

# FROM OUR PASTOR



**February  
NEWSLETTER**

**Good News Club**  
by Brett Mask

As I am sitting in my office at the church, the steeple is on the ground and the smell of skunk is in the air. For a pastor, that would normally equal a bad day, and a rough start for the new year. Despite the difficulties with the church building, I am excited about what God has in store for us in the future.

As many of you may know, our church is sponsoring a Good News Club at OCPS. The start date has been pushed back a couple of weeks, but February 14th will be here before we know it. The Good News Club will meet every Tuesday after school until 4:15PM, and I encourage each parent to give their child the opportunity to participate in this Bible-based club that will be an encouragement for the spiritual growth of their children. While our church is sponsoring the club at the primary school, there is also the opportunity to

participate at the elementary school thanks to Lexington Baptist Church.

I want to encourage each of you to make a commitment to join us in praying each Tuesday for the children and their families, the Good News Club volunteers, and the school staff. Not everyone can volunteer to teach or lead songs, but everyone can pray for God to use this time in an amazing way for His glory.

By the way, today I read in the Christian Index that skunks were a vital part of the creationist argument against evolution. It is due to the fact that it is impossible that their ability to see in total darkness could have evolved over “millions of years.” How interesting!

In Christ,  
Pastor Brett

# Wait on Him

By Brody Bearden

I hate being sick. I guess no one really likes being sick, but I really do hate it. On Thursday, I had a flare up of tonsillitis to get the weekend started off right. What resulted was a lot of sleeplessness, a lot of sore throat, a lot of aches, a lot of fever, and a lot of medicine.

I didn't get out of bed. I didn't do any work. I didn't even look at my computer (which is a feat for me). All of the things I needed to be doing were racing through my head (the wedding videos, the websites, the graphics, the devotions and youth event plans...and even this newsletter) but my body was telling me that what I really needed was to rest. Just rest. So I did. Despite how much it made me antsy, I rested.

It's hard to do that sometimes, isn't it? Resting? It can be hard to stop all the things that you think you need to be doing and do the thing that God wants you to do. I couldn't help but think that this was perhaps a way for God to let me know I needed to slow down. (If so, I'd much rather have an email next time to let me know, rather than a sore throat and a 102.5° temperature). Trisha and I have been discussing this recently in just seeking direction from God on a lot of

areas of our life and this verse keeps coming to mind,

**“Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes...for evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.”**

**Psalm 37:7, 9**

Wait patiently for the LORD. Rest in Him. Find your refuge in Him. Find your solace in Him. Find your Comfort, Peace, Serenity in Him...for those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

It's quite beautiful if you think about it. The things we fret about. The things we worry about. The things we waste our time on. All God really desires for us is that we WAIT ON HIM. Sometimes it takes longer than we would like, sometimes it can be painful, sometimes it seems like He might never answer, but He does and He will...we must just wait on Him. Happy Patient Waiting.

Peace, Love, Christ  
Brody

February 5th  
Youth Super Bowl  
Party

February 11th  
Youth Progressive  
Dinner

March 2-4th  
DNow Weekend

March 11th  
Youth Auction

Children's Church  
Schedule for January

February 5 - Kelli Smith  
February 12 - Maggie Faz  
February 19 - Laray Mask  
February 26 - Brody and Trisha Bearden



NurSery  
Schedule for January

February 5 - Tina Nation & Sydney Forrester  
February 12 - Maisie Sanders & Leigh Anne Bridges  
February 19 - Lisa & Sarah Power  
February 26 - Amy Forrester ★ Angel & Faith Terry



**Prayer Requests**

W.R. Long  
The Military  
Zelda Buckman  
Randy Boring  
Joyce Gay

Ruth Power  
Jere Dellinger  
Gail Davis  
John Polk  
Carolyn Lowe

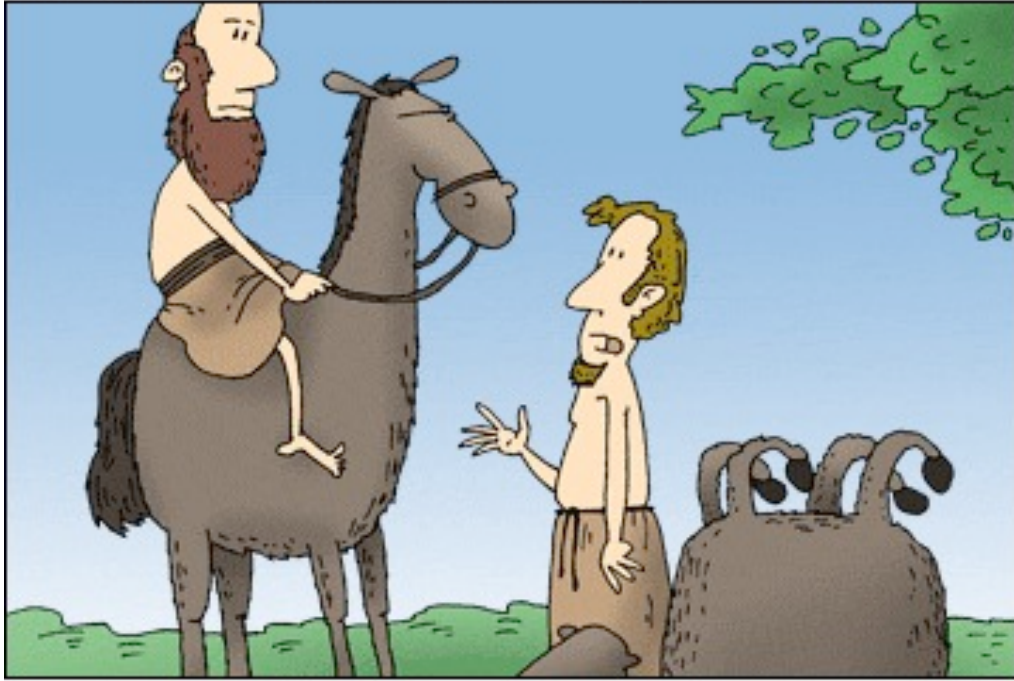
**February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Donald and Faye Day - 2/1  
Joe Gene Hayes - 2/9  
Walter and Maria Bridges - 2/11  
Zelda Buckman - 2/11  
Ralph Bridges - 2/11  
Barry Walker - 2/13  
Jackie Brown - 2/14  
Callie Bridges - 2/15  
Ana Terry - 2/15

Amy Forrester - 2/16  
Jillian Sanders - 2/18  
Julia Lance - 2/21  
Jack Schoeman - 2/22  
Darius Tompkins - 2/23  
Anel De Wet Utley - 2/23  
Margaret and Ralph Bridges - 2/24  
Margaret Bridges - 2/25  
Phillip & Leigh Anne Bridges - 2/26



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