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Enduring Love



A couple of "good O'boys" were out in the woods hunting when one of them fell to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head.

The other guy whip out his cell phone and calls 911. he gasps at the operator, "Bubba is dead! What can I do?"

The operator, in a calm soothing voice says, "just take it easy, I can help. First we need you to make sure your friend is dead." There is silence for a moment, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the phone.

He says "okay, now what?" The Bible admonishes that we are to love one another. It even stresses the fact that we are to love our enemies and those who despitefully use us. Such love we are told associates us with Christ and further declares to the world that we belong to Him.

It is often said that the Christian army is the only group of soldiers that shoots its wounded. Loving and forgiving are not options, but tangible signs that Christ Jesus resides in and rules our hearts. We are to practice them and

make them natural reactions. Then, and only then, will the church become attractive to a lost world.

In a month that gives so much attention to the theme of love, may the love of God rule and endure in our midst.

Pastor Ricky



Church-wide Family Breakfast and Guest Speakers

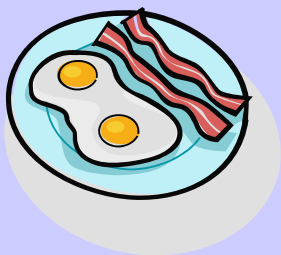
Sunday February the 1st Our whole church family is invited to breakfast. The special guest speakers will be Dewey and Kathie Aiken. They are a husband-wife team of Mission Service Corps missionaries commissioned by the North American Mission

Board (NAMB) to the state of Vermont.

Every is invited to come eat and hear how God is working in the Aiken' lives and through their Ministry. You will be blessed both physically and spiritually.

If you plan to attend, please sign-up so that we will know how much food to prepare.

Danny Martin





New Pictorial Directory

A New Pictorial Directory is being made. Pictures are available to all who attend Riverview Baptist Church. We encourage all to participate in getting your pictures made for the directory. This will enable our church to earn more bonus points for free pages in the directory.

Every family or individual who has their picture taken will receive a free 8 X 10 photograph.

The Photographer will be here making pictures Feb 27th & 28th.

On line Sign up will be available soon. We will announce the date as soon as it is set

up at www.signup.olanmills.com. Click on schedule new appointment. On the next page enter the church phone number 7047353935.

Complete the family information section and click Save. On the next screen scroll to the highlighted photography dates. Select a date and time for your appointment. Print the information page. If you provided an e-mail address you will receive two e-mails, a confirming and a reminder 3 days before your appointment.

A sign up sheet will be provided for those who do not

have internet access. We need photographs of:
 Military Personnel
 4th July Picnic
 Bible School
 Youth Activities
 Senior Activities
 AWANA
 If you have others you would like to share Contact a member of the directory committee.

The Pictorial Directory Committee:
 Vickie Wise—Chair
 Matt & Susan Farmer
 Michelle Martin
 Wilma Gantt
 Linda Weaver

Books Donated To The Church Library

The following books were donated to the church library in Memory of Yvonne Butler by Clayton Butler:

- Bible Reference Library (3 Books)
1. Bible Almanac
 2. Fascinating Bible Facts
 3. Who's Who In the Bible

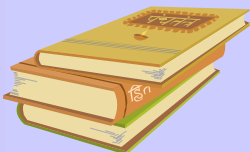
The Women Of the Bible (Complete Series—16 Novels)

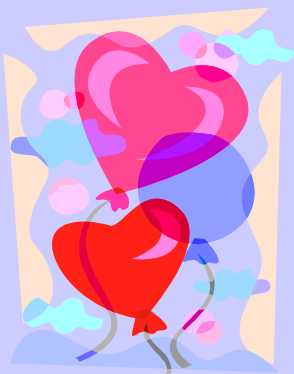
The following CD's were donated by Kelly Palmer:

"The Power To Heal" by Pastor John Hagee

"Miracles Still Happen" Series of 4 CD's

1. The Celebration Of Transformation
2. God has not Promised You Smooth Sailing
3. It's Time For your Comeback
4. The Miracles of Provisions





Churchwide Valentine's Banquet

A Church wide Valentine's Banquet will take place on Friday, February 13th at 7:00 Pm in the Fellowship hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

The details of the pro-

gram and menu have not been finalized .

A sign up list is on the desk in the hallway. Please make your plans to attend and sign up as soon as possible to help

in finalizing the program and menu.

Robin Coffey is the contact person should you need more information.

A Case of Embellishment

An employer was interviewing a middle aged job applicant. The man had been a pro-football player, was now retired, and looking for regular employment. The employer asked, "How were your grades in School?" The

man answered honestly. He said, "Well, Sir, they were good and bad. When I first went to college, I was at the bottom of my class. Then I started playing football and made All-American and I shot up to some-

where about the middle. Then about three years ago, there was a fire at the school. All the records were destroyed, and I decided then that I finished third in my graduating class."

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts will follow the tradition of recent years and Crown a Valentine's King and Queen.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on February 10th at 12:00 Noon.

We invite all seniors to bring a covered dish and

join us for great fun and fellowship.

We invite you to bring an extra cake for the cake walk. Everyone seem to

really enjoy the cake walk and the sharing of the cakes won.

We look forward to seeing you here and for a fun time on February 10th.

Peggy Dellinger



Marriage Retreat

"Marriage Refined in 2009" is set for March 6-7 at La Quinta Inn in Boone.

Bob & Phyllis Foy are the wonderful speakers.

The cost is \$150 per couple. The payment is due by February 15th.

Make your plans to attend and sign up. The list is on

the desk in the hallway.

Danny & Sherri Martin



January Recap

January is the first month of our calendar year and causes us to reflect upon new beginnings and resolutions. We pledge to start some things over and resolve to do better on others. Certainly at first our intentions are well meaning.

On the first Sunday of this new year I challenged us to reproduce ourselves in the coming year. Each of us seeking to add someone new to our fellowship. Hopefully at this point in the process you are praying and asking God to help you identify the one you can impact and possibly lead to faith in Christ. As this year unfolds we will be presenting opportunities for you to invite this person to worship with us.

This month our nation also inaugurated its 44th president to lead us for the next

four years. These days in which we find ourselves living will take a leader with great strength and wisdom. I remind all of us that scripture admonishes us to pray for our political leaders. (1 Tim. 2:1-2). More than anything, President Obama along with all our leaders, needs the prayers of God's people. What this nation needs is a mighty move of God and leaders whose hearts are in His hands.

January also gave us opportunity to reflect and remember one of the worst decisions our court system has thrust upon our nation. That was the decision that gave a woman the legal right to abort a pregnancy.

Since that awful decision in 1973 over 45 million abortions have occurred in

the United States alone. It also should be noted that this murder of the unborn was made a little easier on Friday 23rd when our new president signed an executive order lifting what is known as the abortion "gag rule." Now federal "tax" dollars are available to promote and fund abortions here and abroad.

As I close out these reflective thoughts I would like to give a written thanks to Danny Martin and Marsha Ross for the great job they are doing with our youth ministries. Thank you for your devotion and sacrifice and for loving the young people in our midst. Your service is deeply appreciated.

Pastor Ricky

A Timely Warning

A tearful Matron phoned the reducing salon to bewail the fact that her husband had just given her a lovely present but she couldn't get into it.

The operator gave her an

appointment, then added soothingly, "Don't worry, Madam, we'll have you wearing that dress in no time."



"Who said anything about a dress?" she sobbed. "It's a Volkswagen!"