

First Baptist Church of Aledo



# March Newsletter

## Pastor's Corner

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”*

*~ Colossians 3:23*

I don't know about anybody else, but when I pray I often spend time just praying about the things that are planned for that day. I might pray about things coming up, but the most pressing things on my heart are the things that will happen in the next several hours. Today I had a meeting planned, and I began praying about it, and thinking about how the conversation might go, and for some reason I began to pray about my personal mission and the ministry of FBC. God has revealed, over the last few months, that my personal mission is simply to: Love Christ, and Think Biblically. Those two things are my driving motivation as a pastor. Not only do I want to increasingly do those things, but I want to teach others to do them as well. As I continued to pray about our church, I realized that we do many things which flow from this mission to love Christ, and think Biblically. We might not be a church that is all about missions, but we do mission work because it flows from our desire to love Christ and think Biblically. We have a good benevolence ministry

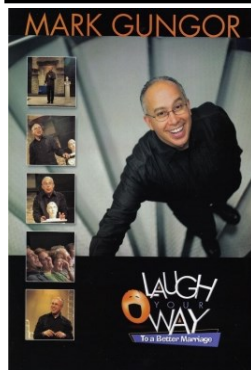
(helping the poor) because it flows from our desire to love Christ and think Biblically. I hope that at the end of the day we will be viewed as a church that is faithful, no matter what ministries and programs we otherwise engage in. So, in the month of March we have some ministries or other opportunities to get involved with. We encourage people to join in if you feel so led, but as you grow in loving Christ and thinking Biblically, I expect that you'll find the Lord is either leading you to get involved, or He's leading you to get involved in some other realm of ministry, learning or service. One opportunity that is coming up is something called Safe Families for Children. We will be talking more about that in the upcoming weeks, but the program is intended to help children find a safe home for short periods of time when their parents find themselves in difficult circumstances due to illness, addiction or incarceration, and stay out of

the foster care system, if possible. It's a way for the church to minister to "orphans" as was always intended, rather than making the "state" responsible. A representative from Safe Families for Children will be at FBC on March 6th to explain more about this. We also are starting a new study during Sunday Night Remix beginning March 13th called "Laugh Your Way To A Better Marriage." We already have over 60 people signed up, and have plenty of room for more. Last of all, yet not least, are our Easter services. We begin with Maundy Thursday on March 24th, followed by the Kid's Club Easter Event on Good Friday, March 25th, and culminating with Easter Services on the 27th with a Sunrise service and a full day of worship. It's always a special time and a big Sunday for families, so we hope you'll not only join us, but invite friends and family to celebrate the hope we share in Christ.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

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## Sunday Night Remix!

Beginning March 13th at 6pm FBC will begin a new DVD series on marriage during "Sunday Night Remix" called "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage." This will be a 6 week session. Sunday Night Remix takes place in the Sanctuary's new addition and includes worship music. If you know a married couple who you think could benefit from this series, feel free to invite them to join us. The class is free and childcare is also available. Call 309-582-7812 to register.



**Collide continues for Jr. High and High school students every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm.**

She bolted out the door crying. One of the leaders told me right after I finished sharing the gospel at the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter party a young teenage girl ran out of the gymnasium, tears streaming down her face. I found her, just outside the double doors. She was weeping; uncontrollably. She was deeply moved by the students' testimonies and the gospel message. I asked her if she wanted to talk about what was going on and causing her to cry, she shook her head "no." I asked the Lord, what can I do to help this girl stop crying? It was then that I hugged her and she squeezed me tight. For a good two minutes I held her, until finally, the crying stopped. Now, for those of you that know me well, I'm not one who stays silent. The Lord was challenging me to show His love to this young teenage girl, not with words, but with a simple embrace. As I held her I asked God to fill her with His peace and His love.

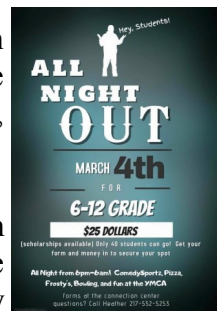
After we came back inside, three young girls came rushing up to me, one of them tapped me on the shoulder, "Heather, how can we receive God into our hearts?" I said, lets go out and talk. We sat down together at the lunch tables and I asked them, why do you want to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life? One of these young girls said, "I don't want to be a sinner anymore." I couldn't help but smile. I said, well then, lets pray! I explained to them, its not a prayer that saves you, but the attitude of your heart before God and your desire to follow Him, no matter what the cost. I told them that following Jesus is hard, but it is so worth it. All three of them wanted Jesus and right there on the lunch tables at the intermediate school, during the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Party, three young girls found salvation in Jesus Christ. My eyes well with tears just thinking about that moment, what a beautiful moment it was and what a GREAT God we serve!

Church, lets rejoice in the greatness of our God to use a 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Party to reach young people. I am forever grateful that God uses us at Collide to reach students for His glory. I am humbled and thankful. Ask God to awaken more students to the truth of the gospel.

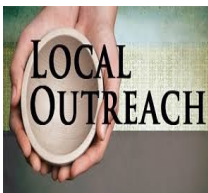
I'd also like to make the church families aware of a Professional on Family Systems, Dr. David Olshine, we're bringing in for a seminar on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm here at the church. A meal will be provided. Please mark your calendars. This could be a transformational afternoon for you and your families. In Christ, Heather Q.

# Upcoming Collide Youth Events!

**ALL NIGHT OUT 2016-** Only a few spots remain! Friday, March 4th- 6pm-6am. Cost is \$25. Registration forms can be found at the connection center. Space is limited to 40 students. Comedy Sports, Pizza, Bowling, YMCA. Financial assistance is available.



**2016 Mission Trip Registration Forms-** Mercer County: Mission Serve - August 4<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found at the Connection Center in the lobby. Stay tuned for more mission trip activity details, but we'll



be in Mercer County, loving on the widows of our church and experience some great worship from 4th Point along with hearing from a professional speaker throughout the week! We'll end with a trip to Adventureland!

**Generation to Generation: Understanding your family systems & Parenting Style Presentation**— Sunday, April 10th from 4-7pm—Presented by Dr. David Olshine. Dr. Olshine is the author of 19 books and a Professor of Youth Ministry, Family and Culture at Columbia International University. Bring the whole family, we will provide dinner for you. Please RSVP to Heather if you plan to attend. Watch and listen for more details.

## 2016 WEEKLY INFORMATION CENTER

Date	Nursery	Kids Club Worship	Greeters
3/6/16	Betty Williams, Paul Hedrick & Susan Potthast	Denise Kelly & Kelly Higgins, Jen Miller & Eli Kelly & Shannon Sedam	Mike & Kathy Sponsler Shay Litwiler
3/13/16	Betty Williams, Ronda & Veronica Moffitt	Sarah Kellett, Beth & Cora Whitenack & Paul Hedrick	Linus & Cathy Griswold Monica Dennison
3/20/16	Betty Williams, Vivian Kopp & Maddie Dunn	Lisa & Shay Litwiler, Tina McCaw & Todd Baldwin	Paul & Kay Hedrick Jeanne Barber
3/27/16	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, & Bryce Moffitt	Brooke, Joe & Kaleb Loving, Denise Bowker, Haley & Josh Johnson	John & Sherry Huffstutler Rodrigo Quiroz
4/3/13	Betty Williams, Paul Hedrick & Susan Potthast	Nadine Coulter, Alison Lafever, Jason & Brady Connell & Brian Rind	Bill & Arlene Bewley Janet Rind

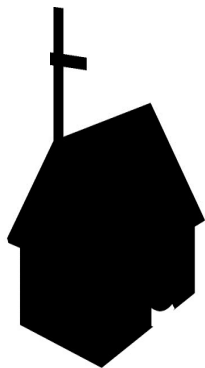
If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021.** Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the Fellowship Hall by **9:45am** so you can help & prep. \*Please continue to let me know if you are switching with somebody. I have it set up so there are two adults plus myself helping at a time. Please do not switch with a couple if you are an individual. Thank you so much for your service! ~Mollie. If you need to contact Mollie about Kids Club Worship call -309-371-6962.

**Finance Board Member of the Month for March — Jeanne Barber**  
**Trustee of the Month for March—Todd Coulter**

## Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	1/31/16	2/7/16	2/14/16	2/21/16
8 AM	62	76	58	68
10 AM	269	262	200	228
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>296</b>



Date	1/31/16	2/7/16	2/14/16	2/21/16
<b>Current Expense</b>	<b>\$6,893.92</b>	<b>\$10,445.15</b>	<b>\$5,752.98</b>	<b>\$9894.45</b>
<b>Building Fund/Mem.</b>	<b>\$335.00</b>	<b>\$153.00</b>	-- --	<b>\$1010.00</b>
<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>\$459.00</b>	<b>\$602.00</b>	<b>\$1,617.00</b>	<b>\$462.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,687.92</b>	<b>\$11,200.15</b>	<b>\$7,369.98</b>	<b>\$11,366.45</b>

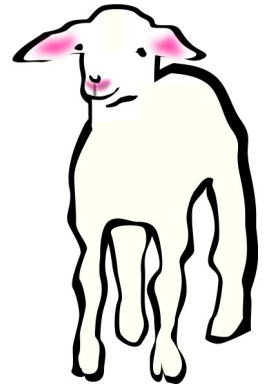
## March News—Kids Club Ministry



**“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”**

Wow! Kids Club has flown by really fast this session but we have a lot of great things coming up after Wednesday Night Live is over. A six-week class for couples will be offered during Sunday Night Remix called **“Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage.”** This is a great video series that will be on Sundays @ 6pm starting on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We’ll be offering **Kids Club Remix** for infants-6<sup>th</sup> graders while parents are in class. Children 2 & under can be dropped off in the nursery upstairs and all other kiddos need to be checked in by a parent downstairs at the Fellowship Hall door. \*Please no electronic devises during this time.

Our **Kids Easter Event** is right around the corner on **Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon** for kids ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids will enjoy a snack, play relays, have an egg hunt, make a craft, & learn about the real meaning of Easter. We’re also offering a **“Lil Egg Event”** for 1 & 2 years in the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:25am. Registration begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> by calling the church office @ 582-7812.



This year’s Easter event theme is Jesus, Lamb of God. Kids will learn that God’s plan for Jesus wasn’t a last minute plan. God created us to have relationship with him, BUT sin got in the way. Sin cannot stand in the presence of God just like shadows cannot stand in the presence of sunlight. God loved us too much to let us be lost forever, though. So he made a plan to rescue us from the very beginning and would eventually send his son to take our place on the cross. But before he sent his son, something had to cover the sins of his people so they could be with him. Sin must be punished either in person or by a substitute. When an animal was sacrificed, that blood covered the sins of his people so they could be in the presence of God. The blood covered their sins. There is great symbolism that Jesus died during the Passover because he would become the **Lamb of God.** Those who put their trust in God, would no longer need to have their sins covered by the blood of animals, once they gave their lives to Christ. God offered this free gift not just to his people, but to all of us. Will you help us? Please pray that we plant seeds during our Kids Easter Event this year. We also need bags of individually wrapped candy (no candy with nuts, please) and plastic eggs. A basket will be placed at Kids Corner for donations until Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! Sincerely, Mollie Dunn, C.M. Cell: (309)371-6962

### Upcoming Events

**Palm Sunday (March 20<sup>th</sup>):** Kids Club, Sunday School, & Kids Worship Kids will be bringing in the Palms and singing a couple songs. Please have them dropped off in the Fellowship Hall area by 10:05. Sunday School students will be delivered to us so you won’t need to pick them up on this Sunday.



**Vacation Bible School:** Save-the-date for VBS during the week of June 20-24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon for kids ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates.

### Kids Club Remix

We’re super excited that you have signed-up for **“Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage”** during Sunday Night Remix. This six week video series will start on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. While you are laughing upstairs, your kids are invited to join us downstairs for some fun at **Kids Club Remix** (infants-6<sup>th</sup> graders). Children ages 2 & under may be dropped off in the church nursery and all other kiddos need to be checked in by a parent downstairs at the Fellowship Hall door. Kids will play, watch a video lesson, have a snack, and play some more. \*Please no electronic devises during this time. Thanks & please let me know if you have any questions!



## Women's Ministry

**Women's Ministry Think Tank** Saturday, March 5th at 9am in the Enon Room. All ladies are invited to attend.

**Secret Sister Program begins again** - March 6th & 13th Secret Sister signup at Women's Ministry Table, March 20th Secret Sister launch in Fellowship Hall after each worship service, Cindy Maynard will have the basket to draw your secret sister's name. See all the Secret Sister details on page 9 of the newsletter.

**Ladies Meet & Mingle**— Beth Whitenack will host at her home on Friday March 18th at 6:30pm. Ladies are encouraged to bring a snack to share.

**Hearts at Home Information** - See Page 8 of the newsletter for all the Hearts at Home Conference details.

**Single Ladies Movie Day**— Saturday, March 19th in the Enon Room at 2pm in the Enon Room. Please bring a snack.

**JOY Circle**—All ladies are invited to JOY Circle (Jesus, Others, Yourself)—Tuesday, March 22nd at 7pm in the Enon room.

*On behalf of Angels' Cove, I would like to thank you for your donations! Angels' Cove relies on the generosity of donors such as yourself and is grateful for your support. Thank you once again! Angels' Cove*



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank the church for giving us a gift card for being married the longest at the Valentine's day service. We appreciate this kind gift and will enjoy using the gift card. Sincerely, Ed & Gerry Kelly

## Israel 2017

Pastor Luke is taking a group to Israel a little over a year from now, March 20th-29th, 2017. If you have interest in learning more about this trip, call the church office at 309-582-7812. Trip brochures can also be found in the lobby. You can save \$100 per trip if you register before March 20th, 2016.



## What's Coming Up!



**Deacon Meeting**— Tuesday, March 1st at 7pm.

**Special Business Meeting** –Sunday, March 6th following the 10:15am service. We'll be discussing the possibility of purchasing a church van.

**Trustee meeting**— Sunday, March 13th following the 10:15am service.

**Winter/Spring Session of Wednesday Night Live**—Classes continue through March 16th. Each Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm.

## Safe Families for Children Presentation



We will have a brief presentation about Safe Families by Jessica Trowbridge prior to the sermon on Sunday, March 6th. Safe Families volunteers include singles, married couples, empty nesters all who simply decided to make room in their hearts and homes for children in need.

This is not foster care, volunteers can have a powerful impact in the lives of others while being transformed themselves by practicing biblical hospitality and extending the love of Christ to people in need.

Questions, call the church office at 582-7812 or Emily Baldwin our lead volunteer coordinator at 309-582-6953. Emily and Todd have been participating in the Safe Families program for about 3 years and have hosted several children.



## FBC College Scholarship Program

Each year the First Baptist Church awards scholarships to qualifying members of FBC who are attending college. If you would like to designate a donation towards the scholarship fund, just mark "FBC Scholarship" in the memo of your check.

For those interested in applying for the FBC Scholarship watch for application details in the May/June Newsletter and bulletin.

**Church Calendar will be on this page**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jason Snyder	March 1
Molly Dixon	
Luke Zunkel	March 2
Renee Diesch	
Joshua Norwick	March 3
Amy Boswell	
Caleb Miller	March 4
Betty Williams	March 5
Gary Dellitt	March 6
Pam Ricke	March 7
Justin Ewing	March 8
Robby Young	
John P. Kelly	March 10
Katie Hoerner	March 11
Gayle Reid	March 12
Bill McKinley	March 13
Bill Smock	
Emily Hessman	March 14
Lance McCaw	March 16
Ed Kelly	March 17
Lynn Finch	
Cody Ruggles	March 19
Johna Dellitt	March 20
Susan Potthast	March 21
Chris Schultz	
	March 22
Clint Huffstutler	March 23
Marion Hay	
Andrea Mercier	March 24
Heather Quiroz	
Walt Finch	March 26
Anita Parkinson	
Nadine Coulter	
Paige Garner	
Drue Baugher	March 29
Ron Rhine	March 30

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Mick & Laurie Louck

Ed & Gerry Kelly

Steve & Peggy Johnson

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### **New Sunday School Class Beginning Sunday, April 3rd at 9am**

Taught by Pastor Seth—Held in the lower lever in Collide Room “F”

Class: Make This Your Church Orientation

For all those interested in learning about the basics of the church, statement of faith, what we believe, and what it means to be a member. Please call the office to sign up for this class.

# He is Risen!

## Easter is Sunday, March 27th!

### Join us for these Easter Services



**Maundy Thursday Service**—Thursday, March 24th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Maundy Thursday is a service to remember the last supper. —Nursery provided for 0-2 years old.

**Kids Easter Event**—Good Friday, March 25th from 9am-noon for kids ages 3 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids will enjoy a snack, play relays, have an egg hunt, make a craft, & learn about the real meaning of Easter. We're also offering a "Lil Egg Event" for 1 & 2 years in the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:25am. Registration begins on March 1st, call the church office @ 582-7812.

**Easter Sunrise Service** will be March 27th at 6:30am. The sunrise service will be followed by a free breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office at 582-7812 if you plan to attend the breakfast.

**Easter Services**—Invite your friends and family to our **Easter Services**—8am Traditional Easter Service, 9am Sunday School & 10:15am Contemporary Easter Service.

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## Hearts at Home Women's Conference in Peoria April 21st-23rd

FBC will once again be taking a group of women to this conference. Information about Hearts at Home can be found on the Women's Ministry table. **Registration deadline is March 13<sup>th</sup>.** If you have questions, call Sarah Brown at 309-341-6951. The Hearts at Home Conference is April 21st-23rd in Peoria, IL. Cost is what you can afford up to \$100. Return your registration form/fee to the church office or to Sarah Brown.



## Men's Momentum at Life Action Camp Buchanan, MI—April 29th — May 1st

Pastor Seth will once again be taking a group of FBC men to the Men's Momentum Retreat. Cost is \$100. Cost includes meals while at the conference. Departure time will be on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday, May 1st in the early evening. If you have questions, see Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth. Call the church office at 582-7812 to register.



**What is Momentum?** Men do not thrive on bread alone (although the food is great at a Momentum retreat!) Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's times together. Guests are challenged in their Christian walk, prompting many to make life-changing decisions. We encourage men to lead their families—and ultimately our nation—with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker. *Note: This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.*



## A Note from Pastor Seth

### **Commitment = Promised devotion, promised resources or to entrust something to somebody.**

As a thirteen year old young man, I began to hate the world around me and the commitments I saw breaking before my eyes. I started to see my Church fall apart and struggle. The Christian school was closed down because of lack of participation. The church and school *building* were eventually sold off. My Uncle purchased the church building and he quickly moved in to convert it to a home. He was prepping it for his wife to make the move and enlisted me to help remodel. He did not know that this was more than a building to me but a place of my salvation and where I learned to read and write. The first day of work my Uncle handed me a hammer and told me to tear out the altar. I know that as I stood there about to start ripping down the very altar of my salvation, I began to grow bitter and angry because of all the broken commitments promised to me. I know that with every nail I ripped out of this altar a nail of bitterness and anger toward church was seated within my heart. I promised myself to never join a Church again or be a part of the false commitments.



I stayed in that bitterness and anger and was finally released by Christ ten years later when I was asked to give a talk on the “Body of Christ.” I realized that Christ is calling us into a relationship with Him and with each other. He established the Church and set it up before the world began. An analogy that made me understand my position was that of a body. If a finger gets cut off from the body then what part dies? The part of the body that dies is obvious it’s the part that was cut off. I was not attached to a Church and I was the part that was decaying. People that have been hurt by promised devotion or those who abandoned us when they promised support and giving of resources are people on the edge of commitment to Christ. Broken commitment around us from relationships, work, friends, parents and even our very own commitments leave us broken and distant. One of the biggest hurts we can bear is when we entrusted some aspect of our Christian walk to leadership or somebody in authority in church only to be harmed. All of this leaves us skeptical and leery of joining a church again. Let me re-assure you of something – You’re right, you will be hurt again because we are men and women. But Christ is the only one who has made a promise that will not be broken. He said that we would join together in faith, love and unity of the Spirit. I realized that joining a Church was me joining in a commitment to my Lord with likeminded people. Christ calls the Church His bride. Joining a church came down to a choice to stop dating our Lord and finally be committed to His proposal to me. He will never leave me or forsake me. He is faithful and trustworthy. So I want to encourage you to come to a point within your walk that you’re ready to commit yourself to Christ and His Church.

Join us at First Baptist Church where we are a broken people seeking and serving the only true and faithful Lord Jesus Christ. As we lift Christ who is the head of this body up, He will draw people to Himself. Let us get off the sideline and in the game by joining the church and committing to Christ’s husbandry and each other once again. To assist you with this process, I will be starting a new 4 part Sunday School class beginning April 1st. Class #1 is titled “Make this your church.” Watch and listen for sign up details, or see me with any questions you may have. ~ Seth Bowker

## **SECRET SISTER TIME AGAIN!**

Kick-Off of the **SECRET SISTER** program is coming soon! SIGNUP FOR THE PROGRAM WILL BE **MARCH 6th & MARCH 13th AT THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONNECTION TABLE**. THE PROGRAM WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN **MARCH 20TH**, WITH THE REVEAL BEING **OCTOBER 30TH**. THE PROGRAM IS FOR FEMALES AGE 7 & OLDER. (Please note: Anyone under 18 years old will need to have the permission of her mother to participate, and it will be the responsibility of her mother to verify the daughter is following through.)

AT SIGNUP YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE SOME PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PREFERENCES. THIS WILL GIVE THE SISTER WHO DRAWS YOUR NAME INFORMATION ON HOW TO BLESS YOU, TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND WHAT REQUESTS YOU HAVE FOR PRAYER. THE SIGNUP SHEET WILL ALSO ASK IF YOU ARE WILLING TO POTENTIALLY BE THE SECRET SISTER OF A YOUNG GIRL.

ON MARCH 20TH, AFTER BOTH SERVICES, I WILL BE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH A BASKET OF THE SIGNUPS. YOU WILL NEED TO PULL A NAME FROM THE BASKET. **THIS WILL BE YOUR SECRET SISTER FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM!! YOU WILL NEED TO KEEP HER NAME AND INFORMATION CLOSE AT HAND AND IN YOUR HEART AS NO ONE ELSE WILL HAVE THIS INFORMATION.**

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME COUNSEL IN REGARD TO THIS PROGRAM:

- 1.) PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, SIGN UP ONLY IF YOU ARE GOING TO **SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE END**. LADIES WHO SIGN UP ARE DESIRING AND EXPECTING TO BE ENCOURAGED AND PRAYED FOR. **IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO COMMIT TO THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING.**
- 2.) PLEASE **MAKE CONTACT** WITH YOUR SECRET SISTER **AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH**. IT WOULD BE AWESOME IF YOU COULD SEND A CARD OR NOTE AS OFTEN AS EVERY 2 WEEKS. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MAILBOX AT CHURCH, PLACE CARDS/GIFTS/ENCOURAGEMENT IN HER MAILBOX. THERE WILL BE NOTECARDS LEFT ON THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY TABLE FOR USE TO WRITE NOTES/OFFER PRAYER. PLEASE USE THEM. 3.) IF FOR SOME REASON YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL THIS RESPONSIBILITY YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR, PLEASE CONTACT CINDY MAYNARD AT ANY TIME. PLEASE DON'T JUST STOP.
- 4.) WHILE IT IS CERTAINLY PERMISSIBLE TO GIVE YOUR SISTER GIFTS, IT IS NOT REQUIRED. KIND WORDS IN A THOUGHTFUL NOTE, HOME-MADE CRAFTS, HOME-GROWN ITEMS ARE WAYS TO BLESS HER WITHOUT GREAT EXPENSE AND SHOW MUCH THOUGHT AND INTENTION. LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR BLESSING ONE ANOTHER! CINDY MAYNARD

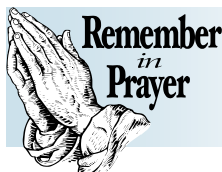
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#### **HEALTH & WELL BEING**

Kent Hessman, Jake Hedrick, Joe, Amanda & Abrial Norwick, Marilyn Heine, Bob Sell, George Sawin, Dave Olson, Dave Hessman, Family of Aileen Andress, Bill McNamara, Melody Clementz, Ryan Struble, Sadie Svoboda, Colette Hawkins, Gerald Mitchell, Mary Kistler, Lauryn Russell, Jim & Marjie Earl, Riley Thomas, Barry Lafever, Kim Witt, Willow Yager, Penny Tapia, Ronald Taylor, Chad Peterson, Carol Smock, Connie Freeman, Alec Bowen, Jo Kernan, Rick Lantau, Matt & Lisa Hammill & family, Kim Goddell, Kayshia Rowe & baby Gracelynn, Paul Wonders, Doris Dewey, Ed Nesbitt, Carol Schaefer, Ellen Hedger, Jack Ruska, Jaid, Julie Doub & Family, Vickie Korn, Roger & Janet Mueller, Amber Smock, Jennifer Franks, Shelly Upson, Carolyn Hanson, & Tim Snyder

#### **NURSING HOME**

Ron Rhine and Kathryn Baugher

#### **MISSIONARIES & MILITARY**

Alex & Jess Etheridge, Danika Higgins & Rigoberto Cruz  
Spencer Zielke, Austin Weir, Tyler Mattson, Matt VanderHeyden, Caleb VanderHeyden, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Christopher Schultz & Terry Schaefer

#### **OTHER CONCERNS**

The church & all decisions