

GENESIS NEWSLETTER

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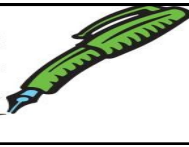
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Well, it's already February! The big deal this month is Valentine's Day on Friday 14th. Of course, every Valentine's Day the focus is on love and attempting to express our love to those we "love". The most typical love communicators are mushy cards, fattening candy or a nice evening out.

This whole love thing is pretty important to us as Christians. We know our capacity to love is a gift of God; "We love because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19). We know Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Now this saying from Jesus takes love to an all new level. We are talking about dying for another out of our love for that one. I suppose it is a good thing we are seldom asked to express our love in this physical way.

Perhaps the best scripture to define love is Paul's 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. In the first three verses Paul attempts to reveal the importance of love in our lives and the precedence it takes over other things. He is basically saying that if we try to function in this life without love, no matter what we accomplish, it will mean nothing. Love is that important.

He then offers a list of the characteristics that define love. First he tells us what love is, and then what it is not. Here is the list of what it is: patient, kind, protects, trust, hopes and perseveres. So, these are the ways in which I am to express love. But to whom? Jesus made that pretty clear too. He seems to indicate very strongly that we are to love our enemies as well as loving God and our neighbor.

These qualities of love are not easy to practice. Are we always patient with God? Do we place our deepest hopes and trust in God?

Loving God is one thing, but when it comes to loving enemies and neighbors it gets much more challenging. Our enemies are those we really don't even want to love. Our neighbors, while they are not enemies, may still not be "loved ones" either. Our neighbors are people round about us. Yet, all in all, these are the folks who need our love, and perhaps this may be why God allowed them to be touched by our lives. You may be the only person who ever shows an enemy or a neighbor the love of God. You could be it.

Here is what love is not: envious, boastful, dishonoring, self seeking, easily angered, keeps no record of wrong and never delights in evil. Really? What was Paul thinking? These are some of the things that some of us do really well and even

enjoy doing--like boasting of our accomplishments or keeping an accurate list of how many times we've been wronged.. And now he says we shouldn't do them?

My guess is that he sees these characteristics as being "anti-love". He may be saying that, if we act in these ways, what people will sense is not love but a denial of love. He could also be saying that it is these very characteristics in others that make them people we want to avoid. But when we act in these ways, we are really acting just like them. The problem then is that they will never see the love of God through us if all they see is us acting just like they do.

Our calling is to live out Jesus' love to everyone--no exceptions. When we do, what people experience from us draws them. They see that there is a better option in life. They see the joy of Christ in us. Simply put, they see Jesus.

Perhaps the last thought is most important - Love never fails - no matter what. It never fails to fill our lives with hope and peace. It never fails to reveal God's love. It never fails because it is of God.

Awhile ago I needed to buy a lawn mower for our house in Inverness. I did not want to spend a ton of money on a new one, so I went out to see the "mower guy".

The mower guy is not in Homosassa, so you may not be familiar with him. The mower guy is one of the most angry and hurting men you would ever want to meet. He is rude, nasty, belligerent and downright mean.

He was fixing something on the mower I was buying, and his shop was very busy. So I commented to him; "Looks like this is a pretty busy day for you." He responded, "I'm not here to talk, I'm here to work. You want to talk, go somewhere else!"

Yes, I did want to go somewhere else after his cutting response. But I realized he acted this way for a reason. Perhaps no one had ever tolerated him long enough to show him God's love. So I stayed there and waited in silence until he was done. I thanked him, told him I appreciated his time and left. Could I have done more to show him God's love? Probably. But at that moment, it was the best I could do. Now when I think of him I will remember to pray for him, asking that whatever happened in his life to make him this way will pass and he will discover a new life in Christ.

Will it work? God only knows. Paul would say "yes"--because he's the one who said, "Love never fails."

Happy Valentine's Day—Pastor



Need to update your records!

If you have changed any of your contact information, please call Nicole after 12:30 p.m. in the church office at 628-4083. Not a member yet but attend regularly? We want you to be included in our Circle of Friends list. Please use the pew pad on Sunday to record your contact information (name, address, & phone number). Please print clearly and include your email. All of this information is vital and will help connect us to each other as the body of Christ. Provide your information with confidence—we will never distribute, sell, or otherwise use your information for anything other than church business.

Weekly Email

Pastor Kip sends out a weekly email every Friday which includes important announcements, information about the coming week's scripture, and usually some things to think about as you prepare for worship on Sunday. If you want to receive this weekly email, please email Theresa in the office at: theresa@1umc.org.

New Member Classes

New member classes will be taught by Pastor Kip Younger, 3 times a year, for anyone who is considering becoming a member of First United Methodist Church or would like to learn more about our Methodist beliefs. The membership classes will be four, 1 hour sessions, on Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in room 306. We will receive our new members on the following Sunday. **The next opportunities to join the church in 2014 will be 5/7, and 9/3. Please call Theresa at 628-4083.**

Membership Transfers

Membership transfers for people who want to transfer their membership from another Methodist church will be held the fourth Sunday of every month. If you are transferring from another denomination or any other church, you are encouraged to attend the new member classes.

If you are interested in exploring membership, have any questions about which category to join by, please contact Pastor Kip, or Theresa in the church office at 628-4083, or indicate "wish to join" on the pew pad on Sundays.



CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

Attendance Tracking
 Audio-Video Ministry
 Biblical Travel Ministry
 Christian Education
 Communion Stewards
 Counters
 Disaster Relief Programs
 Flower Arranging Ministry
 Folding & Mailing Committees
 Funeral Receptions
 Genesis Newsletter
 Greeters
 Holiday Prison Ministry
 Lenten Soup Suppers
 Library
 Monday Work Crew
 Music Ministries
 Online Picture Directory
 Parish Nurse Ministry
 Prayer Ministry
 Stewardship
 United Methodist Women
 UMW Circles
 Ushers
 Visitation Care Group
 Wednesday Night Dinners
 Youth Ministry

Outreach Ministries

Bus Ministry
 Disaster Relief & Response Team
 God's Clods (Clown Ministry)
 Health Related Workshops

Hugs for Soldiers
 Local Travel Ministry
 Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast
 Missionaries to Siberia
 Nursing Home Ministries
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Shut-In Visitation
 Stephen Ministry
 Thrift Shop
 Tuned To Revival Quartet
 Vacation Bible School
 Welcome Bags

Small Groups

Cancer Survivors
 Memory Lane Respite
 Men's Serendipity
 Saturday Sisters
 Women's Serendipity
Support Groups
 Alzheimer's Support
 Cancer Support
 Diabetes Support

Bible Study Groups

(various classes & times)

Benevolences

CROP Walk
 Equipment for Handicapped
 Food Pantry
 Methodist Children's Home
 Salvation Army
 SHINE
 The Path

Community Outreach

Blood Bank
 Camp-E-Nini-Hassee
 Hunger & Homeless Outreach.

9/16/13

**DEADLINE FOR
 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Friday, FEBRUARY 7th
FOR
MARCH



oxygen in the blood for a 7 person to survive several minutes, as long as it is circulated by compression. The pace of compressions is hard and fast; exactly the tempo of the Bee Gees hit, "Staying Alive". This gives time for emergency personal to arrive.

Family and Friends CPR

Over 300,000 Americans die each year of cardiac arrest outside hospitals. Eighty percent of these occur at home witnessed by a family member. Out of all, only about 6 percent survive. One of these could be you or someone you love.

The aim of CPR is to circulate blood and oxygen to the brain and other vital organs by manually assisting the heart "to beat" by chest compressions. This technique has been used for over 50 years. Percentage of survival increases to 12% with CPR.

So, if CPR has been proven effective why are people afraid to learn the technique or to use it. The main reason is pure and simple panic. The second reason is that people are afraid of doing it wrong. Another reason is the "ick" factor where people are afraid to actually put their lips to a stranger's mouth and picking up germs.

Hands only CPR for adults has been endorsed by the American heart Association since 2005, stating that in some cases conventional CPR techniques might be of greater benefit. Studies have shown that after a cardiac arrest there is enough

The American Heart Association along with Alliance partner Laerdal Medical launched a personal CPR Anytime learning program. This program was developed to increase CPR knowledge of the general public. Skills can be learned in the comfort of your home, or in a group, in about 20 minutes. Family & Friends CPR Anytime kits are available from a number of medical companies for under \$40. They make great gifts; just ask my daughters what we gave them for Christmas! Each kit contains a personal mannequin, CPR Skills Practice DVD, a resource booklet and other accessories. This program does not require a certified instructor nor does it provide certification.

As a congregation we now have a kit, as well as an AED trainer. I would encourage groups to contact me for a demonstration session. Even if you feel you might not be able to actually do CPR yourself, you would be able to instruct someone else. Again, **this could happen to you or someone you love; be prepared!**



THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM

by Jan Wise

When the prophet Samuel went to the home of Jesse to anoint God's choice for king, Samuel mistakenly thought he knew which son God would choose. He thought of Eliab, Jesse's eldest son, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"

After the Lord rejected seven sons of Jesse, Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" Then the father said his youngest son was tending the sheep. Samuel responded, "Send for him." When David arrived, the Lord told Samuel, "'Rise and anoint him; he is the one.'" (1 Samuel 16:1-13) **God knew David's heart.**

Many years later, as King David gave instructions to his son Solomon, he said, "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for **the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts.**"

(1 Chronicles 28:9)

How about Moses? Many years before David, an Israelite baby named Moses was born of Egyptian slaves. He escaped the death sentence of Pharaoh and was miraculously adopted by Pharaoh's daughter. Though living in the palaces of Egypt, Moses believed

the Lord wanted him to deliver his Israelite brethren from bondage. So Moses set out to do it in his own way. The resulting murder of an Egyptian caused the would-be deliverer to flee. Forty years later, God spoke to Moses, a fugitive and murderer, calling him back to Egypt to deliver his people. Why—**because God knew his heart.**

Years later, God chose scruffy, uneducated shepherds to be the only ones invited to visit his newborn Son. God looked beyond their appearance, **saw their hearts** and knew they would believe. Then there were the magi—intelligent, wealthy, observers of the stars...and Gentiles. **God knew their hearts**—they would believe, traveling two years to find the young boy born King of the Jews.

Think about Paul. Would the early Christians expect the man killing them to become a teacher of the Christian faith? Why did God choose Paul—**because God knew his heart.**

Then there's us. It's a sobering and sometimes frightening thought to realize God looks beneath all our outward coverings or at the motives behind our much "church" activity. **He knows our hearts.**

When I tend to be critical of others, God reminds me, "You don't know their hearts, but I do." How do you "see" other people? Are you tempted to label them by what you see outwardly in their appearances or actions? We celebrate February as the month of "loving hearts." It's a good time to determine to let God orchestrate our relationships, remembering that he alone knows the heart of each person.

WELCOME,
NEW MEMBERS!!!
DECEMBER 2013



Sherrie Aud 352-503-7135
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Sherrie was born 4/7 and married Rudy Aud on 11/23/62. She transferred from First Presbyterian of Crystal River.

Lauri & Warren Burns 352-794-3381

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Lauri was born 3/7 and Warren 2/19 and they were married 01/28/14. They transferred from their former churches in WI and PA.



Brenda and Roger Hasterok 352-513-4193

1338 W Diamond Shore Lp, Hernando, FL 34442

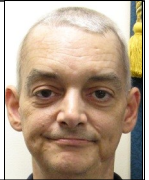
Brenda was born 6/1 and Roger 4/2 and they were married 8/9/1975. They transferred from Asbury UMC, Hoover, AL



Christopher W. Monro 352-503-7292

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Chris was born 5/5, and transferred from Meridian UMC, Meridian, ID



Carole M. Tiller 352-564-8947

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Carole was born 12/9 and transferred from Crystal River UMC.



Ronald A. Tiller 352-564-8947

1683 N. Foxboro Loop, Crystal River, FL 34429

Ron was born 4/10, and transferred from Crystal River UMC.



when nothing
goes right...
go left.

FANTASTIC

FEBRUARY READING

“The Last Valentine” by James Michael Pratt. This title fits well with the month of February and Valentine’s Day. This is a love story with the power to transcend time. A wife says farewell to her husband in World War II. He is a Navy pilot in the Pacific. For fifty years she waited for him to return – until a miracle happens and she receives his last Valentine. Television reporter Susan Allison is looking for the perfect story about true love. Writer Neil Thomas, Jr. wants only to share the powerful message of the “last Valentine”, his parents’ tragic yet triumphant fifty-year love story. So in the present day when Susan and Neil meet, neither of them expects the emotional outcome: that the story of Neil’s parents will bring them together in a powerful love. But besides the love story, there is a message of the importance of love, of God helping others, and the secret of happiness.

“A Lineage of Grace” by Francine Rivers, internationally best-selling author. This book contains five stories of unlikely women who changed eternity. Tamar is betrayed by the men who controlled her future and she fought for her right to believe in a loving God. Rahab is a woman with a past to whom God gave a future. Ruth gave up everything, expecting nothing and God honored her. Bathsheba’s beauty stirred the passion of a king. Her pain moved the heart of God. Mary responded in simple obedience to God’s call, the moment for which all eternity had been waiting. Each woman’s story includes a six part Bible

study, perfect for personal study or group discussion.

“A Spot of Trouble” by Kelly Ann Riley is a Patchwork Mysteries book. Sarah Hart, an expert in vintage quilt restoration, is starting to plan for her wedding and she’s thinking about the special quilt that she will make as a gift for Liam when she receives startling news – her fiancé’s store has been broken into and trashed. Sarah doesn’t think anyone has something against Liam but when she searches for answers, she uncovers several people with reason to want his store closed, but which one of them is guilty? The trick to solving an intricate mystery is knowing how to put it all together.

“Beginnings” by Kim Vogel Sawyer is Book 2 of Sommerfield Trilogy and is a story of a young woman’s search for a place to belong. Beth Quinn left the city to live among the Old Order Mennonites in the small town of Sommerfield, Kansas, but she doesn’t fit in. Her mother has reconciled with her family and embraced the old life. New to her Christian faith, will Beth be able to reconcile her old life with the new? With two men vying for her attention, Beth has feelings of unsettledness and searches for a place to belong.

“When Hope Blossoms” is another novel by Kim Vogel Sawyer and is a love story that speaks to the heart. After losing her husband, Amy Knackstedt hopes to start a new life in Weaverly, Kansas and provide a better future for her three children. But her new neighbor, Tim Roper, is not pleased to have an Old Order Mennonite family living next to his apple orchard. Tim left the Mennonite faith years ago and doesn’t want any

reminders of his former life. Yet when circumstances throw Amy and Tim together, they form a friendship that surprises them both. Will past hurts always be a barrier between them or will this tentative relationship blossom into something more?

“The Fence My Father Built”

by Linda S. Clare. It is a story of finding your way home – even when home is a trailer in the middle of nowhere. Muri Pond has dreamed all her life of finding the father who left her when she was three years old. Now it’s too late as Joe Pond has died, willing his remote Central Oregon desert property to his citified daughter, a librarian who’d rather research than ranch. Muri brings her 15 year old daughter and 11 year old son out to the property where she’s confronted by a troublesome neighbor and her father’s legacy – a fence made from old oven doors. Along with Aunt Lutie and the Red Rock Tabernacle Ladies, Muri must rediscover the faith her alcoholic Native-American dad somehow never abandoned.

Max Lucado is always an inspirational read as in **“And the Angels Were Silent”**. How do you explain such a man as Jesus? One way is to take a walk and observe him on his final journey. In the final week, all of heaven watches. It is the long-awaited week – a week when no angel dared sing. A hush fell over heaven as the God-man faced his final days. Note the firmness in his walk. Hear the conviction in his voice. With a gentleness laced with boldness, the author will help you see the heart of Christ and remember what really matters.

“Autumn Light” by Dan Walsh. 11

Walsh. Marble Cove, Maine is a place known for lobster pots and porch swings, a place to relax and feel at home. Four different yet unforgettable friends are mysteriously drawn together by events too amazing to be coincidence. As they face life’s challenges, they hold each other up in faith and experience God’s amazing grace. This story starts out with Marble Cove preparing for its annual Fall Fest. When the four women get word that a mysterious stranger seems every bit as interested in Orlean Point Light as they are, they set out to discover who he is. What is his connection to the unexplained lights each one of them has seen?

“The Wildwater Walking Club” by Claire Cook

Just put one foot in front of the other. Sounds simple, doesn’t it? When Noreen Kelly takes a buyout from her job and gets dumped by her boyfriend in one fell swoop, she finds it hard to know what that next step is – never mind take it. Now she has time to herself and doesn’t know what to do with it, but she feels she has to get moving so she puts on a new pair of sneakers and starts out and is soon joined by neighbors Tess and Rosie. As the Wildwater women walk and talk, they share secrets and learn what women everywhere are finding out – that time flies and getting fit is actually fun when you’re walking with friends.

**HAPPY READING
IN THE NEW YEAR!**
From the Library Staff;
**Barbara Jackson, Helen Lefave,
Ann Ice, and Pat Barton**



IN MEMORY



Peter Magamoll, 94, went with our Lord Sunday, December 15, 2013. He leaves Jan, his wife of 70 years, and 2 daughters, Pat & Judy. His service of remembrance was 1/11/14 at FUMCH. Pastor Kip officiated and a reception followed.

Lorena "Nena" Devoe, 90, passed into eternity December 26, 2013. She leaves 1 son, Cecil of NY, and 2 daughters, Patricia & Susan, both of FL. Her memorial service was 1/7/2014 at FUMCH with Pastor Kip officiating.



William "Bill" Dunkle, 79, passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. He leaves Shirley, his wife of 55 years, and one sister of E. Hartford, Ct. His memorial service was held 1/17/2014 at FUMCH with Pastor Kip officiating.

God of faithfulness, in Your wisdom You have called Your servants listed above from this world; release them from their bonds of sin, and welcome them into Your Presence, so they may enjoy eternal light and peace and be raised up in glory with all Your saints. Amen



Bill Barton will be 100 years old on February 9th.

His daughter thinks it would be fun for him to receive 100 cards! **Let's make this his "best" birthday gift!** If you would like to mail him a birthday card, please mail to:

Mr. Bill Barton
C/O M/M R. Kuhn
PO Box 245
Lake Como, FL 32157



BRENTWOOD

Gene Harry
Joyce Minnicks

CEDAR CREEK

Lois Schoch

CR HEALTH/REHAB

Nancy Pearo

CYPRESS COVE

Elly Case

SUGARMILL MANOR

Dorothy Atwell
Marge Dilling
Merl Hoar
Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Helen Labeau
Joan & Jack Ness
Helen Vaught
Catherine Wisheart

SUPERIOR RESIDENCE

John Gunthrie
Hazel & Conrad Keniston
Hank Pouderoyne

TIMBER PINES RESID.

Abbye Jean Richner

WOODLAND TERRACE

Barbara Sunderland.

- 1** Olive & Alex Stevens ~ 63 years ~
- 2** Sharon & James Haskell ~ 50 years ~
Ann & John Sandstrom ~ 49 years ~
Sue & Eugene Spuhler ~ 63 years ~
- 8** Joyce & Don Foxwell ~ 58 years ~
- 14** Alice & Robert Yusko ~ 6 years ~
- 16** Arlene & Ray Froelich ~ 51 years ~
Diane & John Gibbs ~ 51 years ~
- 17** Althea & Art Stuckey ~ 50 years ~
- 25** Janet & Jerry Tanner ~ 37 years ~
- 26** Rosalie & Wayne Haynes ~ 37 years ~
Ina & Joe Ryder ~ 14 years ~
- 27** Gail & Richard English ~ 45 years ~ .

* **BOLD = 50 YEARS PLUS**

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



- ! Hospital: Where you might wind up if you get *run* down.
- ! The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.
- ! Heaven is a *COOL* place.
- ! Wal-Mart isn't the only "*saving*" place in town, and lastly,
- ! A Church is run by the people who *show up*.



Saturday 1

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 ZUMBA
10:00 COIMBRE
 10:30 God's Clods
 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 2**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:20 Discovery Class
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 3

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 1:00 ML Respite
 6:30 GC Training

Tuesday 4

9:30 Arthritis Support
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 UMW Leadership
10:45 SENIOR YOGA
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 5

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
9:30 "Come See"
 10:00 Grief Journey
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 6

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 Arthritis Support
10:45 SENIOR YOGA

Friday 7**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 8

8:00 Serendipity Pancakes
 8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 ZUMBA
 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 9**Discretionary Sunday**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:20 Discovery Class
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 10

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 10:30 Fight Team
 1:00 Caregivers Support
 1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 11

9:30 Arthritis Support
 9:30 Helping Hands Circle
 10:00 Staff Meeting
10:45 SENIOR YOGA
 1:00 Dorcas Circle
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 5:30 Weight Watchers
5:30 WW PREP
 6:00 Diabetic Support
 6:30 WOW
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 12

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 "Come See"
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Grief Journey
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
 5:15 Music
5:30 POTLUCK DINNER
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 13

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers
 9:15 Ruth Circle
 9:30 Arthritis Support
10:45 SENIOR YOGA

Friday 14

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 2:00 Cancer Support
 7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 15

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 ZUMBA
 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 16**PANTRY SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:20 Discovery Class
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 17

OFFICE CLOSED

PRESIDENTS DAY

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite
6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

Tuesday 18

9:30 UMW Unit Meeting

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:30 Stephen Ministers
2:00 Finance Committee
3:00 Serendipity Bible
3:00 Stephen Ministers
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 19

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 "Come See"
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 Grief Journey
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
1:30 Transfer Orientation
2:00 Staff/Parish Relations
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 20

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
3:00 Missions Committee
3:30 Trustees Committee

Friday 21

COUNCIL REPORT DUE

9:00 Thrift Store
10:00 Wise Bible
7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 22

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:30 ZUMBA
3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 23

TRANSFER SUNDAY

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:20 Discovery Class
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship
3:00 ACOUITIX Concert

Monday 24

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 25

10:00 Staff Meeting
3:00 Serendipity Bible
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 26

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
9:30 "Come See"
10:00 Grief Journey
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
1:00 Shawl Ministry
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 27

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 Fold/Mail
7:00 Council

Friday 28

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible
7:00 Brown Bible

**WEEKLY YMCA CLASSES
(352) 637-0132**

Mondays

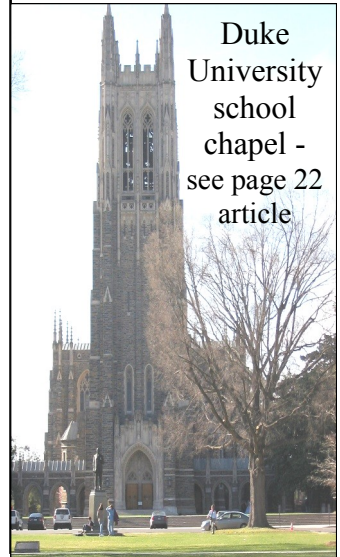
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Duke University school chapel - see page 22 article

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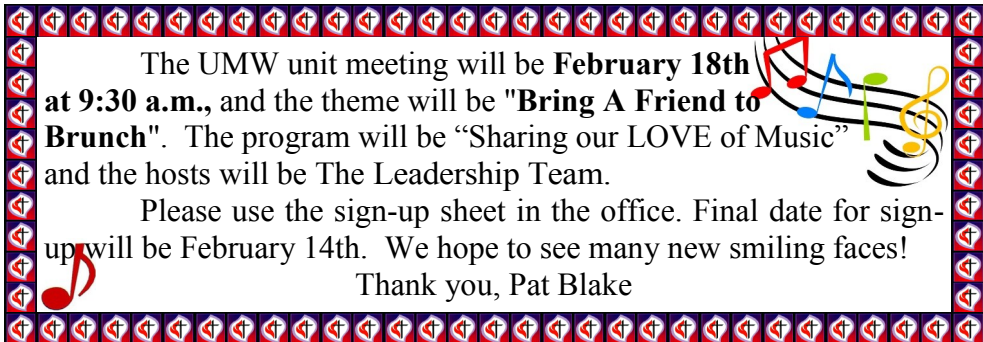
*Thank
 you*

Thanks to the congregation for all their prayers and cards for my recent surgery. I am blessed to be part of such a loving church family. Thank you all, Bud Luckwick

The UMW unit meeting will be **February 18th** at **9:30 a.m.**, and the theme will be "**Bring A Friend to Brunch**". The program will be "Sharing our LOVE of Music" and the hosts will be The Leadership Team.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the office. Final date for sign-up will be February 14th. We hope to see many new smiling faces!

Thank you, Pat Blake



St. Simons and Savannah March 18-21, 2014

Join Rev. Richard Evans and many of your church friends on a 4 day/3 night motor coach trip to southeast Georgia. Enjoy fine accommodations and delicious meals at Epworth by the Sea, a Methodist Conference Center on St. Simons Island.



Learn about the Gullah-Geechee Afro-American culture kept alive for generations on coastal islands from the Carolinas to north Florida. See the Marshes of Glynn, made famous by poet Sidney Lanier.

Walk in the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley who came from England to the Georgia Colony with Gen. James Ogle-thorpe in 1736. See some of the marks they left in both St. Simons and Savannah before returning to England in 1737/38.

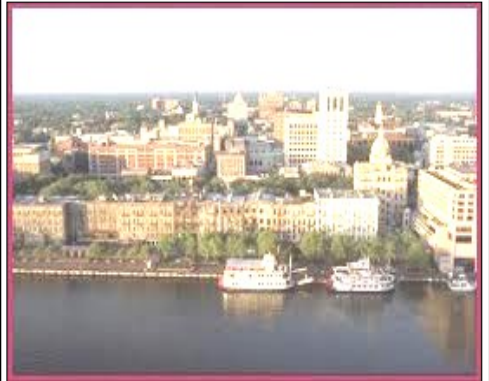
Spend a day in historic Savannah with a morning tour of the city followed by lunch at one of the many fine restaurants. And during the afternoon, stroll along the riverfront lined with interesting shops. The azaleas and other spring flowers will be in bloom on this colorful spring trip.

On the way home to **17** Homosassa you'll have some time to shop at one of the premier outlet malls near St. Augustine.

The cost of the trip is \$365 (double occupancy). Single available for \$115 more. The price includes comfortable motor coach transportation, 3 nights in one of the hotels at Epworth by the Sea, all meals except lunch in Savannah, all programs, admissions guided tours, and tips (except for the driver).

Some walking (not strenuous) will be necessary. Contact Dick Evans (through the church office) with any questions. Register with Jess Mackey at J & L Travel (352-382-7708). \$100 deposit required at registration with the balance due by Feb. 28.

Invite family members and friends to join you. All are welcome. If you do not have a travel companion and prefer to share a hotel room, we will try to find you a room mate. No guarantees, however.



It's not too late to register for this great trip, but the clock is ticking! The deadline is February 28, and full payment must be made by the end of February.

SIGN UP NOW!



The year 2013 has come to a close and with that I am submitting the final report on the bazaar. **The final total after expenses was \$5,700.** We were all very excited to have made that much. I would like to thank all those who worked so endlessly to prepare for this adventure.

Next year we will be having some changes. I can't say exactly what as the planning committee has not met yet to do the planning.

With the new year the United Methodist Women will also have some changes. Our meeting times

will remain the same but our programs have a new look. Our Vice President, Laurie Stainton, has worked very hard to give us some exciting programs for the coming year. We are also going to have a Bible study led by Ann Ice. At this point I do not have a topic but I am sure it will be an interesting one.

We only have three circles at this time but as time goes on we hope to be able to expand again. All women are invited to join us. Check the bulletin for details on our unit meeting which meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in room 114. Our new yearbooks were presented at the unit meeting on January 21, 2014.

I thank each of you for your love and assistance throughout 2013, and look forward to a very exciting 2014.

Pat Blake, President



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for:

- all those who come to our church -- may they find the love of Christ.
- our pastor and church staff and their families.
- each of us to be aware of whom the Lord would have us invite to worship and the willingness to extend the invitation.
- each of us to grow in our love for our Lord.
- those who have the task of asking for help with various ministries, may they be greeted with warmth and a willingness to be used by God.



“Love”

Whom do you love? Is it obvious?
How do others know of your love?

It's said that when you spend many years with the one you love, you become more like them. Is that true of you and the one you love?

Do you love the Lord? Is it evident to others? How do they know you love Him? I've been privileged to be with people who exude love for the Lord and I hope my love for the Lord will become more obvious. We desire to spend time with the one we love and usually spend that time

together. I believe spending time together is one of the ways we become more Christ-like. It's in knowing Him and having a personal intimate relationship with our Lord that we begin to grow to be more like Him. Knowing about Him is important, but it's not all there is. Many people spend their lives attending church every Sunday and never have a personal relationship with Christ. I hope this isn't the case for you and if it is, I pray you will seek that personal intimate relationship our Lord wishes to have with you.

No matter how much we love the Lord, we will never love Him as much as He loves us.

Marilyn Watson

Women Of Worship.....

the women's evening fellowship group would like to announce our February mission project, "**Warmth from the Heart**", which is open to the congregation.

If you can, please donate **new or clean and gently used**, blankets, warm jackets, and men's white tube-type socks. A box will be located in both the Narthex and the office lobby beginning this Sunday, January 19th with collection **through Sunday, February 9th**. Any questions, please see Priscilla Frederick, Barbara Sayers, Carrie Staton, or Sherry Younger.



NEWS

<http://klwooster.blogspot.com>

From Kevin & Laura

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We pray this finds each of you well and blessed by the love and grace poured out by our loving Savior. With one month left before our return to Siberia, we find ourselves once again in panic mode as we try to purchase a few items, pack everything in four bags, and see all the folks that we've been meaning to see since our arrival. You'd think we would be used to this; it's always hectic no matter what planning has been done! We hope you will be blessed from our update this month, thank you for taking the time to read!

New project in the village....

Although we continue with the WOW project of installing windows for people in our village, we are always looking for new opportunities to help our community. We have helped one of the schools in the past with hearing and eye protection for the boys in their shop classes. We had noticed that there was no system to collect sawdust when these students worked on wood projects, so we spoke with the shop teacher about this obvious problem. If you're not familiar with such things, when working with

wood there is always a substantial amount of sawdust. Imagine there are upwards of 20 students using band saws to cut the wood and sandpaper to make it smooth – there is dust not only on the floor but in the air as well. In the U.S. it's mandatory that wood shops in our schools have some type of system to collect the sawdust while using the equipment. That is not the case in Russia, at least not in our village. Our concern is the amount of dust in the air each day; remember it is winter most of the school year so they do not open windows or doors to help with the quality of air in the classroom. Although the school does receive funds to make improvements, their budget is small and unfortunately this program isn't anywhere near the top of that list. After some inquiries as to whether it was even possible to find such a vacuum system in Russia, we were able to locate a company that sells the system and found the price to be reasonable. Bottom line – we are working alongside the school (they must raise an amount as well) to buy and install the system this year. Join with us in prayer as we need to raise \$1,400 for this project before we return the end of March 2014.

Planting a seed....

Well, it really isn't quite time to literally plant seeds; we have 3+ months before that's possible. However, there have been many 'seeds' planted in our region and in the village we call home. The

parable of the shower found in Mark chapter 4 is our perfect example of what happens when ‘seeds’ are planted (sown) for His Kingdom. Mark 4:4-8 says; *“⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow; ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times.”* Then in Mark 4:14-20 Jesus explains the parable; *“¹⁴The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a*

crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.”

We’ve been in the village going on four years and have been blessed with many opportunities to not only ‘plant’ seeds but to help in the growth of those who heard and accepted the Word as truth! Please continue to pray for the region and for those who boldly make a stand for their beliefs. The following collage of pictures is the results of ‘planting’. Not all who received believed or grew in the faith; some fell away or were choked by the worries or temptations around them. We pray for more people to be brought into our path and to be a light in the village that will outshine the darkness that surrounds them!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! There is still much to be done and many who still need to hear of His love and grace. We stand in awe of how HE continues to use us in a small village in Siberia!

Serving Together, Kevin & Laura
With those we love in Siberia!



"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Mother Teresa



Greetings to the faithful at Homosassa UMC

As we write this, we look forward to speaking with you during Sunday services on the 19th of January – and we are also beginning to make plans to be in Florida in August of 2014. So we look forward to meeting you in more



personal ways than just in print.

Last month, we wrote about how a girl from Tempo, Northern Ireland met a boy from a land of theme parks and beaches. After we were married in 2003, Alison joined me in North Carolina where I was studying at *Duke Divinity school, one of the United Methodist seminaries. As you can imagine, it was a huge time of transition for her, after leaving job, family, country and friends. There were even further transitions ahead in the arrival of Ellie in November of 2004 while we were still in North Carolina!

The three of us moved south

in 2005 as we took up our first appointment at First UMC, Orlando. I served there as the Associate Pastor for six years, being involved primarily in worship, discipleship, and outreach ministries. This congregation in Orlando has a heart for ministries of justice and compassion. Do you know there are over 3,000 people in Orlando who are currently homeless, with only 1,200 shelter beds for accommodation? When you picture the extravagance of the city's theme parks, you don't imagine hundreds of people on the streets. Our congregation participated with other Methodist, Catholic, and Presbyterian churches in a program where families were alternately housed and fed in our church facilities – one week at a time (www.familypromiseorlando.org). Another issue was that those who were currently homeless often had great difficulty acquiring identification documents. In 2008, a new organization was born out of the cooperation of five city centre congregations, all from different denominations (www.idignity.org).

During this time, Alison was discovering a new path to her own vocation. When she had served as a campus ministry staff worker, one of the most meaningful parts of her role was meeting one-on-one with student leaders, helping them navigate the joys and struggles of their lives and leadership. Now she found that a way of developing that

same passion of caring for people would be to serve as a mental health counselor. During these six years in Orlando, alongside the task of caring for our daughters (Emily arrived in 2007), she attained a Masters degree in counseling from Asbury seminary.

After a number of years in



FL, we began to feel pulled to return to Ireland for at least a season of our lives. When we learned that East Belfast Mission was interested in a second clergy person to help with worship and outreach ministries, and they were also in need of a counselor, it seemed like a great fit for us. The General Board of Global Ministries had already had a longstanding relationship with East Belfast Mission, and they were supporting the church with funding for these positions. We moved 'back to Belfast' in the summer of 2011, and Jake was born here in October of that same year.

It's been quite a journey, a

time of steep learning curves with family and ministry, including two international moves and the birth of three children! We often reflect on our wedding day (now over 10 years ago) when family and friends from Florida and Ireland came to stand with us as we began our journey together and sang "The Lord is my shepherd". Today, we continue to seek God's leading for our family and in our work in Belfast.

In future newsletters, we will begin sharing more detail and stories about the day to day elements of our ministry in Belfast. We hope this sharing of our story as a family has been helpful in getting to know us.

Prayer requests for February:

- There were some significant conversations and new relationships that began in December's 'dinner and discussion' evenings where we intentionally invited those outside the church. Pray for opportunities to follow up with these individuals, and the right way to continue that outreach.

- Our congregation will have two significant times in the next month. One is a 'Vision Day' on 19 January, where we are taking some time in church to focus on where God is calling us as a community. The second is a family weekend away on 14-16 February. Please pray for these to be meaningful and uplifting times.

*** see Duke picture, page 15**

“PASSION”

I hope you read this story that was on Page C1 of the 1/1/14 Chronicle. It was certainly a wonderful story about our own **Raymond, aka Brady Lay**. The pictures alone were worth a thousand words.

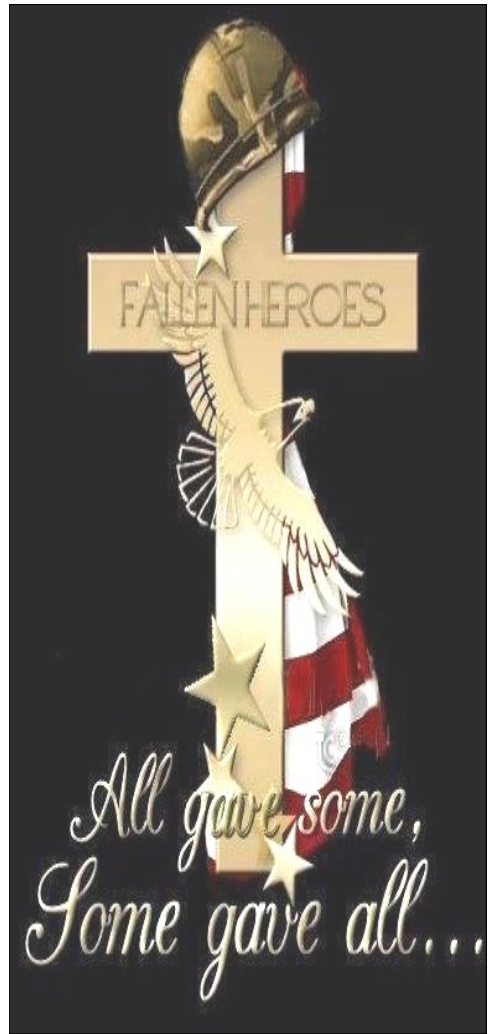


In this one it looks as though Brady just released our National Eagle, which is a mural on the wall.

The expressions on his face though is what Passion really means in this story about his music.

I hope that you are as proud of Brady as we are and that he is now working for our school board.

Mary Lee, Genesis Editor



TICKET INFO FOR NEXT PAGE

Please see or call:

Jim Love 746-3674

Jim Potts 382-1842

Ron Hesketh 382-4518

Karen Kline 382-7263

Or you may purchase tickets in the church office.

2014 Arts Council Series

Homosassa 1st United Methodist Church

February 23, 2014 Acoustix - \$10/\$18 each



This dynamic foursome has been electrifying audiences around the world for 20 years. They have appeared on *CNN*, *NBC's Today Show*, two *PBS* specials, *The Statler Brothers Show*, and has performed for a global audience of 175 million viewers on "ABC 2000" hosted by Peter Jennings.

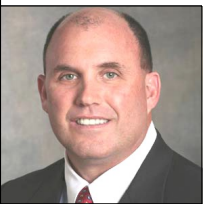
They have shared the stage with *the Mormon Tabernacle Choir*, *LeAnn Rimes*, *The Dixie Chicks*, *Isaac Stern*, *Pete Fountain*, *Victor Borge*, *The Four Freshman*, *The Gatlins*, *The Canadian Brass*, *The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra*, and many more. *Acoustix* repertoire showcases a wide variety of musical styles.

March 2, 2014 Castlebay - \$10 each

Castlebay has been musically weaving together the heritage of New *England* and the *Celtic* lands since 1987. Members **Julia Lane** and **Fred Gosbee** have loved and researched traditional music for most of their lives and blend history, legend and experience into their personable performance style. Their concerts feature poignant ballads sung in Lane's ethereal soprano and Gosbee's rich baritone interspersed with joyous dance tunes played on Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle. *Castlebay* treats the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic.



March 30, 2014 Dave Sanderson - \$10 each



On January 15, 2009, **Dave Sanderson** survived "*The Miracle on the Hudson.*" When a bird strike hit *US Airways Flight 1549*, there was no choice for the crew but to ditch the plane into the Hudson River. Sitting on the plane, in what many would consider to be the wrong place and the wrong time, Sanderson knew he was exactly where he was supposed to be. Thinking only of helping others in the crisis, **Dave Sanderson** became the last person off of the back of the plane that day, and was largely responsible for making sure so many others made it out safely. Exposed to frigid water and freezing temperatures, doctors feared that he would suffer a heart attack or stroke from the dangerous conditions. Miraculously, he returned to his job as a sales manager that following Monday, and has since become the face of the everyday American hero.

MEET OUR MOST RECENT NEW MEMBERS JANUARY 2014



June & Gene Beghtel 352-382-4463
14 West Byrsonima Loop, Homosassa, 34446

June was born 10/7, Gene 3/25, and were married 10/15/1960. They transferred from Nativity Lutheran Church, Weeki Wachee.

Bev & Scott Graham 352-503-6038

14 Gourds Court East, Homosassa, 34446



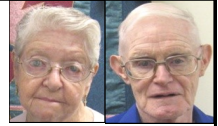
Bev was born 1/19 and Scott 7/29, and they were married 9/1/1995. They will be affiliates as their primary residence is Virginia.



Billie & Jim Grudzen 423-653-0769
63-4 Douglas Street, Homosassa, 34446

Billie was born 10/23 and Jim 5/23, and they were married 4/6/2000. They transferred from Dunlap UMC, Dunlap, TN.

Ginny & Edwin Hicks 352-628-4318
5537 Cagney Loop, Homosassa, 34448



Ginny was born 5/29 and Edwin 5/26, and they were married 6/27/1952. They transferred from Crystal River UMC.



Janet & Ernest Pehmoeller 352-564-0878
1675 N. Foxboro Loop, Crystal River, FL 34429

Janet was born 9/19 and Ernest 1/9, and they were married 6/21/58. They transferred from Crystal River UMC.

Katherine Shoemaker 352-503-2585
10060 S. Riviera Point, Homosassa, FL 34448



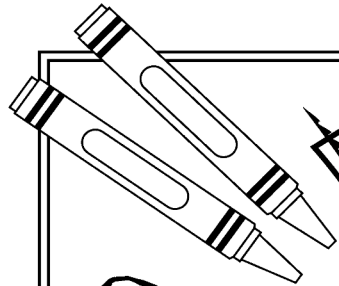
Katherine was born 2/12 and she transferred from Poolesville, Memorial UMC, Poolesville MD.



Jo-An & Edward Skinner 352-503-6432
8 Hackberry Court North, Homosassa, FL 34446

Jo-An was born 12/19 and Edward 7/27, and they were married 12/10. They came from prior churches in Tallahassee & Jacksonville.

- What is deaf, dumb, and blind, but always tells the truth?.....see back page
- What has one foot on each side and one in the middle? A yardstick!
- Here on earth it is true, yesterday is always before today; but where does yesterday follow today? See BOTTOM of page 15.



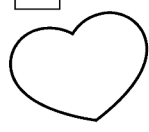
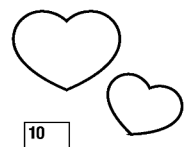
PUZZLE

ON THEIR HEARTS

God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.

WORD BANK:
covenant God hearts laws
minds people their them will write



“This is the 1) _____ ... | 2) _____
 put my 3) _____ in 4) _____ 5) _____ and
 6) _____ 7) _____ on 4) _____ 8) _____ .
 | 2) _____ be 4) _____ 9) _____ ,
 and they 2) _____ be my
 10) _____ .”

HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: “This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” Hebrews 8:10, NIV

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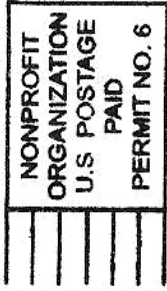
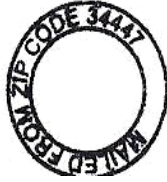
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God Loves You

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but
a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

1 PETER 4:14

**February
2014**