



February 2010



"Fanning The Spark Back Into A Flame"

Can you remember the first time you saw that special someone? Can you remember where you were the first time you said, "I love you", to him or her? Can you remember how that made you feel when you heard those same words spoken to you?

And February is the month of love. Valentine's Day, Candy Hearts, Red Roses, Hallmark Cards, Candlelight Dinners, Special Somethings for that Special Someone. The fire of love burns brightly in February and love is in the air. But what happens when the flame begins to dwindle and the fire begins to die down? How do we keep our love alive? Love is a powerful emotion. But it has to be given constant attention. Routine and Ritual and Neglect has a way of throwing cold water on love and putting out the fire.

The Christians at the church of Ephesus had fallen into the trap of Spiritual Routine and Neglecting their love relationship with Christ; their first love. In Revelation 2: 4, **"I hold this against you: you have forsaken your first love."** The Christians at Ephesus had allowed their love affair with Jesus to grow cold and empty. They had gotten so preoccupied with work in the church and programs and activities and daily routines, that they had stopped paying attention to Him. They began to take Him for granted and their love for Him had weakened.

Have you ever experienced that with the one you love? Has life ever become so hectic and work so important and the everyday pressures so big that you have set your love relationship with the one you love aside? Do you take him / her for granted?

Well Jesus gives us the cure in the words He shared with the Christians in Ephesus. He tells them, **"Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first."**
Revelation 2: 5

Even though Jesus is giving the church spiritual advice I think this will also fit any couple who want to fan the spark of their marriage back into a flame. Let's use (3) words as a way of following His instructions.

"Remember"

Remember the fun times you had together as a couple. Pull out the old photo albums of the wedding day, or vacations, or birthdays. Retell the stories and the times that were special.

"Repent"

Repent means to "turn back" or "be sorry". Be willing to apologize if you need to and meet each other in the middle. Extend forgiveness and make up.

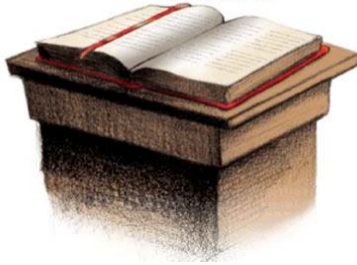
"Repeat"

Jesus said, "do the things you did at first." Think back to the days when you were first dating and do the little things for each other that you did when you were first falling in love.

"Remember, Repent, and Repeat". Three words, when practiced, will help us fan the spark of love back into a flame again.

May God richly bless our homes and marriages at Belmont this year,
Lindsay

Come
Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Sunday & Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Sunday Night Bible Study will begin a verse-by-verse study of the book of John, on February 7, at 6:00 pm.

This study will be taught by Lindsay and Jerry.

Lindsay's Wednesday Night Bible study meets at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Ministries Outing— Radford University Basketball Game

Saturday, February 6, at 7:00 pm

Sign up in the foyer if you'd like tickets to the game.
Everyone is invited!

Contact Dan Kelly if you have questions.



Sinspiration! Sunday, February 21, 6:00 pm

Any and all participants are welcome to join us in time of singing and praise. You are invited to sing a solo or with a group. All ages welcome. If you have skit or a drama you would like to share feel free. Contact Brenda Raymond (382-2455) or sign up in the foyer.



Belmont Christian Church Golf League Beginning-of-the-Season Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in participating in this year's golf league, check out this meeting.

Can't attend, but want to find out more?
Contact Dana Huffman for more info:
huffmans4@msn.com or 381-1400



When February arrives we immediately begin thinking about Valentine's Day. Some people love the holiday, some dread it; some are indifferent. Regardless of your feelings toward February 14th, the holiday reminds us to think of those we love. Instead of thinking only of your spouse, or the person you're dating (or yourself) think of the One who loves you more than anyone else. Romans 5:8 says, *"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* What an amazing demonstration of love. God knew all of our faults and our failures, but he still loved us. In fact, he loved us so much that he allowed his Son to die for us. As Valentine's Day approaches, leave yourself a reminder and when February 14th arrives, read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. But instead of applying this passage to the person you love, let this apply to you from the One who loves you most. – Jerry

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

- 2 Room 105 Reserved (Evening)
- 4 Room 105 Reserved (Evening)
- 5 Room 105 Reserved (Evening)
- 6 Special Ministries Outing—Radford Univ. Basketball Game; 7:00 pm
- 7 Bodybuilders' Super Hero Party—6:00 pm
- 11 50+ Ministry Potluck Luncheon & Guest Speaker—
11:00 am; Fellowship Hall
- 11 Room 105 Reserved (Evening)
- 12-13 Cool Kids Sleepover (K-3rd Grade)—
6:00 pm to 8:00 am; Fellowship Hall
- 12-13 7th Grade Convention—Believe—Cincinnati, OH—
Leaving at 11:00 am, Friday
- 16 Room 105 Reserved (Evening)
- 18 Room 105 Reserved (Evening)
- 19 Room 105 Reserved (Evening)
- 19-20 8th Grade Convention—Launch—Charlottesville, VA—
Leaving at 12:00 noon, Friday
- 21 Golf League Meeting—12:00 noon; Fellowship Hall
- 21 Singspiration—6:00 pm
- March 7 Small Groups Open Forum—12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



Grief recovery is a painful process and we want to help. The 13-week video seminar, called GriefShare, will be offered at Belmont at 6:00 pm on Thursdays, beginning March 4.

Contact Brenda Arnold (382-9240) or the church office if you have questions.

DECEMBER/JANUARY STATISTICS

	<u>27</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>
8:30 Worship	91	82	96	115	104
9:45 Worship	123	180	204	172	194
11:00 Worship	113	140	130	105	142
Children's Church	<u>38</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>60</u>
Total	365	455	492	451	500
Sunday School	144	196	211	192	210

General Fund Offering.....	\$45,739
<i>General Fund Monthly Goal.....</i>	<i>\$28,560</i>
Vision Fund Offering	\$8,965
<i>Vision Fund Monthly Goal</i>	<i>\$8,803</i>
Missions Fund Offering	\$4,790
<i>Missions Fund Monthly Goal</i>	<i>\$7,550</i>
Offering totals from 12/27-1/24	

New Decisions

Membership Transfers

- Patrick, Edwina & Kelly Lamm—December 27
- David & Cindy Faithful—January 3
- Rhonda Smith—January 24
- Hil, Kim & Hailey Johnson—January 24

Baptisms

- Lenny, Pam, Austyn, Katelyn, Meredith & Nicole Diloia—January 1
- Emma Moore—January 3
- Kaitlyn, Kalista & Isis Meadows—January 17

Welcome to our church family!

Scripture Reading Schedule for February

AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
2/1 Exodus 27,28	Matt. 21:23-46	2/12 Lev. 14	Matt. 26:55-75	2/23 Numbers 8-10	Mark 5:1-20
2/2 Exodus 29,30	Matt. 22:1-22	2/13 Lev. 15-17	Matt. 27:1-31	2/24 Numbers 11-13	Mark 5:21-43
2/3 Exodus 31-33	Matt. 22:23-46	2/14 Lev. 18,19	Matt. 27:32-66	2/25 Numbers 14,15	Mark 6:1-32
2/4 Exodus 34-36	Matt. 23:1-22	2/15 Lev. 20,21	Matt. 28	2/26 Numbers 16,17	Mark 6:33-56
2/5 Exodus 37,38	Matt. 23:23-39	2/16 Lev. 22,23	Mark 1:1-22	2/27 Numbers 18-20	Mark 7:1-13
2/6 Exodus 39,40	Matt. 24:1-22	2/17 Lev. 24,25	Mark 1:23-45	2/28 Numbers 21-24	Mark 7:14-8:10
2/7 Leviticus 1-3	Matt. 24:23-51	2/18 Lev. 26,27	Mark 2		
2/8 Leviticus 4-6	Matt. 25:1-30	2/19 Numbers 1,2	Mark 3:1-21		
2/9 Leviticus 7-9	Matt. 25:31-46	2/20 Numbers 3,4	Mar. 3:22-35		
2/10 Lev. 10-12	Matt. 26:1-19	2/21 Numbers 5,6	Mark 4:1-20		
2/11 Lev. 13	Matt. 26:20-54	2/22 Numbers 7	Mark 4:21-41		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	David Moore	15	Dan Kelly
3	Ann Rogers	17	Dawn Stanger
3	Penny Vest	17	Carrie Roop
3	Wanda Griffin	17	Dillon Craig
3	Mary Lu Daigle	19	Michelle Keister
5	Rosemary Jones	22	Caleb Stipes
5	Megan Cummins	22	Bob Davis
6	Mildred Gwinn	23	Ron Reedy
8	Makenzie Kidd	23	Holly Murden
8	Barry Helms	24	Angie Harless
8	Alicia Boyle	24	Ivy Eanes
9	Kara Keith	26	Bethany Scott
11	Robert Bierman	26	Max Craig
14	Wally Swink	27	Janet Dowdy
14	Evan Skinner		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Michael & Rosemary Jones
9	Kevin & Alison Jones
11	Randy & Donna Marshall
13	David & Betty Linkous
14	Sonny & Trixie Long
21	Jim & Beverly Thomas
27	Mike & Amy Howell
28	Dan & Susan Kelly

Upcoming 50+ Ministry Event
 Thursday, February 11: Potluck Luncheon & Guest Speaker—11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Small Group Ministry Open Forum
Sunday, March 7, 12:00-2:00 pm
 Questions, Answers & Discussion about Small Groups at Belmont.
 Check the bulletin for more details.



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"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 John 4: 10