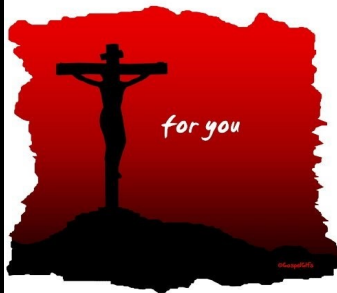
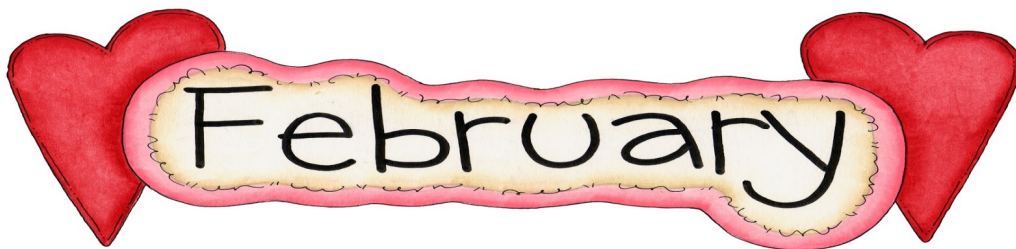


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Preschool News

Helping your child become a READER

Here are just a few things that we do in the classroom that you can also do at home to help your child grow in literacy skills:

- Help him notice that words on a page are read from left to right. Show him that words are separated by spaces and that the end of a line is not always the end of a thought.
- Help her understand that anything spoken can be written. Ask her to describe her drawing and then write her words on the paper.
- Let your child choose books that interest him. Read the story to him and then ask him to retell or dramatize the story. Act out the story you have just read together.
- Take your child to various places to experience her world. Then be sure to discuss the places and use descriptive words to help your child describe each place.
- Make reading an interactive process. Ask questions and imagine new scenarios to familiar stories. Help your child write another ending to a story.
- When you finish a book, have your child tell you what happened first, in the middle, and last. Ask her how she felt about the story.
- Read to your child with animation in your voice. Make the story exciting through your expressions as you read.
- Help your child become a good listener. Try 30 seconds of silence and then ask your child what sounds and words he may have heard.
- Help your child develop her vocabulary by asking her to give another word to describe a familiar object. Then use the new word in your discussion with your child.
- Give your child words for things they do not know. Explain the meaning so they can use the word later.

Celebrate your child's progress along the way.

Some ideas borrowed from www.focusonthefamily.com

PRE K Dad Photo Needed

One of our Bible stories this month is about a dad who forgives his son. We want to celebrate our dads. Please send a wallet sized photo of dad that we can keep for our Journals. We will be drawing our dads in our journals this month. We need the photos by February 21 please!!!

News for ALL Classes:

Special February Supplies Needed:

PRE K Class Supplies

Valentine Stickers
Valentine Conversation Hearts
Frozen Fruit for Smoothies
Strawberry Yogurt (Big Container)
Apple Juice
Graham Crackers

3-Year-Old Class Supplies

Cool Whip
Valentine Conversation Heart Candy
Frozen Strawberries
Strawberry Yogurt
Apple Juice
Ritz Crackers

Thank you for the supplies. Your generosity helping with supplies is greatly appreciated and a BIG HELP!!!

Always Needed Supplies

Fresh Fruit

Fresh Vegetables

Milk

Reminder.....

We were aware that the cost of supplies with registration fee and tuition at the beginning of the year was a stretch for many. So, if you haven't already brought your supplies, here is a friendly reminder.....This would be a great time to help our school out when supplies are beginning to run a little low. THANKS!

Wal Mart Gift Card
Kleenex Tissue

Crackers (Any kind)

Thanks for all of your support this year!

Valentine Exchange

Yes, we do exchange Valentine's in all of our classes this month.

Because most children this age do not read, we ask that you put **your** child's name on each valentine, but **do not address them to individual children.**

Watch for a special flyer from your child's teacher with the valentine exchange day and special information for your child's class.

VIRTUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER

March 10 -17 online



Our annual Virtual Auction Fundraiser is coming soon. We are looking for donations for this auction. We'd so appreciate themed baskets of items. If you have a talent preparing baskets or have a business that would like to donate a basket, please contact Susan in our church office, 567-7829. Baskets can be dropped off any time between now and March 5th.

We can combine any items donated into auction baskets. So, if you have something that you'd like to donate, please contact us. We will take pictures of each basket along with a detailed description of who donated the items and the value of each basket. Then we will make each basket available on line for our auction on March 10 thru the 17.

Please have donations to us by Friday, March 8th.

Watch for more details about our auction coming soon. We will be sure to message our families on Seesaw and also send home written notes to remind you about this event.

Thank you for supporting our preschool!

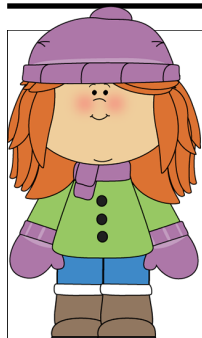
2024/2025 Preschool Registration Schedule

Church Families....	March 18....	
Current Preschool Families...	Tuesday, March 25	12 Noon
Public Registration...	Tuesday, April 8	12 Noon

What to bring to register: - Emergency #'s, Doctor's #'s, etc.
- Current Immunization Records
- Registration Fee

Tell your friends and neighbors!

REGISTRATION WILL BE ON LINE AT THE ABOVE TIMES!!!



It's Cold Out There!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please remember to send your child in warm clothing with coats, hats, and mittens. The month of February can be very cold. Also, please remember to **label** each coat, hat, and mitten with your child's name. Many coats and mittens are the same.
Thanks!!!

*Read the "Love" chapter this month
1 Corinthians 13*

Loving the Inconvenient!

THE PASTOR'S CORNER



The Word

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10-11 NIV

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Children can be the most inconvenient addition to a family! Think about all of your child's needs that require YOUR attention and effort. That's not even taking into account their wants and undesirable behaviors that demand your energy. Even the ALL-STAR parents among us struggle at times with their children.

And yet, we love our children! They can teach us the sacrificial nature of love, as their ability to turn around and fulfill our needs is limited. At their birth they are loved "just because" in spite of filthy diapers, daytime sleeping/nighttime wakefulness, untimely screaming, and, don't forget, the times they explode out of either end! 😊

This is NOT how our world teaches us to love! We're taught early on that love is a **transactional** emotion. Yes, love is held up as an ideal — think every Hallmark movie. But, the reality in our world is that love is only love as long as the other person holds up their end of the relationship. Putting it in business terms, in this world love is a contract.

Thankfully God does NOT approach us with that kind of love. The truth is that while we were UNLOVABLE God loved us. This love moved God to send His Son to be the sacrifice that paid for our rebellion, apathy, foolishness, and all of our messy explosions! Truly Jesus was sacrificial in His love as He laid down His life in our place to pay for our sins.

That same love of God now offers us so many benefits. We have been adopted as God's children and share in His great inheritance. Through Christ Jesus, death has become a doorway into an everlasting life. Every prayer we utter — big or small — is heard by our Father in heaven (Who also happens to be the Creator of all things!). In a world of chaos and turmoil we have been given a peace that passes understanding. All this and much more is given to us from the love of God in Jesus.

So the call goes out:

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

In **Jesus'** name,

Pastor Adams