



February 2024

Faith family,

As we step into the month of February, a time often associated with expressions of love, we find ourselves surrounded by the warmth of God's boundless love. This month, let us focus our hearts on the incredible love that our Heavenly Father showers upon us, individually and as a church family.

1. Love that Knows No Bounds: In the spirit of Valentine's Day, let's reflect on the immeasurable love that God has for each and every one of us. Scripture reminds us in 1 John 4:16, "So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." Take a moment to meditate on the depth of this love that knows no bounds.

2. Loving One Another: As a church family, let us strive to emulate the love of God in our relationships with one another. Galatians 5:13 encourages us, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." This month, let's make an intentional effort to reach out to those around us, extending radical generosity and radical hospitality.

3. Love in Action: February provides us with an opportunity to put our love into action. Consider participating in community outreach initiatives or engaging in acts of kindness. As Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Let's be vessels of God's love in our community.

4. Prayer for Love to Abound: Let us also dedicate time in prayer for our church and its members. May the love of God overflow in our hearts, transforming us individually and collectively. Pray for those who may be facing challenges, that they may experience the comforting and empowering love of the Triune God.

As we journey through February, may we be reminded that the essence of love is rooted in God Himself. Let's embrace and share His love with one another and with the world around us.

Just as a few reminders for prayer as we move into 2024, be in prayer for Ashley and Will Brewer as they welcome baby Seth into the world this month. Be in prayer for our Associate Pastor of Worship and Discipleship search team as they begin the role to fill this position. Also, be in prayer for our Renovation Team. Continue to give above and beyond your tithes and offerings as we move ever closer to initiating this much anticipated Renovation project!

In His Love,
Pastor Tyler Armstrong

**Valentine Fellowship Meal & Game night
February 14th, 5:30 p.m. (Activities Building)
Catered Meal (Menu to be announced.)**

\$5.00 per plate (\$20.00 maximum per immediate family)

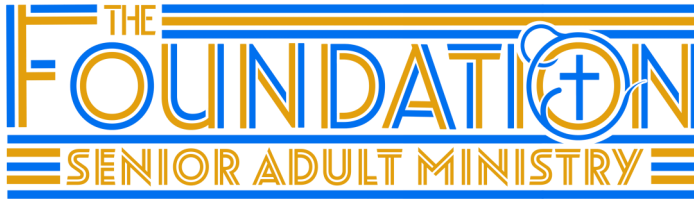
You may register & pay through the WABC App or you may sign up at the Welcome Center table, the Adult Education Building desk or by calling the church office. If you sign up on a paper list, please use an offering envelope to pay. (Please note on the envelope that you are paying for meals—also, please include your name and amount). Envelopes may be dropped in one of the offering drop boxes. (No childcare for this event)

STUDENTS' NEWS

**Invite Night—February 4th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
In the Underground**

2024 Fuge Camp (June 20th-25th)

Activity Participation Form & \$75.00 Nonrefundable Deposit due by 2/4/2024



We have survived one month of winter and truly before we know it, spring will be here. In the interim use the cold dreary days to study God's word. God sends winter for a reason. Sometimes we need to embrace the quiet, rest in His arms, and listen. "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10.

To our ladies, beginning February 4th, we will be meeting with ladies of all ages to do a Winter Bible Study using the book "Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer" by Pricilla Shirer. We will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 in the Adult Education Building. My hope is that this study will help us to become more intentional with our prayer life. I Hope to see you there. If you need a ride, please contact me or the church office.

From Streams in the Desert:
*Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do;
And no one in all God's family
Can do it as well as you!*

In His Love,
Leasha Laster

Shoals Sav-A-Life

Donation Bottles are available in the Welcome Center and the Adult Education Building. Please return filled bottles by Sunday, February 11th.

Sanctuary Renovation Giving

Goal:

\$658,000.00

Capital Projects Balance:

\$407,022.36

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Hey Woodward families!



I hope everyone enjoyed our extended break into January! I know it can seem like such a long month, but getting to spend some much-needed downtime with family during the ice and snow was a blessing I think we all needed!

February will be another slower month for is in WABCKids! As we get going into the spring, lots of changes will be happening with the upcoming renovations around our campus. It is amazing how quickly the projects are approaching! So, please stay in tune with all the communications coming in the near future!

You all know by now that this is the month Will and I are expecting our son – it's an exciting time for our family, but I know our time on leave could cause some confusion. Should you have any questions about programming or anything happening inside WABCKids, please reach out to Jenny or Tyler for the quickest response. As always, I'm still available whenever y'all need me! It just may take me a while to respond during these first few weeks with our son home. We're excited to meet him and can't wait for you to as well!

It's a joy to serve you!
Mrs Ashley

**Our February
"Starting Point" class
will be Sunday, February 4th,
at 9:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Office.
If you are a new member or are consider-
ing becoming a member,
please join the pastor as he shares
information concerning church history,
church finances, Sunday School classes,
service opportunities, what
membership means at WABC,
our church covenant and the next steps.**

Thank you Notes Received:

Dear Woodward Avenue Baptist Church Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful spray of flowers you sent for my mother's funeral. Thank you for all the prayers that have been lifted up for my mother and for my family. God is walking us through this valley. We feel His presence. My mother was such a wonderful Christian lady. She made sure (along with my dad) that we were at church and that we grew up in a home that loved the Lord. I am so thankful that the Lord blessed me with the most wonderful Christian parents. I grew up at Woodward and I am so thankful for all the Sunday School teachers, Training Union teachers, Music Ministers and Preachers who helped in my Christian walk with God. Thank you again for remembering my family in your prayers.

In Christian Love,
Susan Homan Adkins
Craig, Rachel & Rebecca
(Family of Margaret Homan)



Dear Church Family,
To be at a loss for words and yet to have so many to say in gratitude makes it hard to sum up. We are in the midst of both. There are none that could express our thankfulness and so many that we want to express to all of you. This WABC family we entered into over five years ago was one that enveloped us in the love of Christ and we became a part of seamlessly. It was the Holy Spirit that led us here and it was the love of all of you that kept us here. Throughout the loss of Edith, Lance's mother, we felt all the prayers and love so many of you shared with us at that time that it was overwhelming. Then, eight days later our apartment complex burned and this family we have in WABC certainly put us in a true state of awe. Throughout it all, we kept saying BUT GOD. Throughout it all, you all did amazing things to help us not feel defeated but empowered through Grace that we are so undeserving of but blessed by the Holy Spirit through no works but Faith alone. We have sincere gratitude for our church family and especially our companions within the Prime Timers Sunday School class that we could never express how much they all poured into our hearts during these trials. If we tried to name each one of our church family members that made such huge impacts on us, the list would never end. In closing, we love you all so very much and desire for one day to be able to bless each of you the way you have blessed us!

With love in Christ,
Lance & Wendy Wright



February



February 4th

Starting Point Class, 9:15 a.m.
(Pastor's Office)

Associate Pastor of Worship &
Discipleship Search Committee
Training, 2:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)

Women's Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)

Students' Fuge Camp
Activity Participation Forms
& Nonrefundable Deposits due

Students' Invite Night,
5:00-8:00 p.m.
(Underground)

February 11th

Shoals Sav-A-Life
Donation Bottles due
(Leave in the Welcome Center)

Deacons' Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)

Adult Co-Ed Class Superbowl Fellowship,
5:00 p.m.
(Home of Tyler & Ryann Armstrong)

February 14th

Catered Church Family Fellowship
& Newly Wed Game
5:30 p.m. (Activities Building)

February 18th

Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
(Activities Building)

Women's Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)

February 25th

Women's Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)

Women's Bible Study

"Fervent" by Priscilla Shirer

**Beginning Sunday, February 4th at 5:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)**

**Books can be purchased online, ordered
through the church office (Cost \$9.99 + tax).
Audiobooks are available online or through
Hoopla from MS Library.**

**Please sign up for the Bible Study at the
Welcome Center table, the Adult Education
Building desk or by calling the church office.**

Men & Boys of all ages
are invited to Breakfast
Sunday, February 18th
8:00 a.m.
(Activities Building)

DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 4th: Phil Richardson, Jr.

February 11th: Ricky Williams

February 18th: Ryan Crumley

February 25th: Tim Ray

**The monthly Deacons' Meeting will be
Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 p.m.
in the Adult Education Building.**

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

- Feb. 4th:** Jennifer Bragwell, Ronnie &
Susan Campbell & Isabelle
Rushing
Susie Ray (Children's Church)
- Feb. 11th:** Sherry Brown, Tammy Kirk,
Megan Pigg & Tricia Starkey
Rick Boozer (Children's Church)
- Feb. 18th:** Ryann Armstrong, Leah Bush,
Beth Crumley & Morgan Hall
Karen King (Children's Church)
- Feb. 25th:** Shane Conn, Sharron Sparks,
Grace Waller & Gidgett Wilson
Doris Boozer (Children's Church)

SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE

February 4th

Ryan Crumley, David Gresham,
Irl Parks & Jack Pennington

February 11th

Will Cottingham, James Gautney,
Anthony Sparks & Lance Wright

February 18th

Bob Freeman, Mike Lansdell,
Jacob Richardson & John Webb

February 25th

Justin Boozer, Ethan Hall,
Tim Ray & Phil Richardson, Jr.

SCHEDULE

(See the Worship Guide and Monthly Calendar for changes)

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.

Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
(Worship Center & Online)

Students.....5:00 p.m.
(Underground)

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)

Student Equip Night.....6:00 p.m.
(Underground)

Kid's Activities6:00 p.m.
(Kid's Department)

Choir Practice.....6:00 p.m.
(Choir Room)

Praise Team Practice.....7:15 p.m.
(Worship Center)

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Your Staff:

Senior Pastor-Tyler Armstrong
Director of Children's Ministries-Ashley Brewer
Director of Student Ministries-Conner Gresham
Interim Director of Worship Ministries-Maggie Granlund
Financial/Administrative Assistant-Sheila Holland
Facility Assistant-Tammy Kirk
Nursery Coordinator-Jenny Boozer
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