



**Men's Weekend: Feb 28 - Mar 2**

Time for spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and outdoor activities at Douthat State Park. Room for 19. To sign up or get info contact Lee Thompson **by Feb 22:** [ljtelk@verizon.net](mailto:ljtclk@verizon.net) or 337-0269. Total cost will be about \$64.

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**Mission's Madness!**

**April 4-6** in Norfolk, VA

A mission-focused weekend with multiple youth groups getting together for fun, worship, and service projects. Youth who register before March 1, pay only \$50. After that the cost is \$95; *spaces are very limited*, so take advantage of early registration.

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**Valentine's Day**, or Saint Valentine's Day as it is more formally known, is celebrated on February 14. The Valentines commemorated or two Italian saints, Valentin or Valentinus, who share the saint's day of Feb 14. The date is now when lovers declare their love by sending each other gifts and romantic cards. There's nothing especially romantic about the lives of the two original Valentines, they were both martyred for their faith, in AD 197 and AD 269 respectively. -- The early tradition of Valentine's Day was that it was the date that birds began to choose their mates, only later did the romance extend to the human population.

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***Prayers appreciated for...***

**Shelia Hernandez**, Susan Prather's sister, scheduled for surgery today  
**Joan Galbraith**, Ellen Dukette's mother, in St. Francis Medical Center, 420  
recovering from broken hip

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Since winter weather kept us from church activities last night,  
the **business session** is rescheduled for Feb. 19

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### ***Thoughts on Success***

Success is simply a matter of luck.  
Ask any failure. - Earl Nightingale

For true success ask yourself these four questions:  
Why? Why not? Why not me? Why not now?  
- James Allen

The greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure.  
- Sven Goran Eriksson

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### **Wednesday – Feb 19**

- 5:45 pm** – **Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, butterbeans, rolls**  
and desserts we bring
- 6:45 pm** – Children's music & activities  
Handbells  
Prayer Time & **Business Session**
- 7:30 pm** – Choir rehearsal
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### ***Happy Birthday!***

<b><i>February</i></b>		<b><i>March</i></b>
16 Kay Burnett	25 Billy Bare	1 Charles Ittner
16 Cheyenne Rudd	26 Jeremy Blankenship	1 Owen Eungard
20 Anne Cox	26 Danny Morris	1 Rebekah Bentley
20 Russ Hancock	27 Sara Brevard	
21 Derek Pratt	27 Janet Dickson	
23 Griffin McGuire	27 Ray Fleming	
23 Marci Nichol		

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### **Sunday – Feb 9**

Worship – 93    Adult classes – 39  
Children – 15    Nursery – 5    Youth – 10  
Contributions – \$ 2,424.00  
Avg. weekly need – 3,800.00

Budget needs to date: \$22,800.00  
Contributions to date: 24,219.00

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### **This Sunday**

- 9:30 am** – Coffee fellowship  
**9:45 am** – Adult Bible classes  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
                    Children's Church  
**6:00 pm** – Youth Gathering
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### **We received this nice note from Shawnee Hansen...**

Dear Mount Hermon,

Thank you SO VERY MUCH for all of the warm things you sent down for the homeless and those in need. Can you imagine what it must be like to be out in this weather? Or in a home with no heat? Your warm blankets, sweaters, gloves.....everything you sent down will add a layer of warmth for those in need. And my heart was warmed by your outpouring of love in His name.

Blessings to you and yours,  
Shawnee Hansen/Richmond Friends of the Homeless

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### **From the Pastor**

### ***Light It Up!***

Late one night, Slim Cornett was being shown around a county airport in rural Mississippi by a member of his church who managed the facility. "This switch lights up the runway," the man said as he flipped it on. "Let's say there is a plane in distress up there. Then I would throw this switch and turn on the search lights." And he did.

As the night skies lit up, a small plane materialized out of the darkness, seemingly out of nowhere, and landed. Slim and his friend watched in amazement as Franklin Graham, son of the famous evangelist, Billy Graham, stepped off the plane. The pilot had been flying Franklin back to school in Texas when the electrical system of the plane shut down, leaving them stranded in the night without lights or radio or any means of guidance. From out of nowhere, the search beam had come on and guided them to the safety of the landing strip. -- [Douglas Scalise, [http://www.brewsterbaptistchurch.org/Sermons-Q4-2005/december\\_24\\_2005.htm](http://www.brewsterbaptistchurch.org/Sermons-Q4-2005/december_24_2005.htm)]

Only someone who has been in desperate darkness can appreciate seeing light. – This dark world needs the light of your faith and understanding, no matter how limited those things may be. Even a little light of truth wins out over a ton of lies and deception. So, BE the light to someone today.

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good deed and praise your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

God's best to you today,

Lee

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February 16, 2014 - 11:00 am



*The Good News*

Call to Worship

Scripture & Prayer

Ken Paul

Isaiah 6:1-8

- \* Song of Praise 400 Rise Up, O Men of God
- \* *Sent to Share Good News* Romans 10:13-15
- \* Song 401 Break Out, O Church of God, vss.1-2
- \* Greeting each other...  
Welcome & Church Highlights
- The Bible Says... Matthew 4:12-23
- What Jesus Calls Us To Do*
- Prayers of the People
- \* Offering Song 392  
Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father
- \* Offering Statement & Prayer Ken Paul
- Special Music

**Will We FISH ... or Fight, Flee, and Forget?**

Lee Ellison

- \* Commitment Song 396 When the Church of Jesus
- \* Parting Blessing
- \* *Love Them... Tell Them... Invite Them*