
I Love You!



January
2010

Wow, what an impact from a 5 minute children's message! The comments just keep coming. Let me review the message for those who were not with us on December 20. I read from John 3:16: **God so loved the world that he gave his only Son** and followed that with a reading from 1 John 4. Verses 11 & 12 state: **Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.**

In the message I quickly pointed out God's amazing love for us which he has revealed through his Son Jesus. Then I reemphasized the point that no one has ever seen God, but if we love one another God lives in us and his love is shown and made complete.

So in short, truly we have never seen God but we know of his love by his constant love-offering statements in Holy Scriptures and through the love shown to us by others.

I asked the children, 'do you say I love to your mom, dad, brothers or sisters and grandparents?' I also asked if their parents and grandparents had told them that they loved them. Sounds simple doesn't it? Three simple words: I-Love-You.As



I looked across the congregation that morning I knew there were adults in our midst who had never heard those words from their parents and rarely from their spouses. Not hearing these words is certainly sad and we should realize that

not hearing these three simple words could possibly cause 'issues' later. We, the church body, if we know of these cases we need to fill that void as much as we can. It will not be the same but it will possibly mend the brokenness and lead the person toward healing.

I believe there is something mystical that happens when a parent tells their children or a spouse tells the other repeatedly, 'I love you.' There is warmth, a caring and nurturing spirit relayed to the person who hears these words. These words substantiate them as a person and communicates to them that they are worth loving. Hearing the words adds value to them and to the relationship you share. Is it so hard to say?

Some will respond by saying that they show love but never say the words and everybody just knows. I am thankful that love is shown because that is important as well. However, I must ask, why not go ahead and say what you feel? Others will say that that kind of thing was just not done in our generation. Wow, what a sad generation that cannot openly express their heart-felt emotions. These may be true sentiments but are they now serving as easy cop outs?

There is probably not a greater investment that can be made that yields such a great return. I pray that excuses are done away with and our true hearts can be revealed.

I am writing this article on Tuesday morning following the December 20th message in response to the many comments. I have been approached numerous times since Sunday with comments from those who were thankful that they heard the words often and from others who were saddened that they had never heard those words from their parents or grandparents.

Begin now!

Guys, tell your wives right now that

you love them and commit to doing the same each day. Wives – same encouragement. Parents, men and women, please tell your children that you love them. I know there are those reading this that are into your 'glory' years and your children are probably 35+ years of age. Please tell them. And after you tell them, ask them if they have told their children that they love them. Remember, we grandparents are supposed to teach our children and our children's children (Deut 4).

I am not sure why this short children's message gained such traction with those of you who were there that day. It may be that these spoken words of endearment are needed so badly. I love you!

In His Service,
Pastor Tim

... and you were buried with him
in baptism, in which you were also
raised with him through faith ...
Colossians 2:12



New Sterling celebrated the baptism of
Jacob Matthew Lackey, infant son of Chad
and Brandy Lackey, on 12/13/09.

We express our sincere sympathy to Marilyn
Teague in the passing of her brother, Jerry Freeze.
Mr. Freeze is also the cousin of Jimmy Winters.

News From the Women's Ministries



January is fast approaching and time for Women's Circles and Bible Studies to begin. It seems like forever since we last met.

Most of our circles this year are being SLIGHTLY BAD GIRLS or REALLY BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE. If you were unable to attend the Salad Supper and have not signed up for a circle, there is still time. Just pick a circle of your choice and be at the January meeting. Books and information will be available there.

The January meetings are usually a "kick off" meeting where we take care of business and get information needed for the Women's yearbook, set up hostesses and facilitators for the studies each month and most importantly—select your circle chairmen for the year. Pray during the next couple of weeks for the selection of your circle chairmen.

Your choice for Circles are:

Golden Christian which meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 9:30 am

Treasure Keepers which meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The study this year is

Really Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs

Mary Martha Sunset meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The study this year is

Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs

Mary Martha Sunrise meets on the 3rd Wednesday morning each month a 9:30 am. The study this year is

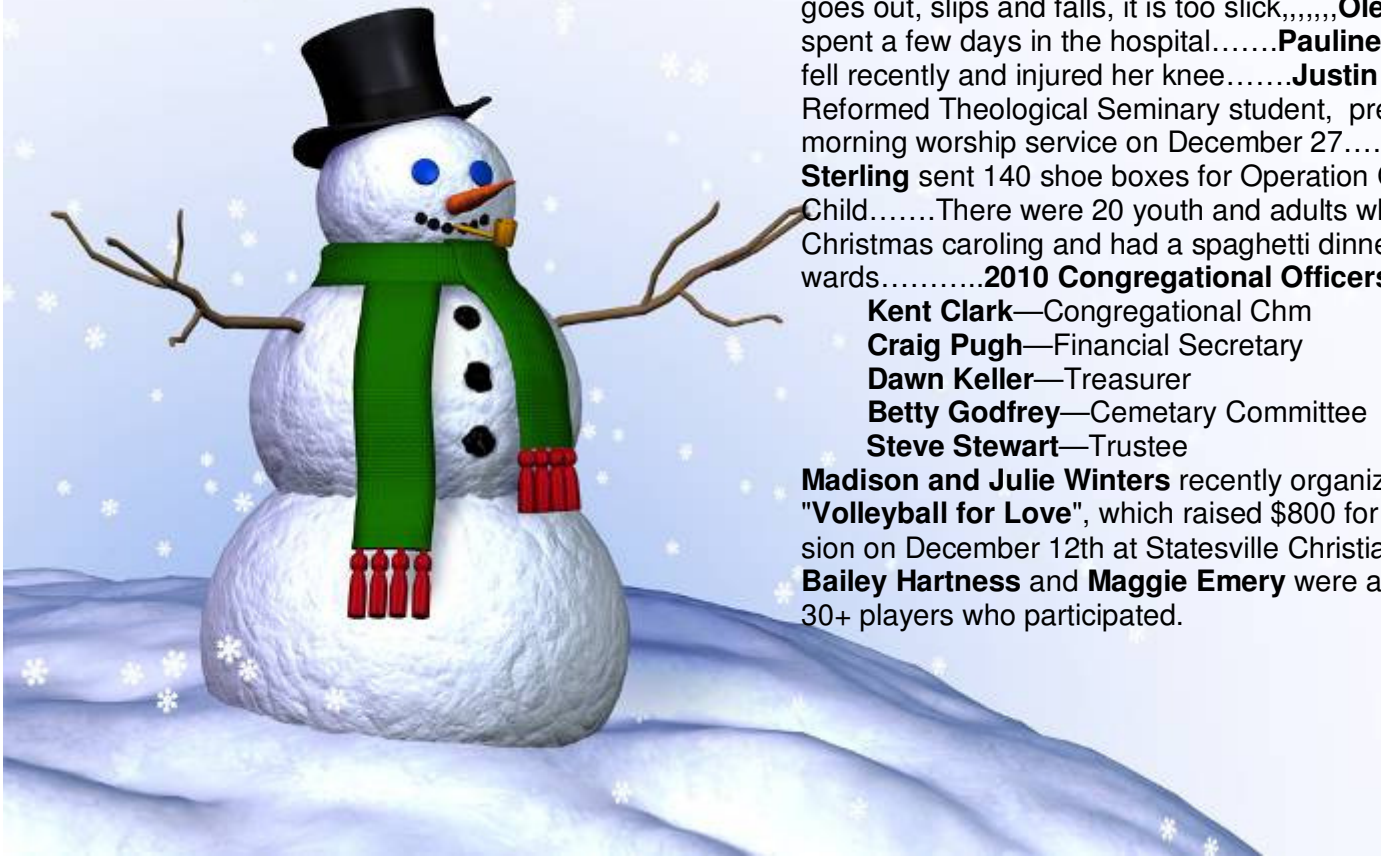
Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs

Please join us for fun, fellowship, food and lots of Bible Study. If you have any questions, please call Judy Watson or Delinda Mauney.

Psalm 45:11, "The king is enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord."



HAVE YOU HEARD???????



Josh Campbell is home from Afganistan.....How do you tell if the church parking lot is too slick for Sunday Morning services? Call **Pastor Tim** and if he goes out, slips and falls, it is too slick,,,,,,**Olean Deal** spent a few days in the hospital.....**Pauline Charles** fell recently and injured her knee.....**Justin Roper**, a Reformed Theological Seminary student, presented the morning worship service on December 27.....**New Sterling** sent 140 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.....There were 20 youth and adults who went Christmas caroling and had a spaghetti dinner afterwards.....**2010 Congregational Officers are:**

Kent Clark—Congregational Chm
Craig Pugh—Financial Secretary
Dawn Keller—Treasurer
Betty Godfrey—Cemetary Committee
Steve Stewart—Trustee

Madison and Julie Winters recently organized "Volleyball for Love", which raised \$800 for World Vision on December 12th at Statesville Christian School. **Bailey Hartness** and **Maggie Emery** were among the 30+ players who participated.

A Handy Tip

PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT



Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar or intruder won't stick around....after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a crime. It would be useful in an emergency, in case you could not reach the phone. You could possibly carry your keys with you outside and if a fall, etc should occur, you can activate the car alarm and someone could come help.

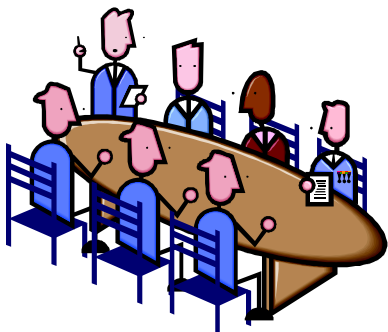
Taken from Statesville Record and Landmark

New Sterling Committee Volunteer

Please contact the committee chair for the committee or

Committees you wish to serve

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to **His** purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined **to be** conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.” Romans 8:28-30*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (E)

Chair—Doug Gryder/Leann Hartiness

HOPE AND CARE MINISTRY COMMITTEE (D)

Chair—Jeanette Hauck/David Sides

EVANGELISM/MEMBERSHIP (E)

Chair—Craig Pugh/Julie Winters

WOMEN'S MINISTRY COUNCIL

Chair—Delinda Mauney/Judy Watson

MISSIONS (E)

Chair—David Brady/Todd Winters

PERSONNEL (E)

Chair—Kent Clarke/Tra Watson

WORSHIP (E)

Chair—Harvey Reese/Bobby Lail

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE (D)

Chair—Adrian Jarrett/Tim Hager

KITCHEN (D)

Chair—Andy Gray/Bud Nash

PROPERTIES AND MAINTENANCE (D)

Chair—Jeremy Brady/Jimmy Winters

YOUTH COUNCIL (E)

Chair—Pastor Tim/Clay Price/Ed Donohoe

RESOURCE (D)

Chair—Mike Pope/Ken Hauck

LONG RANGE PLANNING (D)

Chair—Jimmy Gray/Frank Emery



Coming Events



January 1		New Year's Day
January 3		Celebration of the Lord's Supper
January 4	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
January 9	9:00 am	Women's Council
	6:00 pm	Adult Choir Christmas Dinner
January 10	5:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Joint Session/Deacon Committee
January 11	10:30 am	Sterling Silvers
	7:00 pm	Evangelism/Membership Committee Meeting
January 12	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—Missy Withers, Hostess Meal—Missy Withers and Michelle Hairyes
January 16	6:00 pm	Friendship Class Christmas Dinner
January 17	4:00 pm	Mandatory meeting of the Belize Mission Team
	5:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
January 18	7:00 pm	Men's Discipleship Meeting
	7:00 pm	Knit Wits at Delinda Mauney's
January 19	7:00 pm	Mary/Martha Sunset
January 20	9:30 am	Mary/Martha Sunrise
January 24	7:00 pm	Session Study Group Newsletter Items Due
January 24	7:00 pm	Property and Maintenance Committee
January 31	5:00 pm	Youth Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	5th Sunday Night Sing Rada Knife orders due



New Sterling visits the Dove House



Love and Prayers
New Sterling ARP
Knit Wits

Stone given to Dove House from the Knit Wits.



Sterling Silvers

Sterling Silvers will not meet during the month of January 2010. The next meeting is scheduled for 8 Feb 2010. In my absence please contact Betty Godfrey for any information about Feb and Mar 2010 meetings. The December 2009 Christmas proved to be a fitting climax of our yearly meetings. A fine luncheon and an interesting game of BINGO supervised by our able elf Jim Synder was used to distribute the many gifts. Thanks everyone for a good year.

SARGE Director



*“Therefore is **there** is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, **being** of one accord, of one mind. **Let** nothing **be done** through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interests of others.”*

Philippians 2:1-4

Birthdays



- 4 Garrett Deal
- 8 Lori Compton
- 9 Doug Gryder
- 13 Stacey Mrazek
- 16 Gary McNeely
- 18 Harold Moose
- 18 Sarah Watts
- 19 Madison Winters
- 22 Bobby Lail
- 24 Johnsie Jenkins
- 26 Clifton Mauney
- 28 Todd Fulbright
- 29 Harold Sherrill
- 31 Bradley Fulbright
- 31 Tim Donnelly



Kids are quick!!


TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?
GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.
WINNIE: Me!

Let's Keep in Touch!!



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