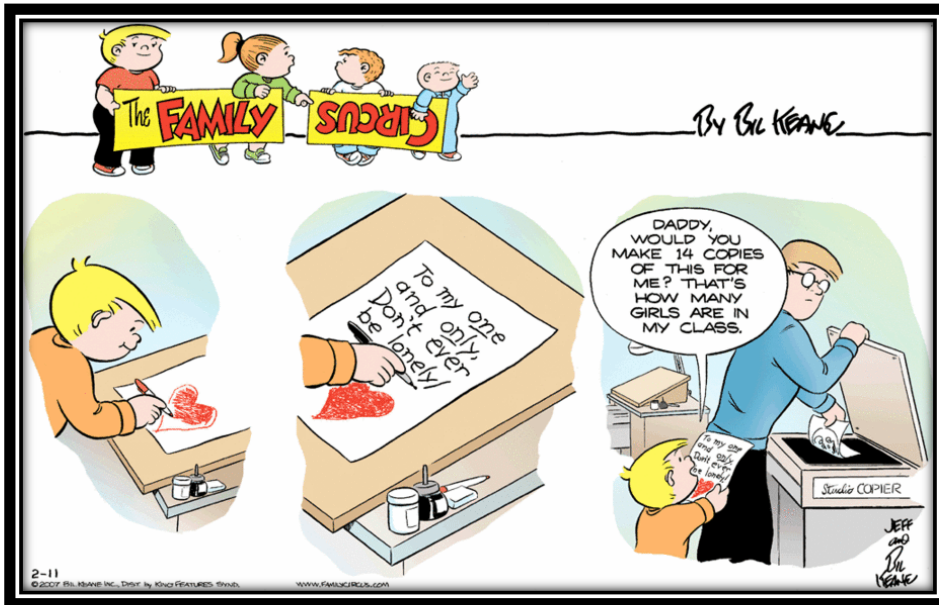


GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

February 2016

Valentines From Heaven



On Valentine's Day, you'll probably get a valentine card, a box of candy, a bouquet of flowers, or a telephone call. Today, I want to talk to you about God's valentines. Those messages of love He sends throughout history, as He does now, and will do in the future. His valentines sent from heaven – angels. Here's just a few of the many He sends.

Valentines from God started in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned. Their sin has affected us as well, for we, too, are born with the power of sin in our lives. We stand in the wrong just as Adam and Eve did. God sent an angel to keep Adam and Eve from going back into the garden and eating from the tree of life. If they would have eaten from that tree, they and all humanity would have been eternally sinful. Thus God send a valentine, an angel, saying, "I love you, and don't want you to be eternally sinful."

God sent a valentine at Christmas. The angel came to the shepherds with a wonderful message. God was sending a Savior from sin: "Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." We don't have to live in our sins. God's message of love is: "I have sent My Son to be your Savior."

Another message of love came by an angle at Easter. "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen, as He said." Because of God's love, our sins are forgiven. We have eternal life. We have the gift of heaven.

Valentine messages can be cute, silly, or serious. The love messages of God's valentines are that we are loved, we are saved, and we have eternal life.

May God's holy angels always walk with you.

Valentine blessings, *Pastor Dan*

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR ELDER IS?

Zones are arranged alphabetically. Following is a list of Elders and their Zones.

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Mike Dunn (253-838-5820)	Alber – Gottgetieu
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Grochowicz - Popplewell
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Preszler - Zmuda

Members can contact any elder for any reason at any time.

VOTERS MEETING, FEBRUARY 7TH, 12 PM

We will be voting in officers for 2016. Please plan to attend!

THE PARABLES OF LENT

During the Lenten Evening Services, each service focuses on a Biblical parable that connects to Lenten themes. Within each parable's plot is woven a unique message about what we receive through the crucified Christ. Please join us Wednesday evenings, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 10th. A soup supper is served at 6 pm and the service begins at 7 pm.

February 10th (Ash Wednesday)	Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)	Receive Justification
February 17th	Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23)	Receive the Word
February 24th	Parable of the Hidden Treasures and the Priceless Pearl (Matthew 13:44-46)	Receive the Treasure
March 2nd	Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)	Receive Mercy
March 9th	Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)	Receive Grace
March 16th	Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)	Receive Forgiveness
March 24th (Maundy Thursday)	Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:12-24)	Receive the Meal
March 25th (Good Friday)	Parable of the Landowner and the Tenants (Matthew 21:33-46)	Receive the Sacrifice
March 27th (Easter)	Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)	Receive Eternal Life

FINANCIAL UPDATE

With a new year bring new challenges. As our buildings continue to age, upkeep and repair continue to be a concern. We currently have a few major concerns that we are trying to keep on top of. Most have to do with plumbing. Our Improvement Fund is used for these projects. We are in need of repair and upkeep dollars. Your prayers are needed.

We also received a challenge to help the High School. A group has come forward and challenged the congregation with a \$10,000 match. **For every dollar given for the High School, it will be matched with another dollar up to \$10,000.** Are you able to step up and support our children for their education? Your prayers are needed for this exciting opportunity.

This challenge will end March 7th!

The Lunch Bunch

Our Senior Group – The Lunch Bunch will meet for a **Pot Blessing** on **Thursday, February 11th** at **11:45 am.**



Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Please join us!

Men's Breakfast / Bible Study Saturday, February 20th – 8 am

Join us for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and in-depth Bible Study. We are going through the series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." We will be discussing the chapter "A New City, A Bitter Wife" (2 Samuel 6).



Music and Muffins

Sunday, February 21st
Fellowship Hall at 3 pm



Please join us for a fun filled hour of music presented by the Little Lambs Preschool Students, followed by marvelous muffins and fun fellowship!

Preschool News

www.littlelambstacoma.com

Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



The preschool will be hosting “**Music and Muffins**” (formally Tea & Talk) on **Sunday, February 21st** in the **Fellowship Hall at 3 pm**. Please join us for this fun hour where we will enjoy some songs sung by the preschool students. Following their little concert we will munch on some marvelous muffins and feast on some fun fellowship. We will end our event at 4 pm. All congregational members, friends, and family are invited to join us. Please come and show your support.

During the month of February the preschool will be focusing on forgiveness and a few of Jesus’ miracles. We will also be looking at health, hygiene, and nutrition to coincide with Jesus’ miracles.

March 1st begins open enrollment for the 2016-2017 preschool year beginning next September. If you or anyone you know is looking for a preschool please come and see us. We are a nationally accredited preschool (NLSA) with a quality and caring staff.

Thank you for your continued prayer support. We wouldn’t be where we are without you and the continuous blessings of God.

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher



Women in Mission / Women’s Ministry

- **Tuesdays:**
Bible Study (9:15 am) Quilting (10 am)
- **Mites and Missions**—Sunday, Feb. 14
- **Seafarers Auxiliary**-February 23

Bible Study and Quilters welcome you any and all Tuesdays. Stop in for a visit and join the “leaping” and joy we share!

February 2016 is a “Leap Year.” How about “Leaping” with Mites? As Lent starts, instead of giving up something... give Mites!

Serving the Lord with Gladness!
Jane Oberg

Save the Date!

VISION BUILDERS LUNCHEON

New Location

Greater Tacoma Convention + Trade Center
1500 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402

April 28, 2016

Lunch is served at 11 am, Program begins at 11:30 am

More information to come!