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Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus Christ as we love, learn and live the word of God.

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FBC Food Collection:

March—Tuna

April—Soup

May—Cold Cereal

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SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE

Hear Ye! Here Ye! The date is drawing near... March 9th.

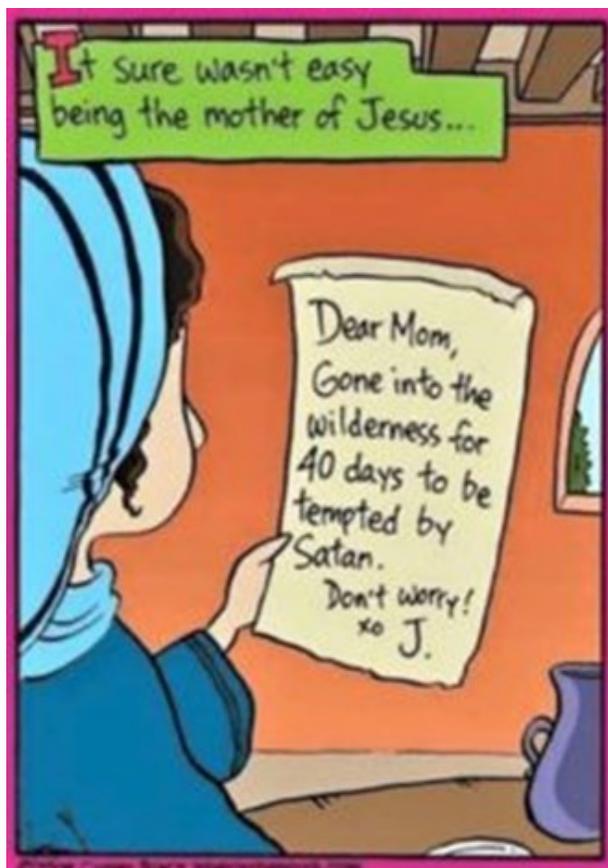
Come join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by Chef Dale and his trusty side kick, Winnie.

All you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. Bring your family and friends! And while you're here, participate in the basket raffle. You'll walk away a winner just from the yummy meal alone but you also might win a basket or two.

Speaking of which—we are in need of baskets—the more the merrier!! Theme basket, gift cards, restaurant certificates, crafts, baked goods... be creative.

Also, sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Help will be needed so please sign up to help any way you can because "many hands make light work".

See you there!!



We Welcome our Newest Members

Debra and Carl Mende have been active in most of our church activities for several months, but they were officially welcomed as members of the church on January 22. We've seen them as greeters, choir members, helping out with social gatherings, and most recently filling the pulpit. We are so grateful to have them as part of the church family.

The Mendes live in Springville, have 3 adult children, and several grand-dogs. Deb works in sales for American Wire Tie. She enjoys hiking, reading and cooking. Carl is a manufacturers' rep and owner of an industrial instruments company. He is a stamp collector, woodworker and enjoys working on cars. Both Carl and Deb enjoy the outdoors, and indoors playing on their computers!

We look forward to a long and meaningful relationship!



It's Not the Same Old Council

It seems like some things never change- like the members of our council, and moderator (how long has it been Melissa?), we have some changes to report.

After 12 years as our Church Clerk, Marge Lowrey has handed the pen to Dan Novick to keep track of council actions, church meeting minutes, and membership changes. Thank you Marge for your years of efficient and pleasant service! Luci Balos is now the chair of the new Technology Committee. Luci welcomes tech- savvy people to join her on the committee. We are still looking for a chair for a Social Committee to oversee group gatherings.

Read Through the Gospels During Lent

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John relate the story of the life of Christ from birth to resurrection. As a journey through Lent, why not spend some time each day reading through the Gospels. Worship chair Kathryn Smith has put together a suggested calendar for your daily reading. Starting with Matthew on Ash Wednesday, February 22, read three chapters each day, taking Sundays as a day off or as "catch-up" time. You should finish by April 8. No matter how many times you have read the Bible, it is always good to do it again!

Flowers Will Bloom for Easter

Lilies are the flower most representative of the Resurrection since they are a seemingly lifeless bulb that comes to life as a gorgeous flower! Lilies, along with hyacinths, Easter mums, and gerbera daisies will decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning.

You may order a flower and take it home after the Easter Festival Service . Order blanks are on the back table in church. Paid orders are due by April 2. Flowers can also be ordered by calling the church or Chris at 655-1042.



Our New Song Leader

It's hard to believe that our brand new song leader, Heather Bucholtz, has been with us a year already, but it's true! She is a very talented musician and song leader. During her short year with us she has not only lead us in song, but also sang, and played beautiful solos on her trumpet. She also played her shofar for us on Easter Sunday and led a Christmas choir for Christmas eve service. We are very thankful that Heather has chosen to join the ranks of our talented musicians here and hope that she stays with us for quite some time.

Support America For Christ

This year's theme for the America For Christ Offering "Grace Upon Grace" is inspired by John 1:16-17, which reads: "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"

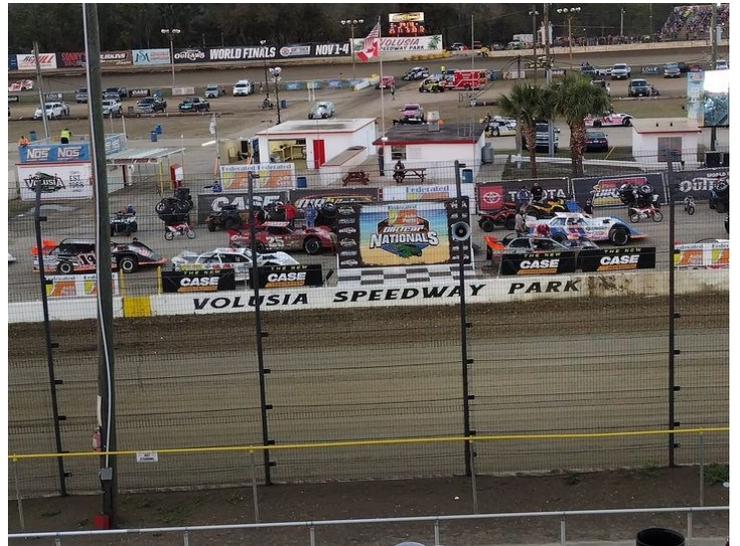
Some of our neighbors seem more dependent than others on the grace of God for their daily living. These neighbors—whether children, elderly, or persons with physical or developmental disabilities— remind all of us that we are dependent on God's grace that makes possible every good thing in our lives. God invites us to share with others the grace we have received as a way of multiplying God's grace in the world and recognizing and honoring our interdependence with one another.

When we contribute to AFC, we are supporting aid for children in poverty, assistance to spiritual caregivers, Alaskan and Native American ministries, developing church leaders and more. We will extend grace as we collectively participate in caring for one another as we remember how "God first loved us."

Join American Baptists across the country and give what you can to American For Christ in the envelope included with this newsletter.

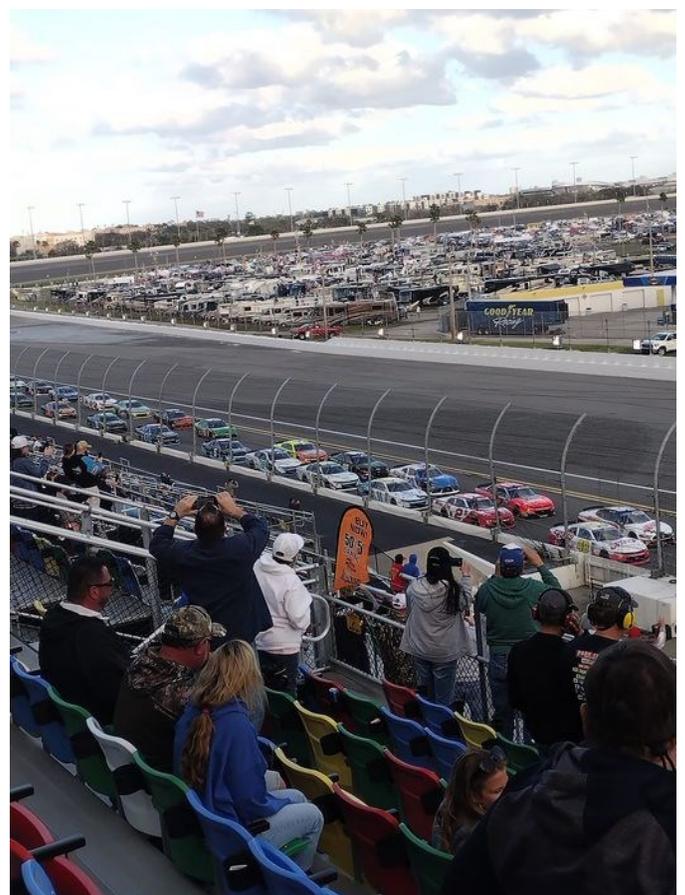


^Melissa Bove makes announcements while Pastor Paul is away!



Pastor's Been on Vacation

While pastor Paul was enjoying the sun and racecars that Florida had to offer, we were stuck here. Though we have had a mild winter, we were treated to an ice storm in his absence. We also heard from 2 guest speakers. Mike Reid was here on February 12th and our newest member, Carl Mende, (pictured below) spoke on February 19th. There are also pictures from pastor Paul's vacation!



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Please Pray for :

Vigo Meyer*
Tom Heineman*
John Kenny*
Harvey Underhill
Tim Lowrey*
Brett Begley*
Scott Rickettson*
Dave B*
Odyn Hankey*
Elaine Rickettson*
Greg Docenko*
Dave Clark*
Lynn S
Geoff Begley*

Rebecca Reimer*
Angela Docenko*
Joan Reif*
Kara*
Dawn*
Katie
Carl Mende*
Heidi Brown*
Jeff Scott*
Christie Carson*
Brian
Rose Gassman*
Jason Vorhis
John Hausauer
Sue
The Family of Richard Miller

Matt Roberts
Kate Novick
Nancy Say*
Wendy*
Gretta Popek*

Happy **March Birthday** to:

Iven Docenko—3/9
Elaine Rickettson—3/21