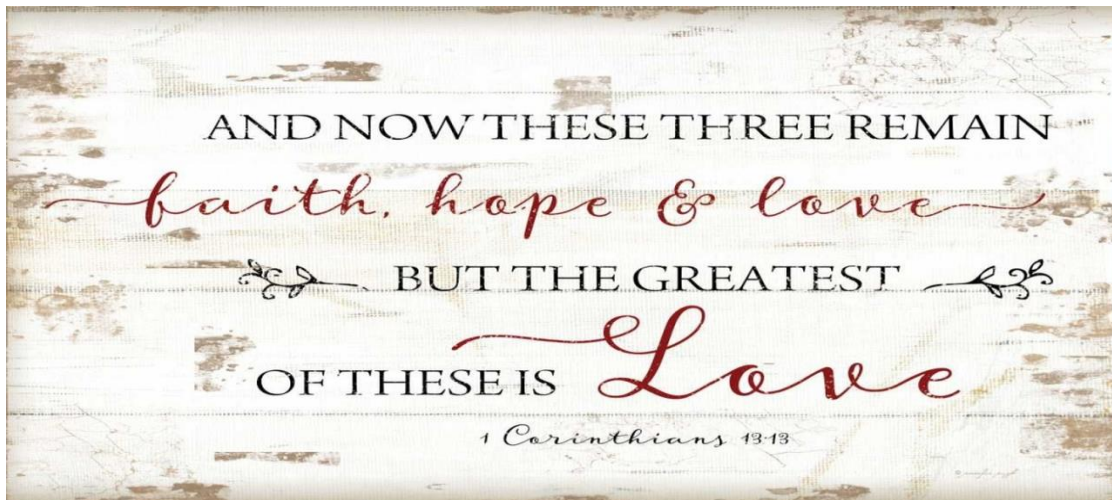


# The Lamplighter – February 2022

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## 1 Corinthians 13

*11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. 13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

### Friends and Family of Oak Grove,

February is the month we think of Valentine's Day and love. Unfortunately, people often confuse love with a singularly emotional response or connection. People say they love inanimate objects such as houses, architecture or cars. Advertisers use a false sense of love to try and cause people to buy candy, cards, stuffed animals, and mugs with hearts. While society attempts to make a dollar off of this false idea of love, there is an alternative.

The Bible says that out of faith, hope, and love, the greatest is love. In 1 Corinthians 13, love is revealed as more than a momentary or emotional action or reaction. Here, love is eternal. It lasts after all other things have passed away. Love is found in efforts, not a singular act, but as a catalyst to other actions. Love suffers long; it is kind; it does not envy; it is not prideful; it is not rude; it is not self-serving; it does not think evil or rejoice in failure. Love is good.

These verses explain that love is a catalyst for good in people. Love causes people to bear more than they thought they could; believe when others around them would scoff; hope when all other hope is lost, and it endures through every type of change imaginable. What an incredible, powerful element love is. God reveals a side of Himself through love, so human beings can know they are essential to God. I hope you see the love of God for you today. I hope you are willing to share God's love with others. Allow love to be the catalyst for Godliness in your life today.

With love,  
Pastor Todd



**Our Christian love & sympathy are extended to:**

- \*Matt & Ashley Helton in the death of Matt's father, Johnny Helton
- \*Ashley & Tyler Kleiboer in the death of Ashley's grandmother, Mildred Claiborne



Thank you for donating Bibles to Gideons International in memory of Steve's mom, Nina Lambert. She loved to study God's Word and would appreciate this gift in her honor.

Much love,  
Steve & Amy Lambert

Thank you for honoring my brother, Steve Lytton, with the contribution to the Gideons. Steve believed in shining His light and in spreading the Gospel.

Love,  
Evie Lytton Vaughn



I hope that you have enjoyed the fantastic study through the book of Ezekiel that we have had over the last two months! We saw God's judgment and love on display throughout the book. Now we get to jump into the book of Daniel and I expect that you are looking forward to it as much as I am. The book of Daniel has so many great stories of God's power. Who can forget Daniel in the Lion's Den or Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being thrown into the furnace and the miracle that followed? This study promises to be a great one and I hope that you will join us at 9:45 on Sunday mornings for Sunday school class.

Blessings,  
Eric



**Youth Events**

The youth were unable to meet this past Wednesday night due to so many cases of COVID. I missed getting to do Bible Study with you all. I will start sending out daily verses that pertain to our Wednesday night study. We have begun studying about knowing God's will for our lives. I am excited about this study and hope the youth will be also. I will also be sending out the menu for the month. Parents, I encourage you to come over and eat with your youth. Thank you to all the parents that help prepare this meal each week. The Wednesday Night meals have turned into a great ministry to the whole church.

**UPCOMING EVENT: BIG GAME PARTY FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

Ramona



Happy Winter Folks! It surely has set in. The holidays are over. Cold temperatures and cloudy skies have set in, but we have much to rejoice about! We have had great worship services. We are excited to see new people joining our church and the many activities we offer. I am particularly thankful for the new choir members that have recently joined.

Our age grouped choirs are back in full swing from their Christmas break. All choirs (adult, children, preschool) are currently working on spring and Easter musicals. If it is safe to do so this year, we plan to have our Adult Choir Easter Cantata and drama. We will need many folks to help if we are able to do the drama portion of our musical. Please prepare to volunteer to help out, whether it be to play a role as a character, or just be a part of the crowd.

Let us continue to be faithful to all aspects of our church, and pray daily for God's will to be done throughout 2022!

In Christian Love,  
Doug

## When Strivings Cease

Replacing the Gospel of Self-Improvement with the Gospel of Life-Transforming Grace



New Women's Bible Study by Ruth Chou Simons beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a six-session study that will be offered on Tuesdays at 9:45 am & 6 pm. Books are \$14. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



### February Shoebox Items

This month we are collecting accessories for girls ages 10-14 years. Items needed: necklaces, bracelets, hair bows, sunglasses, watches & small sewing kits.



We are in the middle of our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Season. Games will continue on Saturdays throughout the month of February. Volunteers are still needed to provide food each week. Breakfast and lunch items are needed.

If you are interested in leading a devotion during halftime, please contact Diane Holcomb.

Upward Awards Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please be in prayer for Upward leaders, coaches, participants and parents as they finish out the season.



### Vacation Bible School 2022

June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

### Ocoee Mission Trip

June 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>



## Faith's Role in Love

In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. “I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more.” That “more,” she explains, involves these paradoxes: “We love with all our heart, even when it's broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don't understand.”

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: “When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart.”

*From the Newsletter February 2022*

# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study  6:00-8:00 Upward	<b>2</b> 5:30 Church Council 6:30 Prayer Meeting  	<b>3</b> 6:00 Baptist Women  6:00-9:00 Upward	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
<b>6</b> 8:00 Deacons' Meeting & Breakfast	<b>7</b> 6:00-8:00 Upward	<b>8</b> 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study  6:00-8:00 Upward	<b>9</b> 6:30 Business Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:00 Baptist Women 6:00-9:00 Upward		<b>12</b> 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
<b>13</b> Youth Grades 7-12 	<b>14</b>  6:00-8:00 Upward	<b>15</b> 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study  6:00-8:00 Upward	<b>16</b> 6:30 Prayer Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:00-9:00 Upward	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i>  6:00-8:00 Upward  6:30 Tech Summit @ Ridgeview	<b>22</b> 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study  6:00-8:00 Upward	<b>23</b> 6:30 Prayer Meeting	<b>24</b> 6:00-9:00 Upward	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship, Jericho Junction, Children's Church, Nursery	<b>Every Wednesday</b> 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choir 6:30 Youth Bible Study, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 7:15 Adult Choir