

The Caller

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Jesus Is My Valentine

Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends,
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.

by: Susan Y Nikitenko
December 2008

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Thank You...for our Christmas cards, bonuses, gifts and all the Christmas blessings and well wishes you have shared with us. We truly appreciate the many acts of kindness that you so graciously show us both at Christmas and throughout the year. We hope each of you enjoyed a very blessed Christmas and that 2017 will be a year of peace and blessings for you and your families.

Sharon Smith & Karen Reed

Church News!

BLACKBERRY ... Month of Dec. collected offerings for Lottie Moon. Month of Jan. WMU collected items for "Blessing Bags" for the warming shelter. Jan. 21st Monthly Clothes Closet. Jan, 22nd WMU held monthly meeting. Jan. 28th Youth leader took K thru 5th graders to the Circus at Salem Civic Center. Feb. 11th 6th graders and up will travel to Roanoke, for an indoor rock climbing. Feb. 12 Youth group will host Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner after Church.

COLLINSVILLE, FIRST ... February WMU Mission Action project is supporting the Pregnancy Center by collecting donations of diapers and wipes.

FAIRWAY ... March 25 we're having a comedy night with Barry McGee @ 6pm. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the fun and laughter.

FULLER MEMORIAL ... Dec. 4, we enjoyed our church-wide Thanksgiving/Christmas lunch after worship service. Dec. 14, church-wide Christmas caroling for shut-ins and Blue Ridge Rehab. Dec. 21 our church family was treated to a Christmas dinner at the Red Top Cafe in Sandy Ridge, NC, hosted by Pastor Fred and Sarah. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service; Dec. 25, morning worship at 11:00 A. M. WMU provided items for "Christmas shopping day" for Blue Ridge Rehab residents.

HILLCREST ... Students are currently engaged in the Evangelism Explosion series; Nick Guarino, missionary to the Philippines, and Ben Sprankle, missionary to Madagascar, spoke in January. Baptist Men's Weekend will be observed Jan. 27-29, with a wild game supper on Friday and our men leading in the service on Sunday. Baptist Ladies Day will be observed February 26th, with our ladies sharing in the morning service.

MARTINSVILLE, FIRST ... 2/6-WMU meet and make blankets for newborns; 2/18-Paper Trailer Recycling; 2/19-After Worship Reception; 2/27-Joint Dinner Meeting for Men and Women.

MAYO ... We have been very busy the last few months. We sent 674 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child, we made gift bags and collected stuffed animals for all the residents of Blue Ridge Nursing Care in Stuart. We had our first Christmas Cantata in years! We just baptized 5 people in January. God is good all the time!

McCABE ... Happy New Year from McCabe! Tim Byrd attended the National Fellowship of Raceway Ministries Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN, January 12-14. HopeTree Family Services held an Orientation Meeting at McCabe on January 17. Our Next "Free Community Meal" will be held on Wednesday, Feb 8 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. McCabe is supporting Grace Network this quarter with donations of beef stew and oatmeal.

MOUNT VERNON... Feb. 26th- WMU Focus Day; March 11, 9am – 1pm, Blood Drive at our church.

NEW VISION ... December 21st a group went Christmas Caroling. December 30th a group attended Winterfest. February 12th we will have baptismal service.

OAK LEVEL ... Feb 5 Souper Bowl Sunday food collection for Grace Network, Feb. 12 Love Your Neighbor Party and Fellowship, WMU is sponsoring a church wide ministry to Grace and Main Ministries in Danville, WMU week is Feb 12-18, Children's Ministry Day at Grace and Main Ministries is Feb 18. We are also participating in the Mission Box-CBFVA to help support Grace and Main - The Urban Garden.

ORCHARD DRIVE ... Silent Servants from Valley Drive Baptist conducted our Jan. 29 am service, held Community Meal on Jan. 31, Pastor Karl leading a Bible Study at HJDB Event Center in Bassett on Monday's at 10:00 am on The Book of Daniel, Community Meal Feb. 28 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

POCAHONTAS BASSETT ... Our monthly Bluegrass Gospel Pickers' and Fiddlers' Songfest will held on Saturday, February 11th, from 10 AM until 12 Noon. And come and enjoy good food and good fellowship at our Community Meal on Thursday, February 16th at 5:30 PM.

RIDGEWAY, FIRST ... We begin our countdown for our 125th Anniversary on Oct. 22nd. We have gone over our Lottie Moon Offering goal, which is a celebration in itself. Friday, February 10th at 6pm, join us for F.R.O.L.I.C.C., a lot of fun begins with a covered dish followed by games, laughter, and good prizes. May 2017 bring us all closer in accomplishing God's work.

SHILOH ... Pr. John Tinsley retired Dec 31, 2016, after serving as our Pastor for 26 years. We are currently using different speakers. 2/19/17 Annual Ladies Day 4:00, speaker TBA; 2/8/17 African American History 7:00

TRINITY ... Jan. 29 Baptist Men's Day; Feb. 11 ; "Sweetheart" Banquet; Feb. 12 Baptist Women's Day; Annie Armstrong Offering Goal--\$1,000.00; Collecting baby bottle money for Pregnancy Care Center during the month of February.

VILLA HEIGHTS ... We are collecting Valentines for Vets this month. We are also collecting personal items for Legacy Hospice, located in Memorial Hospital of Martinsville.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rev. John Tinsley, who retired as Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church on December 31, 2016. He has served as Pastor for the past 26 years. Prior to becoming their Pastor, he retired from the Martinsville City School system. While he was Pastor, Shiloh BC joined the Henry County Baptist Association in 1990. John has served in various capacities over the years, including as a member of the Ordination Council, Personnel Committee, and as African-American Relations Consultant for many years. We will miss you, John, but congratulate you for achieving this significant milestone in your life. May God continue to bless you and your wife, Shirley, and your family for many years to come!

This & That...

Feb Anniversaries

- 1 – Dennis Wingate, Pastor, Grace, 12 yrs.
1 – Joe Glass, Pastor, Oak Level, 2 yrs.
3 – Jim Steele, Pastor, Trinity, 8 yrs.
9 – Allen Jackson, Pastor, Fieldale, 3 yrs.
9 – G.H. Vaughan, Pastor, 3 yrs.
21 – Renee Fulcher, Fin Sec, Mart First, 18 yrs.
28 – Patsy Morris, Secretary, Orchard Drive, 9 yrs.



Feb Birthdays

- 1 – Patsy Morris, Secretary, Orchard Drive
2 – Joe Glass, Pastor, Oak Level
9 – Sharon Smith, HCBA Office Manager
13 – Sheila Ramsey, Secretary, Oak Level
14 – Renee Fulcher, Fin. Sec., Martinsville, First
19 – G.H. Vaughan, Pastor, McCabe
25 – Penny Decker, Choir Director, Collinsville, First

Feb Calendar

- 13-19 WMU Focus Week
20 **News for the Caller due in Association Office**
21 Ministerial Association, 10:30 AM
22 **Nominating Committee, 10:00 AM, Association Office**

**News for the
March Caller
is Due February 20, 2017**

HANG IN THERE!!

Spring is
COMING!!

March 20th



Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

We are excited to be starting several efforts this month. Two locations uptown have been secured to hold the “Stepping Into Freedom” 12-Step groups. These are for life-controlling issues including substance abuse. We have begun a men’s Bible Study at Dutch Inn Wednesdays at 6:30 for released offenders. All are also welcome to help mentor new believers.

Call John Quinlan for details 276-252-4914

Van Driver Needed

FBC, Collinsville is looking to hire a part time van driver for its church van. Needed Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings for approximately 10 hours per week. This could expand in the future. Must be at least 18 years old, have a valid VA license and position requires a background check (church will pay for this). If interested, please call [276-647-3774](tel:276-647-3774) for additional information.



Welcome!

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Susan Spangenberg has been called as Pastor at Pocahontas Bassett BC, effective February 13, 2017. She was born in Maine and grew up in several eastern states including Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Florida. Susan received a BA in Foreign Language Education/Spanish from the University of Maryland. In 2000, she received a Masters of Divinity from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. She has previously served as Minister of Youth and Children at Starling Avenue BC since 2000, also working there in an Associate Pastor role since 2014. Susan is married to Rev. Keith Spangenberg, who has been serving as Pastor of Villa Heights BC since 2000 as well.

**HCBA Monthly Financial Report
November 2016**

Church Contributions	\$6,260.43
Interest	<u>\$.76</u>
Total receipts	\$6,261.19
Total Expenditures	\$5,224.65
Operating Balance	\$100,749.82

December 2016 Financial Report

Church Contributions	\$5,690.37
Interest	<u>\$.78</u>
Total receipts	\$5,691.15
Total Expenditures	\$10,371.33
Operating Balance	\$96,069.64

**National Sunday School Directors Training
Saturday, April 1, 2017
8:30—3:30 (registration begins at 8:00 am)
Calvary Baptist Church
20957 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA**

No charge

If you don't have a SS Director, Pastors or Staff can attend

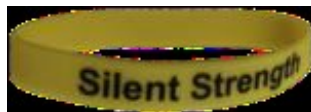
Deadline to register is March 22nd

Registration form link:

www.vbmb.wufoo.com/forms/national-sunday-schools-director-training/

Silent Strength:

Today, my positive actions will speak louder than all of my words" ... Can you do it for a day?



Silent Strength: A Presentation on Kindness

Where: Martinsville High School Auditorium

Date: March 2, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Free to anyone who wants to make a difference!

DOUG REAVIS has shared the Silent-Strength Kindness Presentation with thousands of students and teachers nationwide since 2012. As a former school teacher and coach at the Elementary, Middle School and High School levels. Doug developed the Silent-Strength Kindness Presentation as a supplement to school anti-bullying campaigns.

For more info, visit www.dougreavis.com

Senior Adults



Senior Adult Trip

New York City Tour

December 4—7, 2017

(Monday—Thursday)

Package Includes

- Motorcoach—New Model
- 3 nights lodging in New York City area at NJ
- 3 Buffet Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners including 1 in NJ, 1 in New York City seeing skyline of New York at night!
- Hotel Taxes, Baggage Handling & Meal Gratuities

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Price Per Person:

\$1040 Double; \$1020 Triple; \$1010 Quad; \$1299 Single

Make all checks payable to Patsy's Tours and send to Betsy. **Do not make checks payable to Betsy Ivey!** Travel Insurance for an extra charge of \$98 and is non-refundable. Tickets involved and no refund unless you have insurance or find a replacement. **We must have at least 30 people.**

**Deposit of \$300 per person to be paid by
February 24, 2017**

**For more info, contact Betsy Ivey:
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276-340-3900 (cell)**