

First Baptist Church of Oakville
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 February, 2019



**American Red Cross
 BLOOD DRIVE**

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**SATURDAY,
 March 2nd
 10:00 — 2:00 pm**
 Church Activity Center



JOHN'S JOIS

February can be a confusing month as we struggle with the last gasps of winter. I can accept the cold weather of Winter, but I sure don't enjoy shoveling it!! I am glad that February is the shortest month of the year, and that groundhogs only predict weather—and they don't control it. But then again, forsythia comes back in February—I love bright yellow.

Our Building Committee has been meeting with architects to discuss our proposed multi-purpose building. I anticipate that Chairman Wayne Allen will give a report in the March business meeting. Please continue to pray for this group of committed members, working to bring focus to the vision God has for the future of FBCO.

On a personal note, Brenda and I are going to Dallas for a few days this month. We will visit with dear friends and former church members. I also will meet with a young couple who have asked me to conduct their wedding. That is a special joy, since I also did her parents' wedding. Expecting the weather to be warmer there, I will check on our order for Spring. When I checked the other day, I learned that Spring was on back-order, and would not be shipped for several weeks. Alas!

Gratefully, Your Pastor
Pastor John

Our Mid-winter Bible Study has stalled, with two Sunday nights in succession cancelled by snow. But we will keep trying. This may become our Winter/Spring Bible Study. The book is *Revelation 1-3—Letters to the Seven Churches*. These timely but timeless letters had an important message for John's day, but just as important is their message for our Church today. Textbooks for this study are \$5. We still have a few copies left.

In Character, the drama ministry of Missouri Baptist University, will be with us in worship, Sunday morning, February 10th. MBU students will use their dramatic talents and several brief skits, sometimes funny and sometimes serious but always thought provoking, to share Biblical truth in a very unique and meaningful way. You will be blessed by this fine group of young Christians, and so will those you invite to join us for that morning worship service. We will receive a love offering for the ministry of *In Character* at the close of the service.

Our Church website will soon be updated with new features, photos, and more user-friendly menus. You can check out the current newsletter, Church calendar, and our Worship videos.

**Offering Envelope Boxes
 are available**

If you need a new box of offering envelopes, they are now available. We appreciate your faithful giving of tithes and offerings. Having your own envelopes is both a convenience and a reminder.

Also, consider making up the offering you would have given on January 13th, when snow forced us to cancel all services.



February Birthdays

Jackee Smithhart, Gail Tolcou.....1
 Al Camden, June Berghold.....6
 Chris McGinnis, Ron Borghesi.....8
 Tim Berghold.....9
 Kim Vandiver, Pat Donnelly.....11
 Heather Johnston, David Lewis.....12
 Laurie Lamping, Rebecca Seligman.....17
 John Gorse Sr.....18
 Nancy Stanley.....20
 Ann Gorse, Margie Robbins.....22
 Mark Vandiver.....23
 Howard Bennett.....27
 Abby Jacobi.....28

*God Bless You
 on Your Birthday!*

**February
 Calendar**

Fellowship Breakfast.....3
 Church Council Meeting.....3
 P.E.P. Club Fellowship.....7
 Boxx 50th Anniversary Renewal of Vows.....9
 Deacon's Meeting.....10
 Building and Grounds Meeting.....12
 Happy Valentines Day!.....14
 Youth Ice Skating.....15
 Building Committee Meeting.....17
 Ladies Art Class.....21

**Mid-Winter Bible Study each Sunday
 evening in February**

*Revelation 1-3—
 Letters to the Seven Churches*

GWEN'S Gallery

***Simplify Your Life* by Marcia Ramsland**

Is it really possible to simplify your life? The answer is a resounding "yes," if you know the necessary steps to unclutter your life and lifestyle. Get the inside scoop from professional organizer Marcia Ramsland and begin to solve your life management issues like a pro. With fast-paced, step-by-step instructions, Marcia walks you through refreshing new ways to manage your daily schedule, your life at home and at work, and special seasons of your life such as parenting, the holidays, and transitions.

Simplify Your Life reveals do-able tips and practical systems using Marcia's trademark "PUSH" Sequence—an acronym for **P**roject, **y**ou (the key component), **S**ystem, **H**abit—which not only gets you organized but helps you stay that way.

Offering practical solutions designed to change your life immediately, this simplified style of living gives you and your loved ones more time to do the things you rally enjoy—starting today!

***Paper Hearts* by Courtney Walsh**

Abigail Pressman never would have guessed that love notes penned on paper hearts by an anonymous couple could challenge her doubts about romance. A business owner in a quaint tourist town, she dreams of expanding, but lately, she's more focused on resisting the matchmaking efforts of the Valentine Volunteers, who gather in her store to continue Loves Park's tradition of stamping mail with the city's romantic postmark. When Abigail is unwillingly drafted into the Volunteers, she encounters the hearts, a distraction that couldn't come at a worse time. A hard to read doctor has become Abigail's new landlord, and he's threatening to end her lease.

As she fights a growing attraction to this man intent on crushing her dreams, Abigail is inspired to string the hearts in her store, sparking a citywide infatuation with the artsy trend. But when a new batch of hearts arrives, it appears something tragic has happened to the couple. Will uncovering their story confirm Abigail's doubts, or could it rescue her dreams and her heart.

Kidz Kollege

We thank Angie and Al Camden for a great evening at their home on January 2. They have a huge train/landscape/town Christmas display the kids thoroughly enjoyed along with pizza and snacks. This is the second Christmas the Camdens have invited Kidz Kollege to their home, and we so appreciate their hospitality.

Otherwise, Kidz Kollege has kicked in the new year with 2 new classes, one for crafts and the other for crocheting. The kids have their choice AND we've invited their parents to participate in the crocheting class. Harve and Jo Ann Cornish, Carol Bennett, Susan and Victoria Allen, and Angie Camden have volunteered their expertise to teach the kids and parents the art of crocheting. Kim Vandiver is leading craft time for the kids either too young for, or not interested in crocheting.

Also, we are planning an outside activity, bowling, or rollerskating, in early February. With all these activities, plus our normal, Bible Story time, praise singing, and snacks, there's fun things for all the kids, ages 4 years old thru 5th grade each Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

JUST COME!!

Ed & Pauline Maness



Kidz Praise . . .

Kids' Praise is starting a 6 week Bible study called *The Quest*. By the end, we will have a better understanding of our relationship with God, and how sin can get in the way.

We praise God by loving one another, and we show that love thru RESPECT.

Cyndi Harmon



John's Notes

Greetings Everyone,

We have passed the halfway mark in winter but it seems Spring seems to be still a long way off with the recent snowfalls and cold snap. With that in mind I thought we might go in a little more light hearted fun direction with this month's newsletter. There used to be a talk show host that had a segment on his show entitled "Things that make you go Hmmmmm". It would be his look at sayings or things around that made you scratch your head in a humorous way.

I tend to think that God has a sense of humor as we see the creativity and uniqueness in his creations that include humans, porcupines, giraffes, and laughing hyenas. So in that vein, may we do something completely different. A jovial peek at the interesting and sometime bizarre musings and mysteries of the universe to ponder as you wonder and wander about your day.

Do people in Australia call the rest of the world "Up Over"? Do pilots ever take crash courses? Do vegetarians eat animal crackers? Do cemetery workers prefer to work the graveyard shift? Do blind dogs have seeing eye humans? Can you buy an entire chess set at a pawnshop? Is it really possible to draw a blank? How do you get off of a nonstop flight? How do you write zero in Roman Numerals? Where is Old Zealand? Why are you expected to slow down in a speed zone? What kind of fruit is Juicy Fruit gum? What is a "Free Gift"? Aren't all gifts free? Since there is a speed of light and a speed of sound Is there a speed of smell and taste? What happens if you get scared half to death.....twice? Can you get cavities in your dentures if you use too much artificial sweetener? Why do people have to tell you when they are speechless? Why do we say something is "out of whack"? How is something "in whack"? annnnnnnnd for those of us that can't wait until baseball spring training: Why do we sing *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* when we are already there?

I hope you got a chuckle or two out of those as you try and stay warm this winter. We have begun practices for the Easter cantata entitled *It Happened on a Sunday*. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Please join us, I guarantee you will be blessed.

Keep on Smiling and I Love You All,

John Gorse

A REMINDER TO SAY THANKS!!

If with pleasure you are viewing all the work someone is doing

If you like them or you love them, tell them now!

Don't withhold your approvation 'til a parson makes oration,

And they lie with blooming lilies on their brow.

For no matter how you shout it, they won't care a thing about it.

They won't see the many teardrops you may shed.

If you like them, let them know it. If you love them, you should show it,

'Cause they cannot read their tombstone when they're dead!