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 of All Nations**

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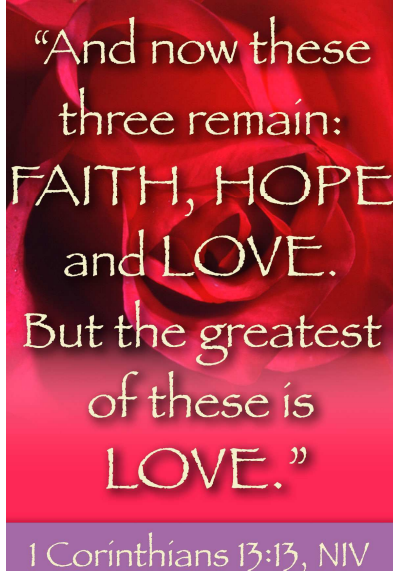


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 MARCH SKYWRITER  
 DUE FEBRUARY 14**



**SKYWRITER**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

*by Rev. John Freeland*

What do we usually think about in February? If you answered "Love!" you would be correct. With Valentine's Day being February 14, we begin to think about those we love, especially those we love romantically. This month you will hear a lot about love, and not just from Hallmark either! Just as "Joy!" was the theme for our sermon series in January, "Love!" is the theme for our sermon series for February. Of course this month you will probably hear 1 Corinthians 13 more than once:

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

You will also hear, probably every week, that love is a decision and not an emotion. We don't love because we feel like it; we love because we decide to love. If love were a feeling the divorce rate would be 200%!

I can't outdo Paul's definition of love, but here's what I think in a nutshell. I love you not because I like you, even though I do, but because I decided to. When I came to Skyland 5+ years ago, I knew that I was going to love you before I walked in the door for the first time. Oh sure, I already knew many of you, but I knew I was going to love you because I had already made the decision to do so. If love is going to be true love, then it must be unconditional. That means love does not depend on the actions of the "lovee" but on the actions of the lover. So in my example above, I love you no matter what you do. (Now, that doesn't give you permission to be mean to me – not that you ever would!)

This February make the decision to love. Love your family. Love your friends. Love your neighbors. Love the stranger in the car next to you and the person in line in front of you. Love, it is a decision and not an emotion. Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," so love. Don't limit it to Valentine cards. Love actively and intentionally.

I love you,



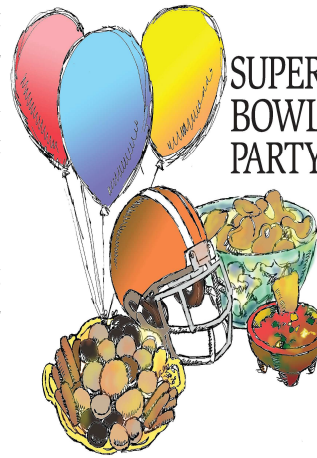
### Prayer Walk

*So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before me on behalf of the land".*

**- Ezekiel 22:30 -**

Join the Witness Committee on **Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00pm** to pray and intercede for the needs of our neighbors. Please meet at the chapel doors, dressed for the weather. We will proceed rain or shine. A Prayer Walk is a time when we gather as a group to pray specifically for the community around us and it's needs. As we walk we trust that the Lord will lead us in the directions that will make a difference not only for the community but also for the kingdom.

The Young Adult Fellowship event for February is a Super Bowl Party hosted by Matt Hurd on **Sunday, February 7th at 7:00pm.** Please see the Young Adults bulletin board for a map to Matt's house. Matt's address is 4090 Duesenberg Dr, Tucker, GA 30084. The guys are asked to bring chips or a snack to share with everyone and ladies are asked to bring beverages. If you have any questions, please call Kristen Wages at (404) 323-7221. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to meet Skyland's young adults. As always, kids are welcome!



**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

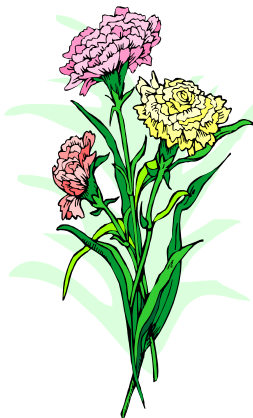
### Friday Night Fire

Join us for an evening of praise and worship on Friday, February 5 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. A light supper will be served in the dining area at 6:15pm.

*A Night of Worship*

Lifting up our hearts to God

The Youth will begin their annual Valentine's Day Carnation Fundraiser soon. Please buy your carnations on February 2nd, 7th and 10th. Carnations will be handed out on February 14. We will only deliver to Budd Terrace and the Atrium this year.



United Methodist Men

Sweetheart Dinner

Saturday, February 13 - 6:00pm

Tickets are \$15/person

Please see Chris Baumann

Bob Norman or John Holt

### Weekly Attendance

Date	Small Groups	10:00 Service	11:00 Service
12/27	55	33	54
1/3/10	61	52	59
1/10/10	55	30	66
1/17/10	70	53	57
1/24/10	70	47	62

### Offerings

Date	Mile of Pennies	General Funds	Designated Funds
12/27	11.40	4,215.00	559.55
1/3/10	31.75	5,578.00	469.92
1/10/10	20.30	4,612.00	6,109.24
1/17/10	14.30	2,504.00	2,744.82
1/24/10	31.00	3,250.76	935.69

### Designated Funds

Mission Post Office	57.74
Property Maintenance	551.74
Flowers	50.00
Joyce Baker Memorial	500.00
Good Samaritan	14.00
Meaders Mission House	150.92
Postage/Office Supplies	35.00
Choir	10.00
Finance	90.00
Youth Camp Scholarship	100.00
Mildred Holt Memorial	6,000.00
Haiti/UMCOR	2,178.00
Randy Lewis Memorial	50.00
MOP Interest	516.82
MOP/Principal	500.00
SUMCEL	15.00



*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40*

Haiti is in a state of crisis. A massive earthquake has destroyed the capital city, and the death toll is rising. The need is unbelievably great. Thousands are trapped, living or dead, in collapsed buildings. Only two hospitals are standing, and medical workers can do little more than provide first aid because they lack supplies. Skyland will be gathering funds to send to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for Haiti. Please consider helping in this effort by making a designated gift to Skyland Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jenny Morgan at 404-664-5878.