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by being God's Love in Action"*

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Happy Valentines Day!

Good morning! Valentine's Day is only two days away! What better way for us to celebrate than by remembering the incredible love God has for us! Not only is Wednesday, Valentine's Day, but it is also Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is a period of 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is a time for prayer, reflection, spiritual disciplines, and fasting. It is also a time when we reflect on the tremendous love offered to us through Christ during Holy Week.

John 3:16 reminds us that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, so that whoever believeth in him, would not perish, but have eternal life!" That is an amazing love! This Wednesday, I want to invite you to join us in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. to celebrate Ash Wednesday. We will sing, read scriptures, and receive the ashes as a reminder of that great love God has for us. You'll be done in plenty of time to spend the rest of the evening with your valentine!

Sharing our Love with the Children of Carnegie Elementary

So far we have collected \$410.00 for new uniforms to give to children at Carnegie Elementary. Each uniform costs \$15.00. So far we have enough for 27 uniforms. Our goal is to provide 50 new uniforms! Thank you for your generosity! We hope to reach our goal by next Sunday and purchase the uniforms before the end of the month.

Grace and peace,

Pastor James



Walk to Emmaus Sunday



February 18th What is the Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. Participants seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

—from [What Is Emmaus?](#) Copyright The Upper Room.

***To Learn More About How YOU Can Get Involved
Join us at Noon in the Parlor for Pizza and Conversation on Feb.***

	<p>NEW STUDY BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 18TH AT 5:00 PM LED BY REV. SUZANNE DAVIS</p> <p>We will be studying the book ASK Faith questions in a skeptical age by Bishop Scott Jones and his son Rev. Arthur Jones. We will be looking into questions that challenge us, prod us and encourage us to think more deeply and more carefully. When questions are asked with a seekers heart, they can lead to faith. This study is to help us ask the questions we have pondered.</p> <p>Starts Sunday February 18 for 6 weeks at 5:00 in the parlor. Books are available at the table in the hallway.</p>
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DAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Parent's Organization of New Haven Day School is starting their yearly plant sale fundraiser. These plants are in excellent condition and ready to plant. The prices are competitive, so share with your neighbors, friends and family. The sale will last through April 6th. Orders will be delivered to the church gym on April 20th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year, so we really appreciate all your efforts in supporting these sales. Order forms will be available at the sign-up table in the hallway to the Sanctuary before and after services.



FITNESS INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

New Haven Day School is looking for a part-time fitness instructor. If you have experience working with young children in the fitness area and can work four hours a week, we would love to talk to you! A discount on tuition is available if you have children.



Please contact the office!

918-742-6781

TIME TO ENROLL

New Haven Day School is now enrolling for summer school and fall sessions. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please ask them to contact the school office by phone or feel free to drop in.
(918-742-6781)



UMPTENAGERS TO VISIT DAVIS GUN MUSEUM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

The Davis Gun Museum in Claremore houses guns, musical instruments, steins, swords, knives, and Native American artifacts.

Plan to leave the parking lot at 10:30 am on February 20th. We will have lunch at the Belvedere Mansion at 11:00 and then attend a guided tour of the museum at 1:00 pm. We plan to return to Tulsa by 3:00 pm.

Please plan to attend this Oklahoma attraction . . . the more, the merrier! Museum fee: \$5.00



This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th (Valentine Day). We will have a short service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, leaving you time to also celebrate Valentine's Day in your own special way!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
 9:45 am Connection Groups
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 12:00 pm Emmaus Pizza & Conversation/
 Parlor
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts & Pack 67
 5:00 pm 'ASK' Study/Parlor
 5:00 pm Footprints
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 pm Writers Group/185
 6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Practice

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:30 am Umteenagers trip to Claremore
 6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

3-5 pm "After School Kid's Easter
 Adventure"
 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 7:00 pm Bell Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:00 pm Praise Band

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4-9 pm Scout Blue & Gold Banquet

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
 9:45 am Connection Groups
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 5:00 pm Footprints
 5:00 pm "ASK" Study/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
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Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Rev. Robin Stevens	Retired Deacon

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Barbara Coleman
3. J.J. Sartain
4. Billy Carthel
6. Regina LaGrone
Steve Lassiter
9. Linda Jaeger
Caitlin Riffin
Robin Stevens
10. Shirley Nelson
15. Marianne Duiveman
16. Jocelyn Schifferdecker
Donita Gray
17. Kegan Schifferdecker
21. Nancy Graham
23. Dot Haynes
Ginny Lamkin
Stella Schwartz
Mary Anne Tyler
24. Jean Smith
26. Michael Sherwin



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Bill & Claretha Gotcher
 David & Kyler Duncan
 Jean Roberts
 Joe Sanders
 Dianna Horn
 Oscar Sturgeon
 Adessa Stevenson
 Jim Harris
 Sue Hunnicutt

ATTENDANCE

February 11, 2018

8:45 am ~ 46

11:00 am ~ 57

Total: 103

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 31

Youth ~ 9

Children ~ 22

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

"What Does the Bible Say About. . .?"

Parlor: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class

"The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

Room 103: Interlude Class

"Moses" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Haven 206

Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "Barking to the

Choir" by Gregory Boyle

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

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