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Our Saviour's Good News

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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ENCLOSED: Appeal from NCLA for disaster relief.

What's happening?

Well, thank goodness I am not in charge of the universe!

Yes, sometimes we all can have those moments where we feel like, "I need to be in charge!" But I have learned over the past few years that my ideas for justice and righteousness are usually not very well thought out and that ultimately God always has a much better plan. This sounds simple enough but we still cling to the thought that we can be in charge.

I have not ever felt so humbled and yet so exalted as I did on January 22. When you the congregation extended your call for a pastor to me, I had no idea how I would feel. It was much bigger than I would have ever thought! But I do know this: I am thrilled to be here and I am equally thrilled to see where we are going to go!

As for the immediate future, in February we will continue through the Sermon on the Mount which is found in Matthew 5 through 7. We will only spend a few Sundays on it as the lectionary only covers a small part of this epic teaching prior to Transfiguration Sunday which of course is the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and that is the start of the Lenten season.

It seems like we just celebrated Christmas last week and I am already planning Lent and Easter – time flies! But I do want us as a church to stop and pause for Lent. There has been much happening here at Our Saviour (and also for me!) and Lent is a great time to take that pause and really examine and contemplate where we are, what is God doing and how are we to respond to that. The book of Jonah fits well with this and what I want to do is use this for the message each Sunday in Lent. Going through an entire book of the Bible might be a little different than what you might be used to, but I honestly think many of you will enjoy this and I pray this wonderful book will impact you as it has me.

I pray for the contagious and irresistible spirit of the Gospel to enter each and every one of you and that you will disciple in ways you have never expected in the world!

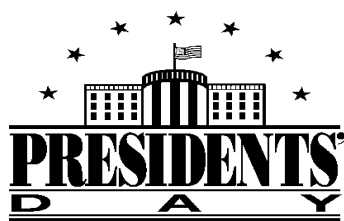
Grace+peace,

Pete

Pastor Pete

Jonah. What a whale of a tale!





When: Since 1968, it is celebrated on the third Monday in February(20)

President's Day is a day set aside to honor all of the U.S. presidents. We often think of two great presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln when we celebrate this holiday as it falls by design between their birthdays. But more and more of us, look at this day as a tribute to each and every person who has ever served in the office as President of the United States of America. It is a national holiday, although most businesses and industry do not recognize it as a paid holiday.

George Washington's Birthday

When: February 22nd

The "Father of His Country", George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. He became commander in chief of the Continental Army in 1775 and fought a long and arduous war for freedom from British rule. The war was finally over in 1781 when the Continental Army with the help of the French, forced Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown.

In 1787, Washington was unanimously elected president by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and took the oath of office in 1789. He served two terms of office from 1789 until 1797. After the presidency, Washington retired to his home in Mount Vernon, Virginia where he died on December 14, 1799 of a throat infection.

Quiz: What is George Washington's most famous quote?

Answer... "I Can not tell a lie... .. I chopped down the Cherry Tree!"

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

When: February 12th.

Every American knows President Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. "Honest Abe", as he was commonly known as, was born in the wilderness country of Hardin County, Kentucky on February 12, 1809.

Abraham Lincoln became president in 1861. Although he hated war, he was drawn into it as he believed it was the only way to save the nation after the southern states declared their secession to the Union.

In addition to serving as president during the civil war and saving the Union, Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery in the U.S. forever. He also wrote and gave The Gettysburg Address, memorializing the bloodiest and most important battle of the Civil War. Gettysburg proved to be the turning point of the war.

Shortly after the war ended, Abraham Lincoln became the first U.S. President to be assassinated. He was shot and mortally wounded on Good Friday, April 14, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre.



The Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry 25th Annual Chickin N Dumplin

The 2017 Chicken-N-Dumplin will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

With 25 years of supporting the Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry our community fund raiser has raised more than \$209,450.

Our goal is to increase the church community support this year thru ticket sales and initial funds to offset the cost thereby having the full proceeds of the fund raiser going to the ministry.

This year OSLC will be manning the 3:00—5:00 pm shift and we need volunteers to help.

Once again we will request Thrivent Financials for Lutherans to join us in this fund raiser.

Price...\$8.00 Adults (All you can eat! Inside)

\$5.00 Children 12 & under

(Adult Tickets available thru OSLC members selling them)

(Children Tickets sold at the door only)

**Sponsored by: The Men's Groups from the
Dallas Area Churches**

HELP NEEDED

Additional help is needed in preparation of the Chicken-N-Dumplings on Friday, February 24 ; such as, de-boning the chicken, rolling out the dough for the dumplings, and cleaning up Friday. Saturday morning help is needed to collect the dry dumplings; cleanup and setup the room and then after the dumplings dinner help clean up the hall and kitchen. See Jeff White or Nick Vlaservich.

ALSO SEE PAGE 11

Souper Bowl Sunday



FEBRUARY 5

Each year on **Souper Bowl Sunday** congregations from around the nation collect monies to be donated to local and/or regional charities. This year the we will support our local Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry. On Sunday, February , the baskets will be at each door of the church with their kettles for any donation you might want to give plus there will be a basket at each door of the church for canned goods. Please help fight hunger and poverty in our community by participating in **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY.**

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
January 16, 2017

During the January 16th Leadership Board meeting the below was elected to the Executive Committee of the Board.

Bill Trudnak, **President**
 Bud Penley, **Vice-President**
 Melinda White, **Secretary**
 Joe Finger, **General Treasurer** (appointed by Board)

Board Members on Ministry Teams:

Facilities & Ground (Property):	Bill Trudnak, Alice Vlaservich
Learning (Christian Ed):	Melinda White
Praise & Worship (Worship):	Jon Clemmer, Teri Trudnak
Finance & Stewardship:	Jeff White
Witness:	Shirlee Marazza
Fellowship/Facility	
Youth	Melinda & Jeff White

Ministry Representative: (appointed by Board)

Dallas-High Shoals Christian	Julie Digh
Chicken-n-Dumplings'	Jeff White

The January minutes has not be approved but the Board approved \$200 to help offset the cost for food and supplies for the Annual Chicken-n-Dumplings Dinner on February 25 (all participating churches contributive the same amount).. See page 2 & 8.

*** Robbie Wooten will serve out the remain term of Yvonne Finger



The legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year."

Every February 2 –around 7:30 am ET - , people gather at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded knoll just outside of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

The ceremony in Punxsutawney was held in secret until 1966, and only Phil's prediction was revealed to the public. Since then, Phil's fearless forecast has been a national media event.

The groundhog comes out of his electrically heated burrow, looks for his shadow and utters his prediction to a Groundhog Club representative in "groundhogese." The representative then translates the prediction for the general public.

If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is just around the corner.

Phil started making predictions in 1887 and has become an American Institution. Residents contend that the groundhog has never been wrong. Approximately 90% of the time, Phil sees his shadow.



LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 19, 2016
BILL TRUDNAK, PRESIDENT

Devotions: Becky Messick

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak.

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White, Bud Penley, Joe Finger, Jeff White, Steve Digh, and Becky Messick.
Absent: Yvonne Finger, Shirlee Marazza, Teri Trudnak

Minutes for November 21, 2016 were reviewed. Motion by Bud Penley to accept and seconded by Jeff White.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- Sola Publishing (publishing company we buy our Sunday School material, etc.) seeking financial support. Steve Digh made a motion to make a donation from OSLC of \$100 to Sola Publishing; Bud Penley made a second on that motion.
- Other petitions and communications will be placed in the bulletin for congregational support and consideration.

Report of the Pastor: N/A; will continue to use supply Pastors for the remainder of this year. Pastor Lingle will lead the Christmas services.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Steve Digh to accept and seconded by Melinda White to approve Treasurer Report.

Report of the Ministries:

- Property: Repaired heat unit in Activity Bldg. Cleaning supplies to be purchased.
- Stewardship and Finance: No report
- Worship & Music: Decorated for Christmas and planned Hanging of Greens service.
- Youth Team: No report.
- Witness: No report.
- Christian Education Team: No report

Report of Auxiliaries:

Rachel Circle: No meeting in November. Plans being made for a Christmas lunch and program in December at the home of Betty Clemmer.

Old and/or Unfinished Business

Search for Interim Pastor continues. Peter Feige is very interested in a part-time position as Pastor of OSLC. He will be scheduled to provide weekly sermons for the month of January 2017. A motion was made by Bud Penley to proceed forth in calling Pastor Feige as our part-time Pastor. Joe Finger gave a second on that motion. A compensation package was discussed and agreed upon as follows: \$400.00 /month with an additional travel allowance of \$150/month for a total annual compensation package of \$22,600.00. Steve Digh made a motion to accept this compensation package and Bud Penley made a second. A congregational meeting is scheduled for 1/22/2017.

New Business:

No new business on the agenda.

General Information:

- Attendance
- Kids Alive Report
- New Board Members elected: Jon Clemmer, Steve Digh, Bill Trudnak & Alice Vlaservich. Outgoing Council members: Jeff White and Joe Finger
- Approval of 2017 budget by congregation.
- Annual report of the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

The Origin of St. Valentine

The origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. One opinion is that he was a Roman martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Other historians hold that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. Whoever he was, Valentine really existed because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

Saints are not supposed to rest in peace; they're expected to keep busy: to perform miracles, to intercede. Being in jail or dead is no excuse for non-performance of the supernatural. One legend says, while awaiting his execution, Valentinus restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter. Another legend says, on the eve

of his death, he penned a farewell note to the jailer's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine."

St. Valentine was a Priest, martyred in 269 at Rome and was buried on the Flaminian Way. He is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses.

A Prayer for Every Day

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of a new day.

Grant us the wisdom to be present

to your abundant grace

to be found in every moment —

in the joys and worries, sorrows and smiles.

In our busyness give us rest.

In our loneliness, give us solitude.

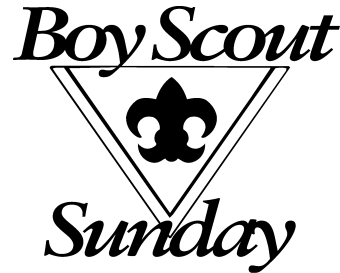
In our anxiety, give us trust.

Faithful, you walk with us.

Guide our steps this day so we can be

present to others, especially those in need.

Thank You, Lord. AMEN



February 5

The **Boy Scouts of America (BSA)** is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with over four million youth members in its age-related divisions. In 1909, Chicago publisher W. D. Boyce was visiting London, where he encountered the Unknown Scout and learned of the Scouting movement. Soon after his return to the U.S., Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. Since its founding in 1910 as part of the international Scout Movement, more than 110 million Americans have been members of the BSA.

The BSA goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. For younger members, the Scout method is part of the program to inculcate typical Scouting values such as trustworthiness, good citizenship, and outdoors skills, through a variety of activities such as camping, aquatics, and hiking.

The BSA is a constituent member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The traditional Scouting divisions are *Cub Scouting* for boys ages 7–10, *Boy Scouting* for boys ages 11–18 and *Venturing* for young men and women ages 14–21. Learning for Life is a non-traditional subsidiary that provides in-school and career education. The BSA operates traditional Scouting locally through units sponsored and operated by churches, clubs, civic associations, educational organizations and the like. Units are led entirely by volunteers who are supported by local councils using both paid professionals and volunteers.

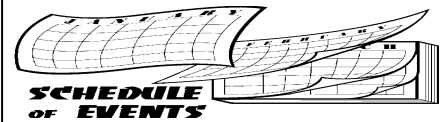
The influence of Scouting on American society is frequently cited by both its advocates and critics. In addition to nostalgic memories of campfires kindling friendships, prominent leaders in various fields of endeavor have credited the skills they learned in Scouting as helping mold them into successful citizens.







The BSA's stated purpose at its incorporation in 1910 was "to teach [boys] patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values. Later, in 1937, Deputy Chief Scout Executive George J. Fisher expressed the BSA's mission; "Each generation as it comes to maturity has no more important duty than that of teaching high ideals and proper behavior to the generation which follows." The current mission statement of the BSA is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

February 2017



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Sunday Church Worship: 11:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Super Bowl Sunday February 5	Black History Month Feb. 1-28		1	2  Groundhog Day	3	4
5 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	6 Team Mtg.	7	8	9	10 Lincoln Birthday	11
12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	13	14 Wake-Up Church Valentine Day	15	16	17	18
19 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	 Presidents' Day	21  Prayer Group	22	23	24	25  Chicken-n-Dumplin'
 TRANSFIGURATION	27 CLW/Rachel Group	28				



Holy Communion Schedule:
Feb. 5: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service Assistance:

Altar Guild: Joann Scarborough
Acolyte: Will Trudnak
Crucifer: Nick Vlaservich
Communion Asst: Nick Vlaservich
Lay Reader: Teri Trudnak
Worship Asst: Teri Trudnak
Greeters: OSLC Members
Ushers: OSLC Members
Collection: Yvonne Finger
Devotions: Becky Messick

NURSERY

Feb. 5 Teri Trudnak
 Feb. 12 Julie Digh
 Feb. 19 Melinda White
 Feb. 26 Becky Messick

Birthdays



1 Tony Trudnak	Rob Trudnak
8 Jared Dease	Kathy Trudnak
9 Donna Clemmer	Becky Messick
14 Teri Trudnak	Ashley Trudnak
19 Melanie Pitzer	
28 Brady Cole	



ANNIVERSARIES

9thJim & Joann Scarborough
 14thNick & Alice Vlaservich
 27thBrian & Anna Cole

FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Crackers, Corn, Green Beans



Choir practice each Wednesday at 6:00 pm unless otherwise announced in the bulletin

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

Feb. 5 OPEN
 Feb. 12 Nick Vlaservich
 Feb. 19 Denise Traveria
 Feb. 26 Wayne Ann Penley

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the Glory of God and in Honor or Memory of your love ones.

Plenty of openings (20)
 Decorate the altar of our Lord
 And then take home to decorate your home of give to a love one of shut-in



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OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS **NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home* and visit them.

Betty Mullen*

Stanley Total Living Center, Room 517,
514 Old Mt. Holly Rd, Stanley

Marilyn Finger (at home)

1150 Meadow Way Dr.
Dallas, NC

(If others, please let the church office know)



Help fill the pantry
at the
Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry.

Check and see what food item they need for the month (on page 5—our calendar) and let us over fill that basket in the hallway. This is a great outreach program.

God will bless you in your generosity.

CELL PHONES:

As every day goes by, we find ourselves more and more dependent on our cell phone and less dependent on our land line with any answering machine. To help the Church keep you informed quickly, the Church council is requesting you provide us with your cell phone.... To do this please records it on our Sunday's worship form. Thank you for your help.

SEE ENCLOSED APPEAL

IMPORTANT DATE

*March 4 is tentative date
for
Ordination
of
Peter H. Feige*

FROM THE NALC FOR DISASTER RELIEF.

Events for
Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring-
Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com

and

Kure/Agape Beach

E-mail: kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Please see calendars
and
other
information on the
bulletin board or go on-line



GO OUT ON A LIMB **GET INVOLVED**

BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

A positions are still open. Participate in the service of the Lord and sign up.

Sign up sheets
for the 2017 calendar year are on the
wall in the Education wing.



**DALLAS DIXIE BASEBALL AND
GIRLS SOFTBALL**

SIGN-UPS

BASEBALL AGES 5—12

SOFTBALL AGES 8—14

DENNIS FRANKLIN GYM

Go to Dallasnc.net for Sign-up form
and cost

A Stewardship Minute

The February issue of Stewardship makes a Christian stop and think about how seriously he or she wants to follow the Lord. Take these words from the writer of one section: To give to God should be "from the top" not what may be left over. The writer of the article was not talking just about the stewardship of money, but of one's time, one's talents and one's heart. Remember that old romantic song that included the words, "all of me?" It went like this:

*All of me ... Why not take all of me
... Can't you see ... I'm no good with-
out you.*

Yes, that was a song for lovers, but

don't you think that could apply to one's desire to love the Lord with one's heart, mind, and soul? Now such a dedicated person would be worthy being called a serious Christian.

An old Christian minister tells about a man who was very serious about stewardship. He was probably the wealthiest man in his church. He was also generous in giving his time and talent. One day his pastor decided to ask him why he was such a good steward. The fellow's answer was memorable. He said, "Well, as you know, the Lord has helped me to be very successful in my business. That is why I can give to the Lord's work somewhat generously." Then with a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his

face he continued: "I figure that if I am not a good steward, the Lord will stick out his foot and trip me." The pastor chuckled as would any Christian hearing the man's words. I close with these words from the 12th chapter and 34th verse of the gospel of St. Luke in which Jesus said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to take stewardship very seriously until we understand that true joy comes from doing your will. In Jesus' name. Ame



The Practice: Keeping the Sabbath.....

"Sabbath keeping is not about taking a day off but about being recalled to our knowledge of and gratitude for God's activity in creating the world, giving liberty to captives, and overcoming the powers of death." —

Dorothy C. Bass

by Patricia Lull

"I'm so busy... I just don't have enough time to complete all my work." Do you need a break, but doubt you have time for it? What about those who don't have sufficient work to sustain themselves? The practice of keeping Sabbath helps us to resist the tyranny of too much or too little work.

Sabbath in the Bible

The Exodus (20:8-11) commandment to "remember" the Sabbath is grounded in the story of creation. Since we are created in God's image, what behavioral cues do we take from what we see of God in this story?

In Deuteronomy (5:12-15) the commandment to "observe" the Sabbath sees to it that no one, not even animals, will work without respite. How do people freed from slavery celebrate their liberation? What kinds of justice do they wish for others? How might Sabbath-keeping help us resist various forms of enslavement today, for ourselves and for others?

The Sabbath in Judaism

Shabbat - the Jewish Sabbath - is the heart of Judaism. In observant Jewish homes, Shabbat begins each Friday night at sundown as a woman lights the Sabbath candles. Until the following sundown, all activities associated with work or commerce are prohibited.

How does this Sabbath requirement of no work or commerce honor God and respect human needs? What are good re-creative activities to do on the Sabbath (e.g., worship, play, take a walk, rest, read, spend time with loved ones)?

Can Christians Keep Sabbath?

In what ways did Jesus extend the meaning of Sabbath by his teaching and ministry? What did Jesus mean by proclaiming, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:12)? When Constantine declared Christianity the state religion (321 C.E.), Sunday was established as the day for both rest and worship. Is Sunday the day of the week you experience Sabbath? If not, when do you and your household observe Sabbath?

Though we may yearn for Sabbath rest, what obstacles keep us from it? Pressures to work and spend? Organized sports? The fact that Sundays are no longer protected by custom and law? Trying to overcome a reputation of Sabbath-keeping as sapping joy from the day?

Unwrapping the Gift of Sabbath Keeping

How might ceasing from work one day a week reshape your work and attitudes on the other six? What is the advantage of a pattern of Sabbath time, as opposed to snatching odd moments or hours of Sabbath time? What are the advantages to keeping Sabbath on Sunday? Who might not be able to keep Sabbath on Sunday? How might we enable them to keep Sabbath another time?

How is Sabbath-keeping a way to honor the generosity of our Maker? How does our society's Sabbath-keeping (or lack thereof) express our relation to the created world? What changes in society would make it easier to keep Sabbath? In what ways can members of a worshipping community help one another step off the treadmill of work-and-spend and into the circle of glad gratitude for the gifts of God?

Church News



IF YOU NEED TO REACH PASTOR PETE FEIGE PLEASE CALL HIM AT 1-704-516-2805 OR EMAIL HIM AT feigeph@yahoo.com

If you do not reach him directly, please leave your message on the voice mail and he will return your call or call the church's office at 704-922-4648. Thank you for your assistance.

GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION

February 8, 2017

8:30 am to Noon

Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital
Breakfast before meeting, if you wish



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MEN-IN-MISSION

AT WORK

MARK OUR CALENDAR
LUTHERIDGE

Area Church's Men-in-Mission will join together Fridays and Saturdays three times this year—May TBA ; August TBA; October TBA— to do work at LUTHERIDGE. You can either spend the night Friday or drive up early Saturday morning. The work session in October will have worship and lunch on the 3rd. All churches are invited to attend. If you are interested please contact Jim Scarborough or Nick Vlaservich.



CLW/RACHEL GROUP

will meet at the home of TBA

February 27th at 1:30 pm

LET US PRAY... "Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up." (James 5:13-15)



MARGARET Addington (friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Braddy, ANN Digh (Steve Digh's mother-colen cancer HUNTER Digh (Steve and Juile Digh's nephew (cancer), MARILYN Finger, LEVI Friday (Joan Scarborough's nephew) CHARLIE Fox (friend of the Ratchford's), ROBERT Gentile (friend of Shirlee Marazza-heart attack), LINDA Hamm, ANNA Harbour (CDIFF-Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter), JEAN Huffstetler, LESLIE Hunsucker, ELAINE Kanupp (friend of the Digh's—colon cancer), BETTY Mullen, GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), EDITH Paysour, RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson— leukemia), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White) JERRIE Presley, DAVID Ratchford (Brady & Betty's son), BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, MARY Brown Robinson (aunt of Brady Ratchford), LEIGH Sellers (college friend's daughter of Libby Bickley), RALPH Summey, KIM Tucker (friend of Joann Scarborough-heart surgery) GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), SHERREE B Turner (mother of Jason Turner), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray) ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), LORI Wood (Steve Digh's cousin -colon cancer).

GOD WANTS You!

- (1) God wants you to participate in His worship service for **2017** by servicing as a worship assistant as a Crucifer, Greeter or Usher
See the sign up sheet on the hallway wall and please help.
- (2) New Flower Calendar is up. Please remember your love ones and also help decorate our Lord's altar. **Cost of Flowers has increased to \$35.10 There are 20 openings**

Sermon without a word

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back

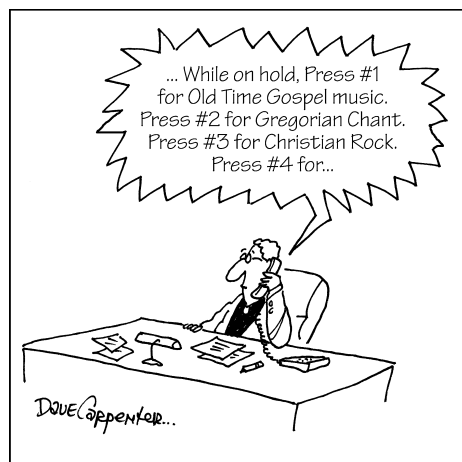
The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

The Lord is my Shepherd ————— **that's a Relationship!**
 I shall not want ————— **that's Supply!**
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ——— **that's Rest!**
 He leadeth me beside the still waters ----- **that's Refreshment!**
 He restoreth my soul ————— **that's Healing!**
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness— **that's Guidance!**
 For His name sake ————— **that's Purpose!**
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—
 ————— **that's Testing!**
 I will fear no evil ————— **that's Protection!**
 For Thou art with me ————— **that's Faithfulness!**
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me ——— **that's Discipline!**
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies—
 ————— **that's Hope!**
 Thou annointest my head with oil ——— **that's Consecration!**
 My cup runneth over ————— **that's Abundance!**
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—
 ————— **that's Blessing!**
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ——— **that's Security!**
 Forever ————— **that's Eternity!**



Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County

We at Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. would like to welcome you to our center. Our pregnancy center is a nonprofit pro-life organization of committed Christians sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and actively helping women, men and families in crisis pregnancy situations.

Questioned frequently asked:

- Where can a pregnant women go for physical help and emotional support
- Where can a a new mom or dad go for resources and support for their newborn to twelve month old?
- Where can a pregnant teenager go for support, advice and mentoring?
- Where can a woman carrying the guilt of an abortion go for healing and support?
- Where can a teen hear the truth of Purity and practical ways to live an Abstinent lifestyle?

The answer to all those questions is Crisis Pregnancy.

Since 1986, Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County has offered all of our servies for free thanks to the donations and support of individuals, churches and businesses across Gaston County.

Now, how can we serve you?

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| • Pregnancy test | • Peer Counseling | • Ultrasound |
| • Adolescent Parenting | • Abstinence Education | • Maternity Clothes |
| • Baby Clothes | • Car Seats | • Pack & Plays |
| • Diapers | • Wipes | • Baby Supplies |
| • Formula | • Baby Food | • Blankets and more |

Opportunity for 2017 23rd Annual Fundraising Banquet March 9

With Gianna Jessen, keynote
Life: Worth defending

(INTERESTED IN GOING? See Marie Robinson)

Baby Bottle Blessings May 8 till June 19

Mother's Day till Father's Day

27th Walk for Life September 8, Friday 4—8

2017 Feb. Mission Emphasis – DHSCSM

"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." ---Micah 6:8

OUR MISSION

The mission of The Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry (DHSCSM) is to serve as a cooperative ministry of the area churches in bearing witness to the Love of God made visible in Jesus Christ through acts of compassion and mercy by providing crisis assistance, humanitarian aid and developmental (self improvement) opportunities to persons and families in the North Gaston area.

OUR HISTORY

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TWO DHSCSM MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OSLC THIS MONTH:



- **Souper Bowl Sunday – February 5, 2017:** Bring soup (and other canned goods) for DHSCSM. There will be containers in the hallway for the cans.



- **Chicken Dumpling Dinner—Eat in or Take-Out**

Place: Holy Communion Lutheran Church Corner of South Gaston and Church Streets

Day: Saturday, February 25, 2017

Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Price: Adults \$8.00 Children: \$5.00 (purchased at door only)

This is an excellent opportunity for the folks in our churches to build bridges beyond our denominational boundaries, to develop new friendships, to bear witness to our oneness in Christ and to share in Christ's call to faithfulness and discipleship. It is crucial that we support this effort in order to help the local congregations provide a stronger witness and greater level of servanthood as we work toward a more constructive partnership between government, business, civic and the religious sectors of our community. These efforts can also help foster a more stable and healthy quality of life for all. Over the previous nineteen years, the annual Chicken 'N Dumplin' FEAST has provided in excess of \$209,450 in support of the Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry.

DHSCSM is the February Mission opportunity for you to participate in locally.

- **Pray** for the organization, its staff, those who come to receive food, clothes, financial emergency support for their unpaid medical, electrical, and gas bills, will be encouraged by the words of care and concern spoken in Jesus' Name.
- **Bring cans of soup** (or other canned goods) on Souper Bowl Sunday – Feb. 5
- **Participate** in Chicken 'N Dumplin' Feast – February 25. Go on Friday and help roll out and cut dumplings or cook and cut up the chicken. Be one of the guys who helps to serve the food at the dinner. Come with family, friends, or alone and enjoy the delicious feast. Drop-in 11-7





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Souper Bowl Sunday



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**Don't forget to bring can goods on
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