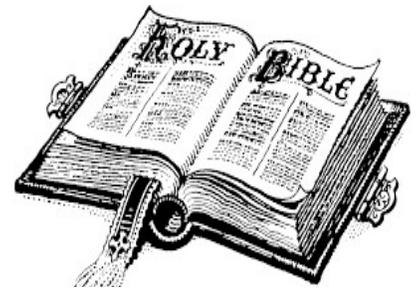




Caraleigh Baptist Church  
February Newsletter  
Established June 2, 1904



Desk of Pastor Michael Simmons

Pastor's Paragraphs

We have arrived at the shortest month of the year, February. It is the month when we celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and the beginning of Lent on the 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our love for that special someone in our lives, along with our love for our family and friends. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, we begin our walk with Jesus to the cross and celebrate God's wonderful love for us. As part of our celebration of Valentine's Day, our Social Committee has planned a special lunch for us after Bible Study on February 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you will be able to come and enjoy both the fellowship and the meal. There is a signup sheet in the vestibule for you to use so that the Committee will know how much food to have ready for us.

The weather has been unusually cold for the last few weeks. We were not able to meet for Sunday Worship on the last Sunday of January because of ice, nor on the first Sunday of this month because of snow. I really miss not being able to meet together. However, I have decided that the Lord may be telling us to slow down and rest. In Psalm 46:10, the LORD says, "Be still and know that I am God." While we are snowed in, let's be still and spend some time with God. Let's thank him for his presence with us, for the food he gives us, the electricity that warms our homes, the first responders who protect us, and the D.O.T. workers who make our highways drivable. We have much for which to be thankful. As we spend time indoors because of cold and snowy weather, let's take time to count our blessings. We cannot control the weather, but we know the One who can, the One who created all things, who walked on water, and even calmed a stormy sea. Maybe this is a time for us just to be still and reflect on the goodness of God.

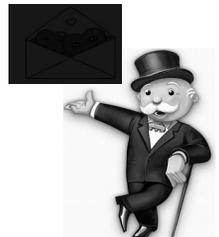
Hopefully, we will be able to meet together again for worship on February 8<sup>th</sup>. I am thankful that we have been able to meet together on each Thursday for Bible Study. God is good all of the time. Yes, all of the time, God is good.

Sandra and I hope that February will be a blessed month for all of us. God bless you. We look forward to our next Bible Study on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Until then, know that you are in our prayers.

Pastor Michael

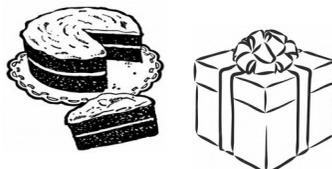
Looking Ahead

- Worship Service 11:00am
- Thursday - Bible Study 11:00am
- February 12 Valentine's Day Luncheon after bible study
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- Sunday School 9:45 am
- February 18 Beginning of Lent



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-----------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Craig Collins   | Feb. 01 |                      |         |
| Frances Collins | 03      |                      |         |
| Bruce Hodge     | 12      |                      |         |
| Rosa Gilligan   | 09      | Clyde & Linda Hutton | Feb. 14 |
| Frank Farlow    | 15      |                      |         |
| Cheryl Adams    | 22      |                      |         |
| Ciera Collins   | 29      |                      |         |



## Remember Pray for Our Shut - Ins

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|----------------|---|--|
| Rachel Council | The Landing of Chestnut Grove,<br>158 Chestnut Grove Church Rd. | Phone# 919-247-0873<br>Sparta NC 28675     |
| Edith Crumpler | 54 Summit Ave.  | Raleigh NC 27603                           |
| Sue Denning    | Smithfield Manor Rm. 421<br>902 Berkshire Rd.                   | Phone# 919-616-9000<br>Smithfield NC 27577 |
| Clyde Hutton   | Raleigh Rehabilitation Center Rm. 426<br>116 Wade Ave.          | Raleigh NC 27605                           |
| Johnny Hutton  | Lawndale Manor Assisted Living Rm. 201<br>601 Lakeside Dr.      | Garner NC 27529                            |
| Linda Hutton   | Wedgwood Homes Apt. 15<br>740 Smallwood Dr.                     | Raleigh NC 27605                           |



## Prayer Concerns

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|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Pastor & Deacons     | Church Family | Caraleigh Comm | United States |
| "Leaders of the USA" | World Leaders | World Hunger   | Missionaries  |
| Barry McNamara       | Angela Melton | Sue Denning    | Clyde Hutton  |
| Connie Crumpler      | Windy Tedder  | Mike Coats     | Sue Price     |
| Linda & Glenn Suggs  | Seth Tedder   | Jean Myers     | Barry West    |
| Carolyn Murphy       | Mike Poole    | Cindy Poole    | George Agnew  |
| Donna Slohn          | Dat Marshall  | Sue Thompson   |               |



## Music Notes: Desk of Margie Huggins

Today is February 06. It seems like an eternity since we did the last newsletter. It is good to be back in the grove again. Since we have not been at church much, there is not much news to tell you. We were blessed with wonderful Christmas messages and music. Now, it is time to get ready for Easter Music. I have been working on it some and will let you know more later. Have a blessed February and Valentines Day.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!! GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!!!!**

## Inspiration & Humor: Desk of Teresa Moore

"Learn to commit every situation to God, and trust Him for the outcome. God's love for you never changes, no matter what problems you face or how unsettled life becomes." ~ Billy Graham

"Love pays attention. Love listens to the fears and the doubts of others and treats them with respect. Love accepts others the way Jesus accepts you." ~ Rick Warren

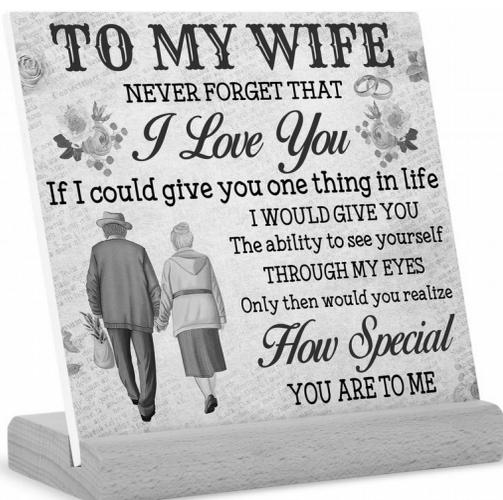
"Love is worthless unless it acts out, unless it's expressed in deed and behavior." ~ David Jeremiah

"The first purpose of your life is to be loved by God! Yes, it is important to serve him, obey, and trust him, but your first purpose is to love him." ~ Rick Warren



I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life. Rita Rudner

A guy knows he's in love when he loses interest in his car for a couple of days. Tim Allen



## Missions Report: Desk of Connie Crumpler

**UPDATE** Samaritan's Purse has announced that 12,205,900 shoeboxes were collected in 2025! That goes a long way towards reaching the world for Christ. And YOU had a part in that outreach!

We collected \$710 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (that supports our foreign Missionaries). This is a little short of our goal of \$900, but still a good showing for our church.

Thank you, Caraleigh Baptist Church, for having a heart for missions!

### **The Spring Senior Adult Rally will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026!**

There will be information and a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon! The theme is "Serving on Mission Together."

The rally will be held at Hayes Barton Baptist Church. Registration is at 9:30am and the program begins at 10am, ending after lunch. The cost has increased to **\$20 per person**.

The menu consists of Pork Loin with Gravy, Rice, Baked Apples, Green Peas, Corn Muffins, and Desserts. There will be musical worship and a devotional by the Hayes Barton musical team and Dr. David Hailey. The mission focus will be given by Rev David Melber, CEO of Baptist Children's Homes of NC.

The musical entertainment will be provided by The Social Security Boys, a Southern Gospel Quartet,

**I will need your money by Sunday, March 1. If you plan to attend the Rally.**

Invite a friend and plan to attend the Spring Senior Adult Rally! You'll be glad you did!

### **REMEMBER TO**

**GIVE** to missions (church offerings and organizations). Give sacrificially of your money, time, and talents!

**THANK** God for your blessings.

**PRAY** for someone (and don't forget the missionaries!)

**LOVE** The Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul, and your neighbor as yourself. Especially love those you encounter who are not so lovable! Be the Lord's missionary every day of your life!

