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The Way

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**Hot Dog Sale Every
Friday
10 am-2pm**

**J.O.Y. Club
Thursday, February 8
11 am**

**The Lord's Supper
Sunday, February 11
Both Services**

**Valentine Banquet
Friday, February 16
7 pm**

From the Pastor

What Do You See?

Sunday will be Transfiguration Sunday. Epiphany is coming to an end and Lent will begin February 14. Mark's account of the Transfiguration is, as Mark is always prone to be, very short and to the point. But these brief verses are provoking a lot of thought in me this week. James, Peter, and John saw Jesus as they had never seen him before. I love the description: "and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them." (Mark 9:3) After the Super Bowl, you may think that this a Tide commercial!

How important it was for these disciples to have a glimpse of who Jesus is! How important it is for us to be able to see beyond external trappings and note with our heart's eye the beauty and specialness of those around us. This truth has become more evident to me as Janet and I walk together in this journey of Alzheimer's. The last several weeks I have not been able to take any pictures of Janet and me together. I can't get her to keep her eyes open any length of time. Yet, when I look at her, I see her as she is, and how she was. Alzheimer's is the great thief. It can even rob the caregivers of their precious memories because the present is so demanding and forceful. But I do remember, and I consider that a gift of grace from God. I see my soulmate, my helpmate, my partner, and my love. And, I know that love is still there.

As I look over the pictures of the past several years, my Janet has been transfigured; but, despite the cruelties of the disease, her beauty and herself shines through. Over the Christmas season, I came across her very precise notes on how to hang the greenery (every fifth spindle.) Yesterday, when Lauren and I came to visit, I told her that our Lauren was here. She looked up and said: "Lauren and Valerie." Then for just a moment, she knew her child was there. To me these are moments of transfiguration because I see her as she is and in a light which I need to savor.

So, as I ponder the Transfiguration this week in view of Sunday's sermon, I wonder what do we see and how do we see it? I think God gives us all moments of vision that help us through the living of our lives. And in my heart, I always will see Janet as the love of my life and a very precious gift. For this I am beyond grateful.

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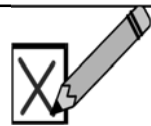
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Our Weekly Report

Budget Report 2-4-2018

Projected Weekly Need:	\$ 9,369.00
Offering towards budget:	\$ 11,930.00
Actual income YTD:	\$ 34,975.29
Designated :	\$ 1,500.75



**Making Our Mark
2-4-18**
SS Enrollment: 250
Attendance: 96

Worship Attendance
8:30: 40
10:45: 90

February 11, 2018

Worship Set-up: Keith Fitch, Johnnie Eudy
Nursery 8:30 am: Jim & Becky Pittman
Nursery 10:45 am: Glenn & Becka Riley
Ushers 8:30: Jason Ball, Kevin Fitch
Ushers 10:45: Keith Fitch, Donna Duncan, David Matheny, Jeff Young
Sound 8:30 am: Rhonda Arrowood
PowerPoint 8:30 am: Jennifer Thompson
Sound 10:45 am: Phil Herndon
PowerPoint 10:45 am: Maria Arrowood
Deacon of the Week: Carolyn Guess
Opening Building: Danny Kirkman
Closing Building: Danny Kirkman

Thought for the Week

Gratitude as a discipline involves a conscious choice. I can choose to be grateful even when my emotions and feelings are still steeped in hurt and resentment. It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can choose gratitude instead of complaint.

Henri Nouwen



**The Worship
of God
Transfiguration
Sunday
February 11, 2018**

**Psalm 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9**

**Listen to Him!
Dr. Steve Ayers**

Valentine Banquet



All love birds and loved ones, please join us for a wonderful night of great food, fun games and fellowship. Everyone is welcome Friday, February 16, at 7 p.m. at McGill's Valentine's Banquet. Tickets will be sold at both services and are \$8

per person. We look forward to celebrating with you. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Currie at erin@curriecreations.com.

**J.O.Y. Club
Thursday, February 8
11 a.m.**

Come and enjoy the food and the fellowship this Thursday. The program will include love songs and personal experience which will be facilitated by Ginny and Jim Amendum.

**Cards for St. Jude's Ranch
for Children**

There is a box in the lobby where you can leave your Christmas cards or all occasion cards to be recycled at St. Jude's Ranch for Children. They will be resold to support their programs and services for abused, neglected and homeless children, young adults and families in five locations in Texas and Nevada.

Operation Christmas Child

February's items are toothbrushes, toothbrush covers, and dental floss (NO toothpaste or mouthwash). A complete list for the year is in the lobby.

Thank you for bringing 95 pounds of groceries for the Cooperative Christian Ministry on Sunday.

Biscuit Bake Off



CMC NE:

**Remember Our
Shut-Ins
Say a prayer and send a card to:**

Mrs. Barbara Andrews
Crescent Heights
240 Branchview Drive NE Apt. 209
Concord, NC 28025

Mrs. Janet Ayers
St. Andrews Living Center
246 Cabarrus Avenue Room 111
Concord, NC 28025

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Tiffany and Chad Overcash on the birth of Veda Sailor Overcash on February 3.

Proud grandparents are Steve and Joanne Overcash. Veda's great-great grandmother is Phyllis Galyan.

UNCC Basketball

Let Jaime Poe know if you can help with the basketball concessions at UNCC at jkt1128@gmail.com
February 15th @ 5:30 pm
February 17th @ 5:30 pm
March 1st @ 6:00 pm
March 3rd @ 6:00 pm
March 11th-Cheerleading (will open in early morning)
March 24th-Globetrotters (will have 2 games)

MINISTER OF MUSIC

I didn't mean to comment on the Super Bowl by choosing "On Eagle's Wings" as our greeting hymn last Sunday; it was pure coincidence. It went along with the scripture for the day, but also worked out pretty well for the big game also! It's funny how things work out sometimes!

This coming Sunday our Guitar Ensembles will be sharing music with us in both services. Our groups are doing a great job this year and I look forward to them sharing their work with the church family.

Our Sanctuary Choir will be rehearsing this Wednesday, February 7. Our Sanctuary Bells will be having a special Valentine's Day rehearsal on February 14 at 7:15 p.m. All other ensembles will meet at the regular times. I look forward to seeing you this week!

Congratulations

*Josh Eudy and Luisa Myers were married on January 13. They are living in Fort Mill, SC.
Congratulations, Josh and Luisa!*

**Advance Healthcare Directive
Carolinas Health Care
February 28
5:30-7 pm
at McGill Baptist Church**

Advance care planning is an on going process that can help you think about what is important to you and who or what gives your life meaning; consider who to make your medical choices if you cannot speak for yourself, talk with doctor and your loved one about the choices you make and start or update a written plan for the future.

Contact Carol Hovey with questions at carol.hovey@carolinashhealthcare.org

**Mark Your Calendar
BBQ
Friday, March 23**

Please let Bruce Arrowood know that you can help.

**MINISTER OF CHILDREN
AND YOUTH
Take Two!**

This Sunday, February 11, the youth will host a church-wide breakfast. A serving line will be set up in the hall outside the kitchen. Once you are served everyone will go to their Sunday School class to eat. We will serve from 9:20 to 9:45 and have an egg and sausage casserole, fruit, pastries and bagels. We wanted to serve as many as possible, so with the threat of ice, we pushed it back a week.

Come hungry!

Dates to remember: Passport Choices-June 24-29; All Church Challenge in Helena-West Helena, Arkansas-July 6-14

Thank You

*Dear McGill Baptist Church,
2017 is the year that lives were changed for many families in Cabarrus County. Four families became home owners. Ten families were housed in our transitional housing and 31 families benefited from our critical home repair program. It was a busy year! We could not have done it without you.*

Thank you for your generous support and partnership with Habitat Cabarrus.

*In Habitat Partnership,
Katie Page, Executive Director*

Thank You

*Dear Friends,
As we begin the semester here at the Divinity School, I write to thank you for your recent gift for the Baptist House of Studies. Your generosity helps make possible the formation of future Christian leaders. At Duke Divinity School the enriching programming and initiatives work together to equip leaders with the tools and motivation to lead in the church and the academy.*

With your support of the Divinity School, you participate in this work, and we are so grateful for your partnership with us.

*Dan Struble
Associate Dean for External Relations*

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN YOUTH & MUSIC**

It has been a crazy couple of weeks with the weather and the sickness going around! I hope everyone is getting well and staying warm. We had a very small group this past Wednesday night for our children's activities. As we are preparing for Easter (which is right around the corner), we are hoping to look at some new songs. I would also like to continue learning some songs where we can include the boom whackers. Everyone definitely loves those!

Our Youth Choir is going to be singing during the 10:45 a.m. service on February 18. You will definitely want to come and hear them sing. We will have normal activities this coming Sunday: Youth Choir at 9:30 a.m. and Youth Handbells at 5:30 p.m.

Have a wonderful week!

**Race Together
February 11-March 18
3-5 p.m.
McGill Baptist Church
Led by Wendy McConnell**

Discussing Race/Racism can be intense, but it's an issue most of us would like to understand better. Race Together is an engaging and informative series for those that would like to learn more on the topic of race in the U.S. This 6-week series will shed light on historical and social context leading to our current racial situation. We will look at how we got here; why we remain disconnected; and most importantly, how we can be part of the solution? Meetings will include media screenings, guided discussions, special guest speakers, moments of reflection, impactful activities and resources all in a community safe space. Each weekly session varies in content and progressively builds on information as we go.

Inkjet Cartridges needed. Leave in box outside Paul's office. The church is in Staples Rewards program.