

# The Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of North East

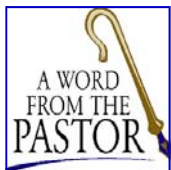
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Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2017 is past and 2018 is here. The New Year is filled with hope and expectation of a brand new start and a life filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God.



As most of you are aware, over the last few months, I have been examining passages in the Bible that have to do with our heart. The word “HEART” occurs over 950 times. We know that Jesus told us that the greatest command is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. If we can get our heart right, many other things will fall into place.

Solomon told us, “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life” (Proverbs 4:23). He also said, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6). King David said that he had “hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11).

If we could only get our heart right! Peter said this about what the heart is; “the hidden person of the heart” (1 Peter 3:4). The heart is our inner self, the seat and center of all life, the soul or mind as the seat of our thoughts. The problem is that we often get our heart wrong. The Bible talks about perverse hearts, proud hearts, stubborn hearts, unrepentant hearts, hard hearts, etc.

God encourages us to have a “broken and contrite heart” (Psalm 51:17). David prayed, “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10). Paul says that “Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:17). The very essence of the victorious Christian life is to have Christ in our heart, and for Him to be in total control of our heart. Many have trusted Christ as their Savior and asked Him into their hearts, but not all of us have given Him free reign to control every part of our hearts. How is it with you? Is Christ the Lord of your heart? (continued on page 2)

## heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.

**What you need:**

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

**What you do:**

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joe Kennard
- 2 Matthew Jones  
Danita Walker
- 3 Sonny Ewing
- 4 Jane Brandenburg
- 5 Heather Bibey  
Kari Gill  
Lonnie Watson  
(L.J.), Jr.
- 8 Cheyenne Ewing
- 10 Rachael Jackson  
Matthew Jackson  
Donna Lee
- 11 Garrett Preisch  
Alesha Walker
- 12 Heather Sprout
- 13 Felicia Walsh
- 15 Brad Grant  
Ron Gray
- 17 Julianna Musser
- 18 Joshua Ewing  
Emma Short
- 19 Nancy (Carpenter)  
Carr
- 20 Natalie Marvel
- 22 Clint Blithe
- 23 Jenny Hokuf
- 24 Alexandria Walker
- 25 Chuck Ewing  
Riley Hudler  
Laura McGuigan

- 26 Arlee Brown  
Shelly Preisch
- 27 Judy Clemons  
Dusty McKinney  
Sarah Ann Veasey
- 28 Larry Thornton

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Danny & Judy  
Clemons
- 11 Nathan & Esther  
Porch
- 14 Roy & Jane Crouse  
Ken & Vickie Henry
- 15 Chris & Laura  
(Hokuf) Moyer



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This year let's all covenant together to give all our heart to Christ. When you are confronted with a decision, ask, "What would Jesus want me to do?" When you have a chance to show God's love and concern, ask, "What would Jesus say or do if He was here?" If we will do these things, I'm sure it will transform our lives and be such a blessing to all those around us.

Over the next few weeks, I'm going to examine some of the good kings of Israel that served God with their whole heart. Come and see how God was able to bless and transform a whole country because His people got their hearts right. It is amazing to me to see how important this matter of the heart is.

Your brother in Christ,

*Pastor Steve*

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf Sr. 

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**IMB: Lottie Moon  
Christmas  
Offering:**

**Church Offering**

**Goal: \$2,700**

**Received to date:**

**\$2,178**

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
<b>28</b> Baptist Men's Day (see pg 4 for details) NO evening service or Deacons' Mtg	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:45am: Deacons' Mtg @ Chef's Kitchen	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ Towne Baptist Church	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> March Lamplighter articles due	<b>19</b> Presidents' Day	<i>I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:13</i>					<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">See page 6 for regular events/services</div>							

# Baptist Men's Day: Sunday, January 28th

~ Special guest speakers: Randy & Sandy Moyer (Missionaries from France)

~Special music by:  
"Never Too Late" @ 10:30am service

~ Fellowship meal following the 10:30am service (men are asked to bring a dish to share; prize awarded for the best dish).

~ "Best guess wins" baskets for children & women.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

### Sunday

8:30am

9:20am

9:30am

10:30am

6pm

6pm

### WORSHIP

Breakfast (1st Sun, monthly)

📖 Bible Study/Sunday School

WORSHIP/Children's Worship

Monthly Last Sunday WORSHIP

Youth Ministry Mtgs.

### Tuesday

11am

Worship Committee Mtg. (4th Tues)

### Wednesday

6:30-7:30pm

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Kids' Klub—grades 2-5

📖 Prayer/Bible Study

BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

### Thursday

10am

11am

5:30pm

Choir Practice

Ladies' Prayer Time

🎵 Praise & Worship Team Practice



## Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund  
Weekly Average as of  
1/14/18( 2 wks): **\$3,542.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,691.**

Budget Status: **-\$298.**

Maintenance/Building  
Repairs Fund: **\$2,812.**

**PARKING LOT FUND**  
received to date: **\$35,740.**

We have 3 revised parking lot  
fund goals: **\$20,000** (PTL);  
**\$30,000** (Glory to God);  
**\$47,745** (Hallelujah!).

Average morning worship  
attendance: 12/3/17-  
1/14/18: **81**

