



The Beacon

Harrisburg Christian Church

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Greetings HCC,

I cannot verify the truth of the story below. Try Googling St. Valentine and you will see what I mean, but I can verify a different love story. God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8). In the midst of our unlovable state of rebellion God gave his only begotten Son to pay our ransom and set us free from the penalty of sin. I don't know what kind of romantic state this Valentine's Day will find you, but we have a true love in Jesus Christ. For every day that passes by we can say that we are loved with an unconditional and sacrificial love. Thanks be to God for His amazing love!

The Story of St. Valentine

In 270 A.D., marriage had been outlawed by the emperor of Rome, Claudius II. Claudius issued this decree because he thought that married men made bad soldiers since they were reluctant to be torn away from their families in the case of war. Claudius had also outlawed Christianity in this time period because he wished to be praised as the one supreme god, the Emperor of Rome. Valentine was the bishop of Interamna during this period of oppression. Valentine thought that the decrees of Rome were wrong. He believed that people should be free to love God and to marry. Valentine invited the young couples of the area to come to him. When they came, Valentine secretly performed services of matrimony and united the couples.

Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men. Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained her sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.

God Loves You,
John Gillman

HCC is a great place to worship our Lord! We invite you to join us this Sunday!

Bible Study for all ages at 9:00am. Worship Service at 10:00am
(Childcare is provided for children less than 5 years during Worship Services)

Fellowship Dinner!



Join us Sunday, Feb. 21st at 5:30 p.m. for **Italian Night**. Please bring a main dish and side or dessert as we sample this unique alimento. Bread will be provided.



I love my Jesus.

God's Benefits

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Every good and perfect gift is sent from God, our loving Father, from heaven above. He sends down benefit after benefit, to His children, because of His great love.

Many of His benefits comes from the daily giving of His love, mercy, and grace. For without these benefits, we could not run our spiritual race.

Another benefit is, God always walks with us through all the raging storms in our lives from day to day. Though the winds may blow strong, and the water's waves rush with rage, He continues to lead the way.

Out of all His great benefits, the forgiveness of our sins is the best, Since He has removed all of them as far as the east is from the west.



Attention Students
Grades 9-12
Come join us!!

The Harrisburg Chapter of the
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Meetings are held in the Mrs. Blakemore's room every other Thursday morning at 7:30 am. This semester meeting dates are as follows:

Jan. 14, 28 Feb. 11, 25 March 11 April 1, 15, 29 May 13
(See Cec Blakemore for more information.)

The FCA boosters provide breakfast for the students each meeting. If you would be interested in providing food or donating money toward this project, contact Rinda Blakemore 875-5758.

Middle School FCA

The Harrisburg Chapter of the
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Grades 5-8

Meetings are held in the Miss Mathews' room
1st and 3rd Tuesday from 3:15-4:15.

We are looking for Volunteers to provide snacks. If you can help out, please contact Angie Cochran

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to know your contributions to HCC for 2008, please call Treasurer Susan Dierker @ 442-0062 or e-mail msse4@juno.com

Dates to Remember!!

Board Meeting – Second Wednesday (Feb 10th) 6pm

Health Clinic – Second Thursday (Feb 11th) 12-1pm

TLC – February 23th, 7pm

Kid for Christ Club – Every Wednesday @ 7pm

Women's Bible Study – Mondays @ 6:30pm
- Fridays @ 9:30am

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6pm

Bulletin Information Due Wednesdays
mcjoyellen@yahoo.com 875-5589

Beacon Articles due the 15th
beacon@harrisburgchristian.org

February Service Assignments:

Church Opening

- 07 Charlie & Paulette Thurston
- 14 Collin & Angie McBride
- 21 Sam & Connie Coy
- 28 Debby Thomas

Greeters

- 07 Charles Roller Family
- 14 Sean Cochran Family
- 21 Chris Cole Family
- 28 Rona Flippin & Nannie Lewis

Communion

- 07 Randy Foley, Same Coy, Christy Blakemore, Brenda Carey, Anita Pingel, Cara Douglas
- 14 Bobby Carey, Herb Owens, Cindy Roller, Roy Francis, Sean Cochran, Nancy Dixon
- 21 Karen Kinkead, Johnny Spry, Shelly Perrigo, Charlie Thurston, Paulette Thurston, Jimmy Ott
- 28 Ray Cochran, Randy Foley, Debby Thomas, Mary Gilbert, Judy Price, Cara Douglas

Church Closing

- 07 Keith & Jennifer Overton
- 14 Doc & Karen Kinkead
- 21 Roy & Luda Francis
- 28 Jodi Gilpin

Candle Lighters

- 07 Guy Stroud Family
- 14 Mike Lewis Family
- 21 Sam Coy Family
- 28 Collin McBride Family

Nursery

- 07 Mary & Dwayne Whaley, Leslie Morgan
- 14 Heidi Salter, Mike Lewis, Vonna Foley
- 21 Sheri Bryan, Charlyn Crowley, Lauren Crowley
- 28 Christa Cole, Brenda Carey, Cindy Roller

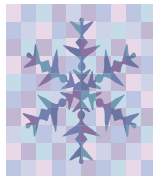


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Our intent as a church is to be open and available every Sunday for the worship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. However, if extreme weather conditions occur, such as an ice storm, a determination will be made by the Chairman of the Board and Pastor to close church for the safety of the congregation. The church closing will be broadcast on television channels KOMU-8 and KMIZ-17 and radio stations KMFC 92.1, KPLA 101.5, and KRES 104.7.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Isaiah 35:3-4

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