



# Chatter

February, 2012

## February Sermons

### Sunday, Feb. 5:

Video Sunday

Guest Speaker: Luois Giglio

"Indescribable"

Psalm 19:1-6

### Sunday, Feb. 12:

"Governing Authorities Are Servants of God"

Romans 13:1-7

### Sunday, Feb. 19:

"The Debt of Love"

Romans 13:8-14

### Sunday, Feb. 26:

Gideon's Sunday

"The Principles of Love and Freedom"

Romans 14:1-23

## "A Day For Sweethearts"

Our ancestors would be very surprised at the manner in which we celebrate Valentine's Day today. It was originally a Christian holiday commemorating a Christian martyr named Valentine, a Roman priest. People from all walk of life loved him and visited the temple to hear him speak and witness for God.

According to history, Emperor Claudius II, also known as Claudius the Cruel, was attempting to build a large Roman army. Many young men were unwilling to go to war because of family ties. Thus, Claudius declared that no young couples were to be engaged or married. However, Valentine secretly married young couples who came to him.

Because of Valentine's disobedience of the law, he was arrested. But that did not silence him as he continued to witness for the Lord while imprisoned. Valentine is said to have cured the jailer's blind daughter and thus was befriended by the jailer. When word of this reached the

emperor, he ordered Valentine to be beheaded on February 14, 269 A.D. Just prior to that, the prisoner sent a message to the jailer's daughter, signed "From Your Valentine."

It was 200 years later before the pagan spring feast of Lupercalia, celebrated on February 15, evolved into Valentine's Day. By then, Christianity was well established. In order to encourage the people to forget heathen gods such as Lupercus, the day was moved to February 14 and renamed Valentine's Day.

During medieval days, pairs of bachelors' and maidens' names were drawn and gifts were exchanged by each couple. It became the bachelor's duty to protect the maiden for one year. The name drawing was considered a good omen; since its inception, it has been known as a day for lovers and a time for receiving and giving of gifts.

Today--flowers, cards, candy and other forms of endearment for

## You're Invited to a Valentine Banquet - Feb. 14th

Tickets are on sale now for our annual Valentine Banquet! The meal will be catered by the Black Bear Restaurant and tickets cost \$15 per person. You may purchase your ticket/s Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, or during the week thru the church office. Gary Wolgamott, the current minister at Elkton Christian Church, will be our Guest speaker and we are planning some special music as well. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful evening!!



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lovers are shared to honor and remember the priest, St. Valentine who disobeyed the Roman emperor in order to support young lovers and their belief in God. Special treats prepared by a loved one are the exceptional gifts that give of oneself. (copied)



## Christian Women's Fellowship

Christian Women's Fellowship meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the church. We currently have about 4 ladies taking part. We would welcome new members and could use your talents! All ladies are members and there is no cost involved.

We are a service organization for the church. We buy food and put together Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, buy food for the church's outreach room when it becomes very low. We also donate money quarterly to non-profits like Mercy Corps, Kids Club, Jefferson County Food Bank, Feed the Hungry program, Madras Gospel Mis-

sion to name some. We also send a Guidepost subscription to the county jail, Aspen Court and Mt. View Hospital. Our finances come from free will offering and donations.

The deaconesses have been helping us with dinners and the holiday baskets. We greatly appreciate their help.

We have boxed greeting cards for sale at the church. Anyone interested, see Mildred or Kathy.

We are just beginning to plan for a Women's Spring Retreat at the church for one day. Come and be part of this if you are able!

Blessings to you all,  
Kathy Hall



## Who Am I?

[ Madras Christian  
Mystery Member ]

Can you guess who I am? I attended High School here in Madras. I have 1 brother and 2 sisters. I was married twice: 1968 in Reno and then in 1979 in Metolius. I have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Some jobs I've worked at include wife, mother, waitress, meat wrapper, goat rancher, clerk, movie rental agent, caregiver, supervisor, and substitute teacher's assistant.

I love to crochet, read and play on my Wii.

My dream vacation would be somewhere that had books and I could be alone to read. My favorite books include Anne McCafferty's "Dragons of Pern" Series. My favorite T.V. program is Bones.

Who am I?

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Last month's  
Mystery Member:

Russ Schulz



Many thanks to all of you who stepped up and provided help in many ways to make our Jefferson County Homeless Count a real success! We couldn't have done it without you all.....

**THANK YOU!**



## Food Bag Ministry

Our pantry is running quite low these days and we'd really appreciate any canned or boxed, non-perishable food items to help us feed the needy. More requests are being made especially during these cold winter months.

Thank you for your generous offerings for this ministry!

Matthew 25:40

# "The Book Nook"

from our Librarian, Barbara Rocha...

## Feb. Books of the Month

**1. Ishmael my Brother** - A Christian introduction to Islam. Christian witness to Muslims has been weak, with few outstanding missionaries and those with real gifts have lacked the support that they needed for a significant breakthrough. Few Muslims have a clear idea of the teaching of Christ or of the Good News of salvation through HIM. It is our prayer that this book will help us all to present a biblical view to share our faith with Muslims.

**2. The Four Loves** by CS Lewis  
"God is Love" ... Love has not one, but many faces. CS Lewis in this candid, wise and warmly personal book describes the four basic kinds of human love - affection, friendship, erotic love and the love of God - permitting the reader to feel that he is sharing in the most intimate and private thoughts of a rich and free spirit. "Hell is the only place outside of heaven where we can be safe from the dangers of love".

**3. A Celebration of Praise**  
by Dick Eastman  
Understanding Praise - Praise is the act of verbalized worship or adoration that declares or acknowledges God for who HE is. Thanksgiving, is the act of offering specific thanks to God for things HE has done for us or others. Praise is recognizing God's nature and character with our words. All true praise must focus on the nature and character of God. God's Holiness - only the Spirit of the Holy One can impart to human spirit the knowledge of the HOLY. Praise God for HIS infinite Holiness.

## 4. Inside Afghanistan

by John Weaver

Read about the American who stayed behind after 9/11 and his mission of mercy to a worn - torn people. He stands in the unflinching faith, answering God's call for his life. Step with John Weaver "Inside Afghanistan" as you sift through the desert sands of devastation and pain, you'll encounter something utterly unexpected: "The LOVE OF GOD"! John's life and stories are so inspiring.



Please make these **PHONE # CHANGES** in your church directory at home:

Ron & Liz Blann: 541-475-0101

Ed & Crystal O'Neill:  
541-325-7025

Scott & Rhonda Simmons:  
541-639-6590 (main cell)

## **NEW MEMBER ADDITIONS**

Liz Comiskey  
141 SW 3rd Street, #5  
Madras, OR 97741  
541-475-4422

Robert & Amanda Collver, Jr.  
Children: Desiree, Daniel, Alyssa  
564 SW Marshall Street  
Madras, OR 97741  
541-777-7036

## Mailboxes

Just a reminder that some of you have a church mail slot just above the stairway and some of them are getting full. Please remember to check your slot often for new mail or messages from the office. Thank you!! ☺

## Temporary Address

For those wanting to send Wally Richardson some cards/mail, you can send them to:

Wally Richardson  
PO Box 298285  
Wasilla, AK 99629

Her cell: 541-460-1871

## Welcome New Members!

Robert Collver, Jr. joined our fellowship by transfer on January 1st and Liz Comiskey joined on January 8th, also by transfer. Please welcome them into our loving family !!

## Monks' "One Sentence"

The monks at a remote monastery deep in the woods followed a rigid vow of silence. Their vow could only be broken once a year--on Valentine's Day--by one monk. That monk could speak only one sentence. One Valentine's Day, Brother Thomas had his turn to speak and said, "I love the delightful mashed potatoes we have every year with the Valentine's Day roast!" Then he sat down. Silence ensued for 365 days. The next Valentine's Day, Brother Michael got his turn and said, "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy, and I truly despise them!" Once again, silence ensued for 365 days. The following Valentine's Day, Brother Paul rose and said, "I am fed up with this constant bickering!"

## The Extravagant Necklace

A wife woke up one morning and said, "Honey, I just had a dream that you bought me a new gold necklace. What do you think it means?"

"I don't know, but Valentine's Day is coming soon. Tuesday, you'll know," He replied.

A few nights later, she again woke up after having a dream, "This time, I dreamed you gave me a pearl necklace. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know Tuesday," He replied.

The night before Valentine's Day, she again woke up telling him about her dream, "This time I dreamed that you brought me a diamond

necklace. What do you think it means?"

"Honey, be patient. You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the husband came home with a package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it--to find a book entitled, "The meaning of dreams" ☺





## My Funny Valentine

A former fourth-grade teacher came into her room one Valentine's Day and found a handmade card bearing the message "All the fourth grade loves you, Mrs. Jones." This touched her deeply--until the next morning when she found a note with a corrected tally on her desk. It read: All the fourth grade loves you, Mrs. Jones. All but two."

-Quoted by James Dent  
in Charleston, W. VA, Gazette



# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Tickets on Sale now!</b></p> <p>You are invited to the Valentine's Day Banquet here at the church on <b>Feb. 14th at 6 p.m.</b></p>  <p>You may purchase tickets for \$15 per person on Sunday mornings, Wed. evenings, or during the week at the office.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Aspen Ct.</p> <p>Wonderful <u>Wednesdays</u> 5:30 p.m. Prepared meal 6 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Walt &amp; Su off celebrating their wedding anniversary</p> <p>7 p.m. "Love &amp; Respect" Class (adult classroom)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Meditations: Ed C Van Driver: Scott S. Nursery: Vivian/Judy</p> <p>Noon <b>POTLUCK</b></p> <p>(Last "Love &amp; Respect" class for this session)</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>6 p.m. <b>Game Night</b> at the church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 p.m. <b>Choir</b></p> <p>7 p.m. Elders/Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Vivian Ferguson's Birthday</p> <p>10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Aspen Ct.</p> <p>Wonderful <u>Wednesdays</u> 5:30 p.m. Prepared meal 6 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Christine Vendor's Birthday</p> <p>1:30 p.m. C.W.F. Mtg at the church</p> <p><b>ALL LADIES INVITED!</b></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Meditations: Russ Van Driver: Rhonda Nursery: Nadine C.C. Su &amp; Judy</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Joe &amp; Martha Jump's Anniversary</p>  <p>6:00 p.m. Valentine Dinner Tickets on sale \$15 Catered by Black Bear</p> <p><b>Choir cancelled</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Aspen Ct.</p> <p>Wonderful <u>Wednesdays</u> 5:30 p.m. Prepared meal 6 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Meditations: Merlin Van Driver: Susan Nursery: Rhonda/Mary C.C. Su &amp; Rich</p> <p>12 Noon <b>Deaconess Mtg</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Tony Rocha's Birthday</p> <p>6 p.m. <b>Choir</b></p> <p>7 p.m. Board Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Scott Hayes' Birthday</p> <p>10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Aspen Ct.</p> <p>Wonderful <u>Wednesdays</u> 5:30 p.m. Prepared meal 6 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6 a.m. Men's Breakfast here at MCC</p> <p><b>ALL MEN INVITED!</b></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Meditations: Rich A. Van Driver: Rich A. Nursery: Barbara R./Gena C.C. Su &amp; Karen</p> <p><b>Gideon Sunday &amp; offering</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Growth Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Karen Affeldt's Birthday</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6 p.m. <b>Choir</b></p>	<p>29</p>			



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**MADRAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship

**PASTOR**  
 Dr. Walt Chamberlain

**OFFICE HOURS**  
 Hours: 8 a.m.—12 Noon  
 Days: Monday thru Friday

**FOOD BAG MINISTRY**  
 Hours: 9 a.m.—12 Noon  
 Days: Monday—Thursday

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR & OFFICE SECRETARY**  
 Kristine Breach

<p><u>Communion &amp; Offering Meditations</u></p> <p>5 Ed C.        12 Russ S.        19 Merlin M        26 Richard A.</p> <p><u>Feb. Deaconesses</u></p> <p>Michelle &amp; Barbara/Gena</p>	<p><u>Van Drivers</u></p> <p>5 Scott S.        12 Rhonda S        19 Susan C.        26 Richard A.</p> <p><u>Children's Church</u></p> <p>12 Judy O./Su        19 Rich A./Su        26 Karen A./Su</p>	<p><u>Nursery Helpers</u></p> <p>5 Vivian &amp; Judy O.        12 Nadine &amp; Wally        19 Rhonda &amp; Mary        26 Barbara R. &amp; Gena</p> <p><u>Wonderful Wed.'s</u></p> <p>1 Barbara R.        8 Crystal O.        15 Barbara R.        22 Crystal O.        29 Barbara R.</p>
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STEWARDSHIP	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22
SS Attendance	23	40	31	29
SS Offering	\$11.75	\$19.49	\$16.51	\$14
Worship Attendance	71	87	71	76
Worship Offering	\$2,281.00	\$2,769.00	\$1,103.10	\$1,797.75
Month-to-Date Offering	-----	-----	-----	\$7,950.85
Month-to-Date Need	-----	-----	-----	\$9,675.38