time you're 70 years old, you will have spent nearly a quarter of a century sleeping. The average person spends about 23 years of his or her life in bed. Here are estimates of how most Americans spend their waking hours during those 70 years:

- 11 years working
- 8 years in leisure pursuits

- 6 years eating
- 5 years grooming
- 4 years being educated
- 3 years talking
- 2 years reading
- 6 months worshipping God

Perhaps Sunday morning worship isn't as long as it seems.

## Equal Opportunity

When young Kelli said her prayers each night, she would bless every family member, every friend and every pet (current or past). Toward the end of her prayers, she'd say, "And all girls."

One night her father asked his daughter why she always ended that way.

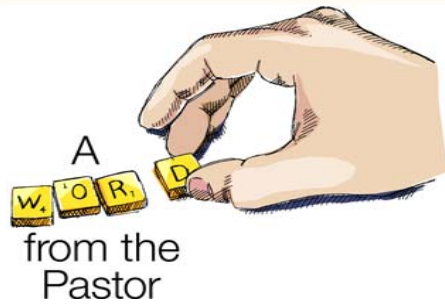
"Because," she replied, "everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying, 'All men.'"

### From the pastor

Next to Christmas and Easter, there is no other holiday that expresses God’s love like Valentine’s Day. “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:12-13. Jesus has loved us and expects that we would demonstrate our love for Him by loving others the same way.

What God did for us in sending Jesus to be born and die for us, compels us to live for Him each and everyday of our lives. Let this one day, that we speak of love to one another, compel us to love others like Jesus.

We can show love by praying for one another, encouraging each other, remembering birthdays, visiting someone who is sick or meeting needs of another. Showing love can be as simple as a smile or an encouraging word. It can be as big as sharing Christ or sitting in a hospital room with a friend.



Sharing the love of Christ extends beyond people we know to people we only know about. It could mean helping at a hospital, nursing home or food pantry. Checking on a neighbor that has no family or friends is also an expression of loving like Jesus. Even contributing financially in disaster relief for people in Haiti is showing love to one another.

Start loving one another on Valentine’s Day and don’t ever stop!

Steve



- Feb. 7 Volunteer needed
- Feb. 14 Lynn Miller
- Feb. 21 Roy and Norma Scott
- Feb. 28 May Mangnall



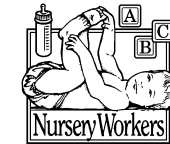
### The week of:

- Feb. 1 Marvin Toothaker, Larry Shaw
- Feb. 8 Geri Warren, Frances Scheller
- Feb. 15 Nick & Valerie Ems
- Feb. 22 Maurice Williams, Jim Mangnall



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- Feb. 14 Valerie Ems
- Feb. 21 Joy McVean
- Feb. 28

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Feb. 28 Cherri Roberts

## January Bible Study continues in February

January Bible Study will conclude in February. This year’s study is on the Parables of the Kingdom of God in the book of Matthew. Between great snacks and a great study, attendance has been good. Make plans to attend before its too late.

February 14, 21, 28 are the last three sessions. The study begins at 5:30 pm each night. Bring a Bible and some snacks.

