

Hands & Feet

The monthly newsletter of Salisbury First Baptist Church



Love like no other.

With the month of February being the month of love, I thought it would be fair for us to look at love as well. Sure, I could go down the trail and talk about romantic love, the love of passion and abandonment, but instead I wanted to focus on love like our Father loves us. Let's leave all of that mushy gushy stuff aside for now and let you husbands take care of that this time and instead open our bibles up to see what God tells us about his love.

In Luke 15, during a string of parables told by Jesus, we find this great picture of what it means to be loved by God in a way that we can fully understand.

The text kicks off with a son who is displeased and wants out. He wants to forge his own path and his dad gives him the inheritance that would have been his once the father passed away. Well, true to young men, he goes and blows it on whatever young men of the age blew it on. (I will leave that to your own imagination.) He lived lavishly.

The problem is that this young man has no where to turn but to the lowest job in the world, feeding the pigs. Not only did he feed the pigs, but he had to eat what they ate. It definitely was not ideal.

Coming Up

January 30th
"Jesus Continued"
Small Groups Begin
See list of opportunities in
this edition.

January 30th
Brooks Francis
Baby Dedication

January 30th
Quarterly business Meeting
at 7pm

Club 2:52
For Kids every Wednesday
after school

Youth
Grades 7-12 every
Wednesday at 7pm

Women's Bible Study every
Thursday at 9:30 am

Jesus Continued Bible
Study Begins in February
Times and Locations on
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The story quickly moves on as Jesus tells it, and the young man ends up coming to beg for food as a slave from his own dad, but instead of making him a slave and no longer a part of the family, the dad wraps him in a hug and blesses him as his son as they walk back home rejoicing in the Lord.

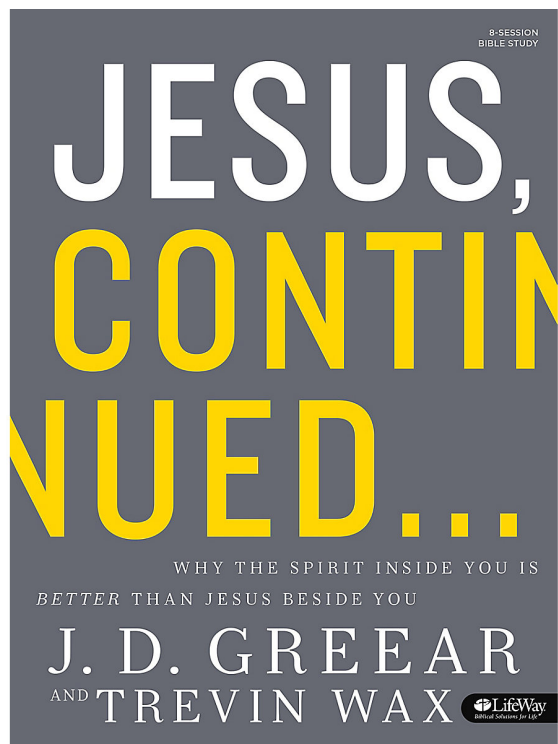
I love when the father says, "'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate." What was once dead, that which I counted as loss, is now returned to me!

As we read this story, as it was told by Jesus, we are to be reminded that we ourselves are this young man. We were given the opportunity to receive the inheritance of God and we sinned, we were dead to Jesus Christ, but now that we have returned to the Father with humbled hearts, we are crowned with righteousness and counted once again an heir to the Kingdom of God.

There is one thing that I know about God, he loves you. John 3:16 tells us that God loved us so much, even as sinners, that he gave his only son so that we could have the opportunity of eternal life. That is what true love looks like.

During this month of love, I encourage you to be reminded of God's love for you and those around you. Sure, celebrate romantic love, it was given as a gift by God as well, but remember also that we are called to love like Jesus, with sacrifice and hope in all things.

Serving Him, Pastor Kurtis



We are so excited to announce our new church wide bible study, Jesus, Continued..... by JD Greer. We will have multiple times and locations for you to be involved. This is an eight week study that will run through February and March. See below for the locations and times. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to Pastor Kurtis or Robin Gebhardt.

This Bible study has been created to help you relate to the Holy Spirit in new ways. Over the course of this study, you'll see how you can have a satisfying, powerful relationship with God through the Holy Spirit. Sessions include:

1. Why "God in Us" is Better
2. The Gospel of God's Presence
3. Surrendered to the Spirit for Mission
4. You are Gifted
5. The Spirit Shepherd
6. Hearing the Spirit Speak
7. When God Seems Absent
8. God's Greatest Gift

JESUS, CONTINUED...

Fellowship Ladies (Joann Hickman)
— S.S. Classroom
Sundays at 9:30am
Sunday School available for all ages
660-388-5784

Dependable's (Kim Ricketts)
— S.S. Classroom
Sunday's at 9:30am
Sunday School available for all ages
660-388-5784

Women's Study (Robin Gebhardt)
— Fellowship Hall
Sunday's @7pm
Call for Child Care
660-788-2232

Dustin & Kat Bachtel
— Fellowship Hall
Mondays @6pm
No Child Care Available
660-414-7323

Men's Group (Jeff Gebhardt)
— Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays @6:30am
No Child Care Available
660-788-2282

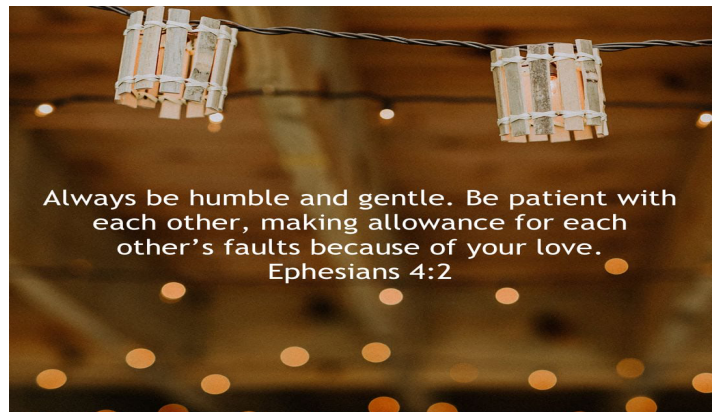
Paul & Kim Reynolds
— In home
Wednesdays @6:30pm
No Child Care Available
660-651-8809

Austin & Kate Francis
— Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays @7pm
No Child Care Available
660-414-5592

FBC Youth (Wade & Cloe Billington)
— Joshua House
Wednesdays @7pm
660-651-7573

Robert & Elda Carouthers
— In Home
Thursdays @6:30 pm
No Child Care Available
660-413-2448

Kurtis & Melissa Estes
— In Home
Saturdays @ 6:30pm
Child Care Available in Home
417-669-9710



Seasoned Adult Outing

Friday January 21st Pastor Kurtis and Melissa invited the season adults to join them for lunch. They traveled to Emmet's in Fayette. They had a great time and look forward to doing it again.



Did you know our church has a YouTube channel? Search FBC Salisbury and subscribe. There you will be able to view past worship services. By subscribing you help more people see the services and spreading the gospel.

Spring Women of Joy

Ladies mark your calendar for April 8th - April 10th. We will be going to Branson for the Spring Women of Joy conference. If you're interested in going please let Melissa Estes know.



- Pray that God would give a special outpouring of his Spirit as we join together in small groups to study God's Word through Jesus Continued.
- Pray that others within our community would feel the love of God our Father especially so during this month.
- Pray that God would continue to protect and guide us as a church as we strive to minister in multiple areas.

