

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

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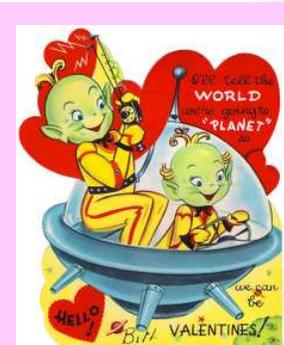
We want to thank our church family for the calls, cards, prayers, food that was brought to us, Pastor Gary and Lynn for always checking on us and to Bill for driving Bob to rehab three times a week. We are so thankful to all of you for helping us. While we still have a way to go before recovery, we appreciate and are thankful for all the help and prayers.

Bob and JoAnn James

Terry and I would like to thank our church family for their support during this very difficult time in our lives. Many of you knew our son and remember his infectious smile. That's what I hope you remember about Ben. He was his father's son, and loved to laugh and make you laugh too.

Thank you for the peace lily.
We appreciate it so very much.

Gay and Terry King



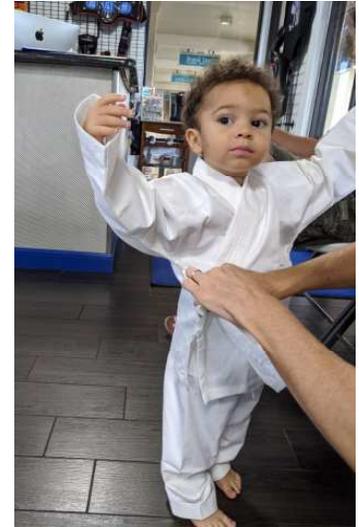
MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Rose Harrison 3-1
 Andy Marts 3-2
 Annetta Hoversten 3-2
 Lindsey Barnes 3-18
 Mary Martin 3-21
 Chris Steiger 3-24
 Olivia Bickford 3-25
 Arlene Fischer 3-28

Ellen MacKercher 3-28
 Kale MacKercher May 3-28



Thanks to Kathy Lane for this photo of her grandson, Titus, who is the youngest member of his Dojo.



SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF OUR SESSION

By Andy Marts, Stated Clerk of Session

The Session of the Fellowship (Baxter) Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session on Wednesday January 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Peggy Hickman, Glenn Priebe, Ralf Mauthe, Gay King, Mike Risk, Al Amman, Libby Sabella with Lynn Kelsh on-line via GoToMeeting. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb, Stated Clerk Andy Marts, and Treasurer Jerry Jones. Gary Tubb opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Betty Guthrie was absent.

The minutes for the November/December regular meeting were approved.

Accepted the treasurer's report for October & November 2020.

Approved stopping the literature for the second adult Sunday school class until such time as we can resume the class.

Removed Ernie Wineman and Richard Wallace from the Roll of Members by their deaths.

Approved the 2020 Annual Congregational Report.

Elected the following elders for delegate and alternates to Presbytery for 2021: delegate – Al Amman, 1st alt – Lynn Kelsh, and 2nd alt – Glenn Priebe.

Approved giving a directed donation to our church of \$500 to CASA.

Approved giving a directed donation to our church of \$500 to be donated in the community to Baxter Day Service Center in Memory of Richard Wallace.

Approved trying a new start time for the next session meeting of 5:30pm.

Al Amman closed the meeting in prayer.

VALENTINE'S DAY

You may already know that Valentine's Day was named after its patron saint, St. Valentine — but there's actually some confusion surrounding *which* St. Valentine the holiday technically honors. According to History.com, there are at least two men named Valentine that could've inspired the holiday, including one Valentine who was a priest in third century Rome. As the story goes, this Valentine defied Emperor Claudius II's ban on marriage (he thought it distracted young soldiers), illegally marrying couples in the spirit of love until he was caught and sentenced to death.

Another legend suggests that Valentine was killed for attempting to help Christians escape prison in Rome, and that he actually sent the first "valentine" message himself while imprisoned, writing a letter signed "From your Valentine."

AS I SEE IT

The Lenten season is nigh upon us. On the twenty-first we begin the Lenten season. It will be a time of greater reflection of what the Christ did for us on Calvary's Hill and the glorious resurrection. When I think of these events, I have to look at what happen to lead us to those two days. To get to the point of crucifixion and resurrection took a lot of preparation.

We look at these two dates to be a part of the culmination of a three year ministry here on earth. Some might say that this is the culmination of a thirty year period of time. The people saw Jesus grow from an infant; to a toddler; to a young boy; to a teen; and on to a man who was skilled in the carpenter's shop. He finally stepped out of the role of being a carpenter and interpreter of the scriptures to being the preacher of the Word of GOD on the day He was baptized in the Jordon by John the Baptizer.

Is this really all the time which was required for Jesus to be prepared in human to share the message of the Father to all men? Probably not. Jesus was with the Father from the foundations of the world preparing Himself to do the bidding of the Father.

The task of reaching out to mankind and offering salvation for all mankind who would confess Jesus as Lord was not done on a whim by the Father. It was done through eons of contemplation. Knowing the draconian nature of man made this event appear to be a failure before it began. Jesus prepared Himself with events on earth being the presentation of GOD's love.

Let us take the Lenten season as a time to give thanks to GOD for His indescribable love for mankind. His love cannot fail us, for His love is perfect in all ways.

We are now in the twelfth month of streaming and masked Sunday School and worship service attendance. I am continually thankful that we have been able to have services through all of the pandemic. I recognize that it is not like being in the service when we are at home, but it is a great alternative to having no service at all like so many churches are still doing

I am thankful that we have been able to have in-house communion at the regular times during the year. The serving of the communion is a bit different than how we normally do it, but when we focus upon what we are doing, it is no less holy.

Pray with me that sometime this year we can resume having all of our services in our traditional way. It will be a glorious day. Until that day, let us rejoice mightily in the Lord for all His goodness and mercy.

Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones. We all know people who are mourning the loss of immediate and distant family members as well as friends and acquaintances. Each one of these who has died had someone who cared about him.

Even though it may be a while since the person died, call those who have had the most immediate loss and give them encouragement. The loss is still real and the need to feel the love and caring is still present. Also, remember our shut-ins.

Lastly, I count it a privilege to be your pastor. My telephone is open to you whenever you have a question, a need or just want to talk. (706-0521).

Continue to show your Christian love daily because of the Christ who first loved us,
Bro. Gary



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Congratulations to Lauren and Hunter Brown who will soon be welcoming a baby boy into the family!



RICHARD WALLACE

Richard Osmond Wallace, 74, of Mountain Home, Arkansas passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Hospice House following a brave and stoic battle with cancer. Funeral services will be private but a memorial service for his loving family and many friends will be celebrated when the pandemic risk moderates.

Richard was born November 25, 1946 in Batesville, Arkansas to Forrest Lee Wallace and Edna Marie Whiteaker Wallace. He was named after his paternal grandfather and in memory of his uncle, an Army paratrooper who was KIA in 1941 at Corregidor during WWII. Richard grew up in Calico Rock, graduated from Calico Rock High School in 1964, then earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He married Donna Jane Killian of Calico Rock on December 6, 1968 forming a loving union lasting 52 years. The couple moved to Mountain Home in 1973 where he began a career at The Peoples Bank and Trust Company, later acquired by First Security Bank, managing buildings, grounds and equipment as Senior Vice President while serving many customers for 39 years until his retirement in 2012. Richard was widely recognized as a good man, soft-spoken, kind and considerate of others, well-liked and highly respected by his co-workers, church family, friends and people in the community.

Richard and Donna are devout Christians and have always been active members of Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he served many years as an Elder while working on projects and expansions with the Building Committee. He was a life-long Arkansas Razorback fan and displayed a keen sense of humor along with an easy laugh. Richard stayed involved in the Chal-

lenged Athletes Booster Club for 25 years in support of his daughter; not only did he travel with the teams to various events but he also participated on the softball team to benefit these special athletes, who all knew and were fond of Richard. He was a Lions Club member for years, busy with auctions to raise money for those visually impaired.

Richard became a sometimes reluctant but creative carpenter/woodworker; he enjoyed canoe trips, fishing, cycling, softball, racquetball, and Mexican Train dominoes. However, his favorite recreation was to travel when he, Donna and Dana pulled their fifth-wheel camper on extended vacations to enjoy many areas of this beautiful country.

Members of the Wallace, Killian, Irby and Whiteaker families looked forward to fun picnics which Richard and Donna hosted annually at their home, enabling everyone to stay in touch with each other. Richard was a steadfast and loving husband, father and son, devoted to Donna, David and Dana, and tender with his father and mother as advancing years and declining health overtook them.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife Donna; son, David Lee Wallace and wife Jeana; daughter, Dana Suzanne Wallace all of Mountain Home, a sister, Patricia Kay Wallace Irby and husband, Steve; niece, Stephanie Irby Randall and husband Larry of Fort Smith and niece, Amanda Irby Stevens and husband, Kurt of Greenbrier. His tight-knit extended family is Donna's brothers, Robert Killian of McAllen, Texas, David and Dotty Killian of Mountain Home, Darrell and Margaret Killian of Pineville and her sister Sue and Duane Price of Pineville and many treasured nieces and nephews.

THANK YOU

Thanks for the beautiful flowers, the food and the love from each of you!

Your prayers are helping us get through this most difficult time.

Much Love,

Donna, Dana, David and Jeana

Thank you for
your words of sympathy,
your voice of concern,
your gesture of caring
and the love you offer.

The family of Richard Osmond Wallace



Send information for this newsletter to Marjie Jones, 946 Tipton Loop, Mountain Home, AR 72653 OR call me at 870-425-7190 OR email me at mjjones@suddenlink.net OR drop it in the newsletter box at the church.

We're on the Web!
<http://www.fellowshipcumberland.org/>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

Here are some suggestions for items to be purchased throughout the year for the Christmas Shoeboxes.

January: Soap and wash clothes

February: Small stuffed animals. They should be plentiful around Valentine's day and right after.

March: Toothbrushes and combs

April: Spoons, small bowls or drinking cups

May: Small cars, balls, puzzles, play doh or any small toy. They will not accept toys of war or that depict violence.

June: Small t-shirts, socks, gloves or hats.

July: Flip-flops

August: School supplies such as small notebooks, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, journals, rulers etc.

September: Things for 14 year old boys (the hardest category to fill) such as deflated soccer balls with a small air pump. Compass, small flashlight etc.

Boxes cannot contain candy or other food or anything liquid.

Any of the above items can be purchased at any time when you might find a deal on them, not just on the months listed. Bring your donations to the church where a collection box will be provided at each entrance. Donations of money are also appreciated.

Things Every Couple Should Know

By Doug Fields

1. Do not yell at one another unless the house is on fire
2. The correct answer to "Do you love me?" is not, "I married you, didn't I?"
3. Have a regular date night
4. The silent treatment was invented by a kindergartner
5. Have a weekend retreat at least twice a year
6. Know how to make your spouse laugh
7. The game of Scrabble has been known to ignite major arguments
8. Major house projects may need to be followed by minor marital counseling
9. Sometimes you should break the diet restrictions and pig out
10. Your voice tone says it all
11. Find humor in negative situations
12. Genuine love is valuing a spouse as God does

Winter Scenes

