



The Good News

*Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is...
to instruct Heads to know God's Word
to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love
to offer Hands to show God's Grace
in our community and church family.*



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A LOVE STORY

Groomsmen stand at attention as the music swells and the bride begins her long walk down the aisle, arm in arm with her father. The smiling, but nervous-to-be husband follows every step with his eyes brimming with love. Then happy tears are shed, vows are made, and families are merged. *A wedding is a joyous celebration of love.* It is the holy mystery of two becoming one, of beginning life together, and of commitment. Marriage in the Bible is ordained by God and illustrates His relationship with His people. Thus, there is perhaps no greater tragedy than the violation of those sacred vows.

In the Old Testament, God told the Prophet Hosea to find a wife and revealed to him ahead of time that she would be unfaithful to him. Although she would bear many children, others would father some of these offspring. In obedience to God, Hosea married Gomer. But his relationship with her, her adultery, and their children became living prophetic examples to Israel's unfaithfulness.

The Book of Hosea is a love story—real, tragic, and true. Transcending the tale of a young man and wife, it tells of God's love for His people and the response of His "bride." A covenant had been made, and God had been faithful. His love was steadfast, and His commitment unbroken. But Israel, like Gomer (Hosea's wife), was adulterous and unfaithful; spurning God's love and turning instead to false gods. Then after warnings of judgment, God reaffirmed His love and offered reconciliation. His love and mercy were overflowing; but justice would be served.

The book begins with God's marriage instructions to Hosea. After Hosea's marriage, children were born, and each given a name signifying a divine message (chapter 1). Then, as predicted, Gomer left Hosea to pursue her lusts (chapter 2). But Hosea (whose name means "salvation") found her, redeemed her, and brought her home again; fully reconciled

(chapter 3). Images of God's love, judgment, grace, and mercy were woven into their relationship. Next, God outlined His case against the people of Israel: their sins would ultimately cause their destruction (chapters 4; 6; 7; 12), and would rouse His anger, resulting in punishment (chapters 5; 8–10; 12–13). But even in the midst of Israel's immorality, God was merciful and offered hope; expressing His infinite love for His people (chapter 11) and the fact that their repentance would bring about blessings (chapter 14).

This Biblical drama vividly portrays our God's constant and persistent love. During the month of February – the month celebrated by the world as a time to emphasize love (sadly, commercially) – I want to challenge you to read afresh the 14 chapters of Hosea. Begin on February 1st and you will end on February 14th: **VALENTINES DAY!**

As you read this book, watch the prophet submit himself willingly to his Lord's direction; grieve with him over the unfaithfulness of his wife and his people; and hear the clear warning of judgment. Then reaffirm your commitment to being God's person, faithful in your love and true to your vows. And, at that time claim God's promise through the prophet... ***"I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from them"*** (Hosea 14:4, NASB).

Hosea reminds us of some important principles that are as true and as relevant today as they were for ancient Israel: God's love for His people is relentless, and past sins need not be a barrier to intimacy with God. God's forgiveness brings healing and renewed intimacy. Now, that's a love story for everyone!

"A LOVE WITH OUT END, AMEN." ... Pastor Lamar Albritton

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to ALL who attended and supported in many ways our January 15 Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show!! Our total income was \$771.00 and choir fund profit was \$402.64.

Pictured are a few of the talented persons who contributed to make this an enjoyable time!!





February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:00 am Chapel Worship 8:45 am Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Youth Leadership weeks 1 and 3 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study week 2 and 4		1 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	2 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	3 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 5:00 pm Pre School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Volleyball	4 9:30 am UMW Board meeting 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby Set up	5 9:00 am Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby 11:00 am UMM Bar-B-Q
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY Super Bowl Subs 4:30 pm Confirmation Class	7 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am Heart to Heart 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	8 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	9 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 10:30 am Ruth Circle of Love 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	10 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	11	12 8:00 am UMM Breakfast at Golden Coral 10:00 am Love Boat Set up
13 3:00 pm Movie "Fireproof" 5:00 pm LOVE BOAT	14 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	15 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	16 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	17 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	18	19
20 4:30 pm Confirmation Class	21 OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENTS DAY 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Staff Parish 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	22 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	23 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	24 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	25	26 8:00 am Confirmation Class Mini Retreat
27 MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY	28		WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 4:45 pm Youth Band Practice 5:30 pm Jr. Choir 6:00 pm Pot Luck 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Youth Group			

Children's Home - Day on Campus

This year the day on campus at the Children's Home is on **Saturday, March 19, 2010**. This is your opportunity to learn the history of the Children's Home, see the campus first hand, go through the various buildings, meet the staff and kids, see the cottages where they live. You will be able to talk with the kids and staff and ask them any questions you would like. The kids will also put on a musical program. After the program everyone will go and eat lunch together where you can meet and talk with other churches who come. If you would like to go this year, please let us know or call and let the church office know you are interest. We will need a head count for the Children's Home. You can call us at 858-0400.

Thank you , Karen & Jeff Acor

2/1 Gene and JoAnne Wileman
 2/11 Henry and Ruth Zona
 2/11 Bud and Carol Davis



2/18 Gene and Jerry Mosholder
 2/20 Fred and Tammy Fleming



Birthdays

2/1 Rosanne Stafford	2/3 Carol Troup	2/16 D.K. Harwell
2/2 Betty Bruna	2/3 Nick Koppenhofer	2/17 Bill Anderson
2/3 Chris Fortin	2/6 Edward Chambers	2/18 Tom Herzog
2/3 Nadara Brock	2/6 Kristina Vividor	2/19 Bob Zellweger
2/3 Tim Watson	2/6 Yvonne Bower	2/20 Ken Baird
	2/9 Ed Arnett	2/21 Courtney Wilkinson
	2/10 Betty Jennings	2/22 Stephen Chambers
	2/16 Trevor Watson	2/22 Bill Webb
	2/16 Wayne Wesley	2/26 Linda Imel



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Parents and youth—You will want to check out this website and keep up with what's going on in youth culture. <http://www.thesource4parents.com/>
 Helping Parents Build Relationships...and Teach Biblical Values



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