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Please be in prayer for the
Minister of Music Study/Search
Committee as they seek the right
person to serve in our church.

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Special points of interest:

- Children's Workers Planning Mtg., Sunday, Feb. 18 at 4:30 p.m.
- LOL (Ladies out to Lunch), Tuesday, February 20 at 11:30 a.m.
- Lord's Supper, Sunday, February 25 - Morning Worship Service

Nursery Volunteers & Ushers

Nursery Volunteers

February 4—Sunday Morning

Ora Lee Mell, Lydia Jackson, Tresa de la Cruz,
Megan Halbrook, Gloria Peck

Sunday Evening

Tresa de la Cruz

February 11—Sunday Morning

Mattie Gordon, Tresa de la Cruz, Carolyn Kennedy,
Peggy Wheeler

Sunday Evening

Tresa de la Cruz

Ushers

February 4

Howard Hanes, Jim Holman, Terry McFarland,
Steve Shed

February 11

Dean Kennedy, Lester LaRue, Terry McFarland,
Steve Shed, Steve Marx



With Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the Family of Leland Beals.

We want to express our sympathy to Patsy Littlefield in the death of her sister, Mary Ann Martinez.

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Buddy Brewer.



Dear Church Family,

There are not enough words to begin to express all the love and appreciation we have for our church family at the passing of Dad. The phone calls, text messages, food, cards, flowers and visits were truly wonderful.

Thanks to the church for the beautiful lily and to the women who served lunch—it was yummy!

Dad had a passion for his church and loved people in the name of Jesus. We as a family hope to continue his legacy.

Betty, Darrell, Marcella & families

THE LORD'S SUPPER



Lord's Supper
Sunday, February 25
10:30 a.m.

Valentine



Banquet

Senior Adult Banquet
Tuesday, February 13
11:30 a.m.
Meal Provided



LOL (Ladies out to Lunch)
Tuesday, February 20
11:30 a.m.
Bring a potluck dish



It is with great interest that I am drawn to read and study the life of Jesus. Jesus is God's one and only Son, God becomes flesh. He takes away the guilt and shame that sin creates in my life. So, Jesus is my Savior. It is through the experience of being forgiven that I come to know love and learn to love. For love is a noun and a verb. Our understanding of love is best understood as we learn to love, especially as we love one another.

In Luke 7:36-50, we learn that when a person is forgiven of much sin, they love much (Luke 7:47). Simon, a Pharisee, invited Jesus to his home for a meal. The usual courtesies of providing water for cleansing were not provided. It seems that Simon's moral and political goals are keeping him from fully accepting Jesus. He doesn't seem to need Jesus for anything than to advance the appearance of being a gracious host.

The meal is interrupted by a woman, a sinner according to Simon's judgment. She anoints Jesus' feet with her tears and an alabaster jar of perfume. Her actions clearly indicate she needs the forgiveness of Jesus. Using her hair she cleans Jesus' feet as her tears and the perfume are mixed together. Her need for much forgiveness is defined by the great love she shows for Jesus.

In contrast, Simon's religious position and moral superiority leads him to stand in judgment on her, a sinner. What he fails to see is his own need for forgiveness. While his sin seems small in comparison to the woman's sin, his love for Jesus is non-existent.

Jesus speaks to us. *Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that's why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little (Luke 7:45).* These words are a prophetic caution to us. If we are inclined to judge other people's sinfulness as worst than ours, we will not grow in our love for God. *For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).*

Like Simon, the Pharisee, we all NEED the forgiveness of Jesus to know how to love God and one another.

Bro. Charlie

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10 am Neigh- borhood Clothing Room	2 9 am Mobile Meals	3
4	5 10 am Bag Ladies 6pm Side- walk Ministry	6 10 am Wom- en on Mission	7	8	9 9 am Mobile Meals	10
11 5pm Finance Committee Mtg.	12 10 am Bag Ladies 6pm Side- walk Ministry	13 11:30 am Senior Adult Banquet 6:30 pm Ran- dom Diners	14	15 10 am Neigh- borhood Clothing Room	16 9 am Mobile Meals	17
18 4:30 pm Chil- dren Workers Fellowship 5pm Property & Space	19 10 am Bag Ladies 6pm Side- walk Ministry	20 10 am Wom- en on Mission 11:30 am LOL	21	22	23 9 am Mobile Meals 2pm LINC Birthday par- ty at Grace Living Ctr.	24
25 10:30 am Lord's Supper 3:30 pm Church Coun- cil 4:30 pm Dea- cons Meeting	26 10 am Bag Ladies 6pm Side- walk Ministry	27	28			