

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

1	6:30 pm	Special Building Committee Meeting
3	6:30 pm	Winter Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Women on Mission
6	2:00 pm	Sadie Wright's 80 th Birthday Celebration
7		Sunday Services
		\$100 Deposit Due for Alaska Mission Trip
	12:00 pm	Youth Scavenger Hunt for Souper Bowl
	4:00 pm	Interest Meeting for Youth/Parents for Port Arthur Mission Trip, March 22 – 27
	7:00 pm	Deacon Meeting
10	6:30 pm	Winter Bible Study
11	7:00 pm	NPBA Mexico Mission Trip Mtg, NPBA
12		Cabot Schools Out
	4:00 pm	Angel Food orders till 6 pm
	6:00 pm	Alaska Mission Team Meets to work on Cookie Grams
13	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	6:00 pm	Churchwide Mystery Dinner
14		Sunday Services
		Deadline to sign up for Touch A Life
	4:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
15		Presidents' Day/Schools Out
16	11:00 am	Senior Saints Fellowship
17	9:30 am	Extension Homemakers Meeting
	6:30 pm	Business Meeting
19		NPBA Mexico Mission Trip Begins
20	9:30 am	Angel Food Distribution until 10:30 am
21		Sunday Services
		\$50 Deposit Due – Port Arthur Mission Trip
24	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
27	5:15 pm	Youth leave for Benefit Concert for Haiti, Sylvan Hills FBC
28		Sunday Services
	2:00 pm	Leave for Cabot Nrsng. and Rehab. Service

- Sunday: Sunday School–9:45 am; Worship–10:55 am; Crazy Love Bible Study, Pre-K, Children, and Youth Choir–5 pm; Discipleship–5 pm; GriefShare–5 – 7 pm; Worship–6 pm; Easter Cantata Rehearsal–7 pm
- Monday: DivorceCare–7 – 9:00 pm
- Tuesday: Visitation–7 pm
- Wednesday: Supper–5:45 pm; GRILL–6 pm; Awana, Parenting Class–6:30 pm; Acteens, Challengers, Choir Rehearsal–7 pm; College Bible Study–7:15 pm

Touch A Life 2010

Touch A Life is a training conference that equips adults and students for local evangelistic ministry as well as missions beyond the church. The training will take place Saturday, March 6, at Geyer Springs FBC from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in going to this event, please turn your \$15 registration fee in to the office by February 14. The fee includes refreshment breaks, box lunch, the choice of four conferences, and handouts.

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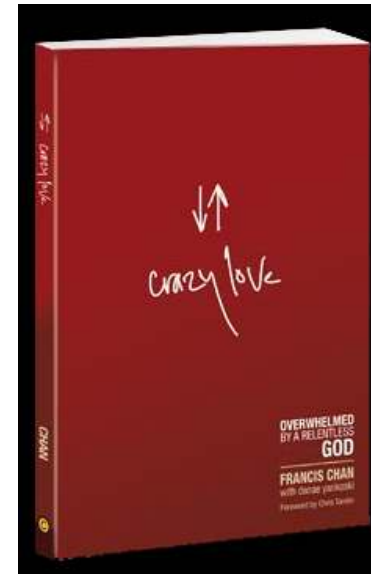
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Have you ever wondered if we're missing it?

It's crazy if you think about it. The God of the universe loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss.

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? Once you encounter His love you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

“Crazy Love” Bible Study

Join us for this 11-week study, meeting each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. beginning February 7.

Please sign up by email or call the church office by February 5.

This way we are assured we have enough books for the class. For a sneak preview of the class, go to www.crazylovebook.com.



From the Pastor's Desk

How Big is your God? I was thirteen years old the first time I stood and looked out across an ocean. We had gone to California to stay for a week with my uncle. One afternoon we went to Newport Beach. I remember the amazing feeling of, “Wow, that is a lot of water!” Isaiah 40:12 says God measures the waters in the hollows of His Hand. There are 326,000,000,000,000,000,000 gallons of water on this planet. Ninety-eight percent, or most of it, is in the oceans, which are huge. About 2 percent of the planet's water is fresh, but 1.6 percent of the planet's water is locked up in the polar ice caps and glaciers. Another 0.36 percent is found underground in aquifers and wells. Only about 0.036 percent of the planet's total water supply is found in lakes and rivers. That's still thousands of trillions of gallons, but it's a very small amount compared to all of the water available. The rest of the water on the planet is either floating in the air as clouds and water vapor, or is locked up in plants and animals (your body is 65 percent water, so if you weigh 100 pounds, 65 pounds of you is water. God is so big He could hold it all in the hollows of His hand.

I can't tell you when I first looked up at the stars and marveled at those tiny twinkling lights in the night sky, but they have held a fascination for me all my life. Isaiah 40:12 says that God meted out heaven with a span. A span is the distance between the end of your thumb and little finger with the hand fully expanded at arms length. The most distant thing in the sky you can see with your unaided eye is in the lower left corner of the great square of Pegasus. It is the galaxy of Andromeda and it is 2,500,000 light-years away. The most distant cluster of galaxies ever photographed was captured by the WMAP (Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe) in 2003. The light from those galaxies traveled at a speed of 670,616,629 mph for 14 billion years to get to the earth. God is so big it all fits between His finger and thumb.

I recently drove home to Lubbock. Texas is big. People said when I got back, “That's a long way.” I have twice gone to the Holy Land, and while in Jordan I was as far from home as I have ever been. Or ever will be. I was almost half-way around the planet. The earth is big. Yet Isaiah 40:12 says that God comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure. A measure was a Hebrew instrument used to measure 1/3 of an ephah, or about 3 gallons. The earth is floating weightless in orbit around the sun, but if it could be measured, it would weigh about 13,227,735,730,800,000,000,000,000 pounds. God made it!

Isaiah 40:12 also says that God has weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance. I was only 10 the first time I went to the top of the most-visited mountain in the world, Pike's Peak, at 14,110 feet. What a spectacular view! It was impressive. It is the biggest mountain I have

ever seen. But God is bigger. The largest mountain on Earth is Mount Everest. If you could put it on your bathroom scale, it would weigh 357 trillion pounds. God made it and all the other mountains in the world.

Our God is awesome, He is powerful, He is big, and He cares. I am amazed when I try to think about all that He is and all that He has made. The most awesome thing is that He loves us so much that He sent His only son, and if we will only believe in Him we will have everlasting life. He is truly awesome. He is bigger than any of my problems, and bigger than any of my sin. I stand amazed in His presence. I stand amazed at His Grace.

Jerry Fortner

**Phil Jones will drive the van in February.
Call him at 454-2975 if you need a ride.**

Women On Mission

In January, the Women On Mission began meeting at a new time. The meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

VBS Workers Needed

This year's VBS theme is Saddle Ridge Ranch. If you are interested in helping in ANY way with VBS (teaching, cooking, helping, decorating), please let Alice Nelson (501-786-7270) know as soon as possible so additional planning can be done. Pray about where God would lead you to participate. VBS will be held in the evenings, June 14 – 18.

Cookie Grams

Would you like to send a “Cookie Gram” to family or friends who attend Zion Hill? Fill out an order form (available in the office or on the table in the breezeway) and turn it in to the church office with your money by February 7. Cookie Grams will be delivered at Zion Hill on February 14. Proceeds will go to the Alaska Mission Trip.

Mystery Dinner

Everyone is invited to attend this fun evening on Saturday, February 13, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Each table will be solving the mystery, set in Hawaii, while enjoying a delicious Hawaiian meal. Cost is only \$10 per person. Fill out a registration form and turn it in to the church office by February 7, please.

Alaska Mission Trip Deposit Due

Zion Hill is planning a Mission Trip to Alaska! Scheduled for December 28, 2010 – January 3, 2011, the total cost of the trip for each person will be approximately \$1000. If you are planning to go, there is a \$100 deposit due February 7. Once signed up there will be payments of \$100 due on March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, and July 4. A couple of fundraisers have been planned to help with the remaining balance. You will also be asked to participate in mission work and a Bible Study before the trip. If you are interested in going, or helping with fundraisers, please see Bro. Daniel.

Port Arthur Mission Trip Deposit Due

Spring Break, March 22-27, the youth will be going on a Mission Trip to Port Arthur, Texas. An interest meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m. Total cost for the trip is \$120, plus a few meals. A \$50 deposit is due by February 21, with the remaining \$70 due March 21.

February Angel Food

Orders may be placed in the drop box outside the church office through Monday, February 15. Mail-in orders must be received by Monday, February 15. Orders may be placed at the church 4 – 6 p.m. Friday, February 12, only. Payment may be made by cash, money order, or food stamps (must be paid for in person). Distribution will be 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 20. Orders not picked up at this time will be donated to needy families.

You're Invited . . .

. . . to Sadie Wrights's 80th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, February 6, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Congratulations to . . .

. . . Abbey Fortner, who received the Henderson State University Centurium Scholarship for 4 years.

. . . Nichole Wickliffe, on the birth of her son, Elijah, Jan. 13.

**Greeting Cards are available in the breezeway
and cost \$5 a box.**

Wednesday Night Meals

Meals served on Wednesdays from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. Please call or email to let us know if your family will be eating. Cost - \$2 per person.

- Feb. 3 – sausage and egg burrito, biscuits/gravy, pancakes, fruit
- Feb. 10 – lasagna, garlic bread, potato wedges
- Feb. 17 – potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich
- Feb. 24 – hamburger, chlidog, chips

Youth News for January

Wednesdays – GRILL meets at 6:00 p.m. in the basement; Acteens/Challengers meet at 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: Youth Choir Practice-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 7 - \$100 Deposit due for Alaska Mission Trip. *Last day to sign up for this trip!*

Sunday, February 7, noon – Scavenger Hunt.

Sunday, February 7, 4:00 p.m. – Interest Meeting for you and your parents for Spring Break Mission Trip

Friday, February 12, 6:00 p.m. – If you paid your deposit for the Alaska Trip, come help with this fundraiser to receive a portion of the money raised.

Sunday, February 14, 4 p.m. – Youth Committee Meeting.

Sunday, February 21 – \$50 Deposit due for Spring Break Mission Trip to Port Arthur.

Saturday, February 27, 5:15 p.m. – Leave for Benefit Concert at Sylvan Hills FBC. Cost is \$10. You will also need a permission slip. Zamar will perform at the concert.

FROM THE DEN . . .

She grabbed the food from my hand and ran away with a look of fear and suffering in her eyes. My heart broke and I did my best to hold back the tears. To see a woman take food from my hand like a beaten animal broke me. What had happened to this woman that would cause her to be fearful of accepting food? When I first offered her the sack of food from a local fast food restaurant she shook her head “no” and uttered the words, “it might be poisoned.” I insisted she take it and told her I had fed at the Stewpot. This seemed to give her some relief, but she was still very cautious to take the food. Once she got the sack and drink into her hand she ran, she ran quickly away to possibly inspect the food to make sure it was safe to eat. She ran to possibly find a safe spot to eat this hot meal. She ran, and to me it was the hardest thing I've watched in a while.

As we celebrate the month of February, we turn our focus to love. The stores explode with red hearts, streamers, and cards. You buy the conversation hearts that urge you to “be mine.” We remember to tell our spouses/sweeties that we love them. We focus on love.

As I read the word of God, His word is filled with love - His love for us, and His command for us to love others. As you dive into the Bible, you will find over 2,000 verses that deal with loving others. But when God asks us to love others, He's not asking for us to just say that we love, but to show that we love. And not just to those with whom we are comfortable, but to those who are different from us.

My life's focus has been for so long, “It's not about me, it's about others.” But there are times when that's just something we (I) say, because it's hard to love others. It really is. To have that unconditional love for my fellow man is not easy. The older I get, the more cynical I get. I have to keep that in check so that I can do for others. I'm not saying I get it right all the time or most of the time, I'm just saying I *strive* to get it right.

The lady who took the food needed to know that she was loved. Did I get the chance to find out about her spiritual condition? No. Did I get her name so that I can add her to my “prayer list?” No. Did I do anything more than give her something to eat? I'm not sure. All I know is, she broke my heart and reminded me there is a world that is hurting, that is fearful, that is starving. Not starving just for food, but for love. God wants us to love. And by loving others we are showing our love for Him. Take a moment to reflect on Matthew 25:31-46. That is what it is all about. Serve. Feed. Clothe. Visit. Love. Will you do it?

Her eyes will haunt me for a long time to come. But it's a good haunting. I need that reminder as I live my life for Him. Loving Him by serving others,

Bro. Daniel