

THE GOLDEN WARRIORS

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BLACKROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM the TIP of the SWORD

January was a fast pass month. Even though I had hoped to be able to throttle back a little, the opportunities to rest were few and far between. Praise God for a Savior who invites us to enter into His rest. We were sorely saddened by the untimely passing of several of the members of our church and class this past month. However, in each case, I am confident that they are walking streets of gold today. I personally knew each of their testimonies concerning their faith in Christ. We need to continue to pray and reach out to the family members. We have a great and faithful God. He is concerned for us and sees us. The Bible says, He puts our tears into His tear bottle. He knows our trials and hurts. He knows the path we walk. He is there for us and is holding us when we need Him most.

We will be finalizing our study in Mark at the end of this month. In February, we will start in chapter 12 and continue to the end of the book. This has been a fascinating study over the past two months. I have personally been challenged by the servant example of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have learned that glory always follows the suffering. This was true for our Lord, and it is true for us. As we move towards the end of the book, we see Christ and his disciples moving towards Jerusalem where He will be falsely accused, illegally sentenced, put to death upon a Roman cross, rise from the dead, and leave us with the command to storm the gates of hell with the good news of redemption for all men.

Next month, in March, we will start a new study that will take us through the beginning of June. We will be studying Exodus and Leviticus. In Exodus, we learn of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. It is a historical book, but there is much application for our lives. In the book of Leviticus, the children of Israel spend time at the foot of Mount Sinai. The book opens and concludes at the same geographical spot, Mount Sinai, where God gave the Law. Exodus concludes with the tabernacle constructed and the glory of the Lord filling it. Leviticus gives the order and rules of worship in the tabernacle. A proper understanding of these two books will unlock the true meaning of the sacrifice of our Lord upon the Cross.

I want to say congratulations to Kevin Patterson. This past month, Kevin took responsibility for updating the church's street sign. What an encouragement it is to see people continue to step forward and meet needs as they arise. The sign ministry is very important. The messages Kevin places on the sign will reach out to the lost and hurting. We have hundreds of people passing the church, and a message of hope can make a big difference. Often, the church sign alerts the community to special events and brings new people into the church where they can hear the Word of God. My favorite church sign is "CH_ CH, WHAT'S MISSING? UR." Please pray for Kevin as he serves the Lord.

We are in full swing planning, coordinating, and setting up for the Valentine's Dinner Party. For many senior singles in our city, this "Hallmark Holiday" is anticipated with dread. Likewise, there are couples who have no idea where to celebrate the day. On Saturday, February 13th at 5:30 pm till 8:00 pm, we will be hosting the dinner party in the church's fellowship hall. We have planned a full slate of activities for the evening. The evening will include a wonderful meal, games, storytelling, and good company. There is no strict dress code. Let your friends know that all seniors are welcome and registration is free. Please RSVP by 10 February either by using the sign-up sheet outside the class, by calling Che at 904-753-0987 or by emailing goldenwarriors@blackrockbaptist.com.

We will be having our first Golden Warriors' Ministry Group Leader's meeting February 21 after Sunday morning worship service. If you are one of the leaders, it is very important to be at this first meeting. Please mark this on your calendar. We will be doing a "Learn at Lunch" program where we eat during the training session. I am so excited about how the class is doing. I want to say thank you to every one of you. We continue to see visitors almost every week. It is my desire to see God work in each of our lives drawing us close to Him, building our relationships with each other, and molding us day by day into the image of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Continue to pray for me as I seek God's guidance and direction for the class.

Col 1:18

"... that in all things he might have the preeminence."

God Bless you all,
Brother Curtis

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ON the TIP of the SWORD

LOVE IS THE QUEEN OF THE CHRISTIAN GRACES

It is a holy disposition given to us when we are born again by God. It is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. True spiritual love is characterized by meekness and gentleness, yet it is vastly superior to the courtesies and kindnesses of the flesh.

We must be careful not to confuse human sentimentality, carnal pleasantries, human amiability and affability with true spiritual love. The love God commands, first to Himself and then to others, is not human love. It is not the indulgent, self-seeking love which is in us by nature. Love is not a sentimental pampering of one another with a loose indifference as to our walk and obedience before the Lord. Glossing over one another's faults to ingratiate ourselves in their esteem is not spiritual love.

The true nature of Christian love is a righteous principle which seeks the highest good of others. It is a powerful desire to promote their welfare. The exercise of love is to be in strict conformity to the revealed will of God. We must love in the truth. Love among the brethren is far more than an agreeable society where views are the same. It is loving them for what we see of Christ in them, loving them for Christ's sake.

The Lord Jesus Himself is our example. He was not only thoughtful, gentle, self-sacrificing and patient, but used a whip in the Temple, Severely scolded His doubting disciples, and denounced hypocrites. True spiritual love is above all faithful to God and uncompromising towards all that is evil. We cannot declare, 'Peace and Safety' when in reality there is spiritual decay and ruin!

True spiritual love is very difficult to exercise because it is not our natural love. By nature we would rather love sentimentally and engender good feelings. Also many times true spiritual love is not received in love, but is hated as the Pharisees hated it. We must pray that God will fill us with His love and enable us to exercise it without dissimulation toward all.

Smiles and Blessings
Che

MEET OUR CLASSMATES VIOLET DIETRICK

Accepted The Lord Jesus
As My Savior:
Bcak in oh lord ... 58
years ago.

Joined Blackrock Baptist
Church:
3 years

Favorite Verse:
John 3:16

Spiritual Gifts:
Care Group Captain
Letter Writer
Sunday School Greeter

Birthday: Feb 14

Favorite Restaurant:
Cedar River

Favorite
Activities/Hobbies:
Crossword Puzzles



BBC Food Pantry

*There are many
Blackrock Baptist Church members
who are struggling with making ends meet.*

*I thought it would be nice if ur class
helped with supplying the food pantry.*

*All monies collected in the new Food Pantry jar
will be gathered weekly.*

Once a month - we will stock the pantry.



God's Valentine Gift

*God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.*

*His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.*

*He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true --
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.*

*So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.*

Valentine's Day Is for Christian Love

*Valentine's Day is for honoring love;
To show those we love we care.
Red hearts with tender sentiments
We send, our love to share.*

*So on Valentine's Day we're reminded
Of our very first Christian goal:
To love the Lord with all our heart
And all our mind and soul.*

*To love our neighbor as ourselves
We are also told to do,
So let's live our love by the Bible;
It's God's word, flawless and true.*

*If we give this Christian Valentine first,
We'll never run out of love,
For infinite love will come to us
From God in heaven above.*

Valentine's Day For Believers

For the secular world, Valentine's is a day for expressing love and appreciation towards our friends, family, and significant others.

But, as Christians we know that everyday is a day to show the love of God towards our brothers and sisters. Not just our brothers and sisters in Christ, but unbelievers as well.

It's that uncompromising love that Jesus showed for every sinner he met.

So celebrate Valentine's as the day of God's unconditional love for us and our love for His children.

BE BLESSED!



WHY WE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

How do you answer people when they ask you, "Why should I go to Sunday school"?

Here are a few good reasons.

1. People commit their **lives** to Christ.

John 1:2

2. New caring **friends** become a part of our lives.

John 13:34-35

3. Ministry is **given** and **received**.

Ephesians 6:7-8

4. There is life changing **Bible study** for spiritual growth.

II Peter 3:18

5. **Life** needs are met in Sunday school.

Philippians 4:19

6. People are **encouraged** and **comforted**.

II Corinthians 1:4

7. People find **wisdom** and direction for their problems.

Proverbs 1:7

8. Bible study **guides** us as we live.

Proverbs 23:19

9. Bible study **warns** us about things that will harm us.

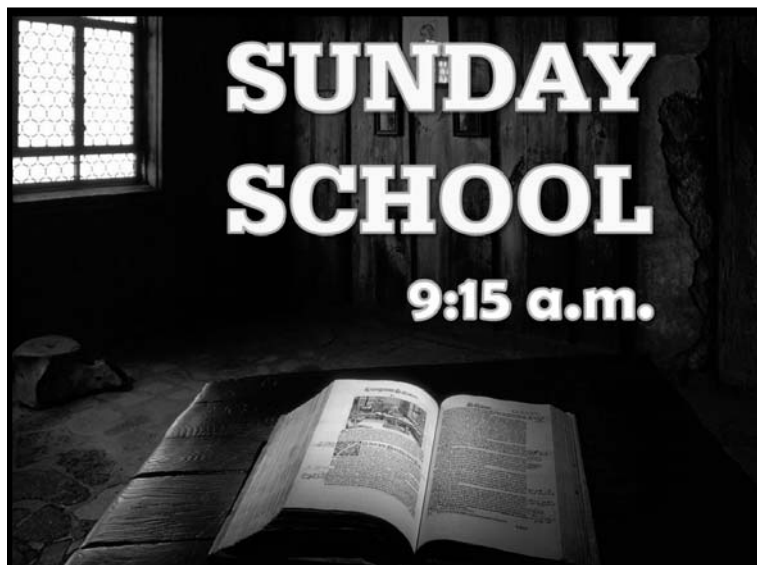
I Corinthians 4:14

10. There is an opportunity to share needs and **pray** for others.

Acts 1:14

11. There is an opportunity to **reach others** for Christ.

John 14:1-3



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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RECENT VISITORS

SANDRA BOYETTE

WELCOME BACK

BILLIE DEE HOLT

WINSON MANNING

PRAYER LIST

BENTON JOANNE

BRADLEY FAYE

CRANE LEXI (CONNIE'S GRANDDAUGHTER)

GARRISON SHIRLEY

GREEN WANDA

HARPER MARY

JOHNSON JORDAN (TERRI'S SON)

KOFOED ED

LEE LELA MAE

PICKETT BETTY JOYCE

RICHARDSON BOB & JACKIE

ROBINSON GERALD

SMITH MARVIN & PATRICIA

TAYLOR BOB & SHARON

GOLDEN WARRIOR MINISTRY GROUPS

CANTRELL CURTIS & CHE† CO-CHAIRMEN

- DOENGES RANDY & CONNIE
- ELLINGHAUSEN KAREN
- GASKILL TERRY & DIANE
- PATTERSON KEVIN & LINDA
- ROBINSON GERALD & BECKY
- SUNLEY GARY & DORIS

GILDER KENNETH & ETHELEEN† CO-CHAIRMEN

- DIETRICK VIOLET
- MABE FRANCES
- O'NEAL JC & PAULINE
- WINGATE CLAUDE & LUCILLE



DIETRICK VIOLET† - CAPTAIN

- BENNETT JIM & BARBARA†
- GARRISON SHIRLEY
- HOLT BILLIE DEE
- KOFOED ED (& CAROLYN)
- JONES WINONA

DOENGES RANDY & CONNIE - CAPTAIN

- CASTLE PAT
- CREWS ROBERT
- DEFIORE PAM
- JOHNSON JERRY & TERRI
- STAFFORD BENNY & FERN†

GASKILL TERRY & DIANE - CAPTAIN

- MOTT CHARLES & PAT
- REESE ALFRED & JEAN
- BISHOP JAMES & GWEN
- SMITH MARVIN & PATRICIA

MABE FRANCES† - CAPTAIN

- BENTON NORMAN & JOANNE
- BERENTSEN MARY BETH
- CINTRON ELSA
- CREGER ROY & ELPHA†
- ITAK MICHAEL
- LEE CARL & LELA MAE

O'NEAL JC & PAULINE† - CAPTAIN

- HARPER MARY
- LEWIS JAMES & MARILYN
- MORRIS WILBUR & MARY LEE
- RICHARDSON BOB & JACKIE

PATTERSON KEVIN & LINDA - CAPTAIN

- BENTON JAMES & CAROLINE
- BRADLEY FAYE
- KING STANLEY & BRENDA
- PATTERSON SUE

ROBINSON GERALD & BECKY† - CAPTAIN

- CHRISTIAN SHIRLEY
- GREEN WANDA
- HARRIS RJ & SHIRLEE
- MANNING WINSON & JENNIE

WINGATE CLAUDE & LUCILLE† - CAPTAIN

- ANDERSON FREDDIE†
- PICKETT BETTY JOYCE (& JT)
- TAYLOR BOB & SHARON

WE HAVE 89 GOLDEN WARRIORS MEMBERS

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† = GOLDEN WARRIORS PRAYER PARTNERS

2010 CLASS OFFICERS	
Teacher	Curtis Cantrell
Class Mom	Ché Cantrell
Secretary	Lucille Wingate
Treasurer	Becky Robinson
"Home" Meal	Diane Gaskill
Flower Committee	Becky Robinson Che Cantrell
Card Committee	Becky Robinson Che Cantrell Violet Dietrick Jennie Manning
Sunday School Greeters	Violet Dietrick Wanda Green Lucille Wingate