### **TIM TALK**

### "An Estèe Lauder Type of Love"

Max Lucado in his book <u>He Chose the Nails</u> tells of the year he decided he would buy a dress for his wife's birthday present. He writes, "When the salesperson asked me my wife's size I said I didn't know. I honestly don't. I know I can wrap my arm around her and that her hand fits nicely in mine. Bur her dress size? I never inquired. There are certain questions a man doesn't ask.

The woman tried to be helpful. 'How does she compare to me?' Now, I was taught to be polite to women, but I couldn't be polite and answer that question. There was only one answer, 'She is thinner.'

I stared at my feet, looking for a reply. After all, I write books. Surely I could think of the right words.

I considered being direct: 'She is less of you.'

Or complimentary: 'You are more of a woman than she is.'

Perhaps a hint would suffice? 'I hear the store is downsizing.'

Finally I swallowed and said the only thing I knew to say, 'Estèe Lauder?'

She pointed me in the direction of the perfume department, but I knew better than to enter. I would try the purses. Thought it would be easy. What could be complicated about selecting a tool for holding cards and money? I've used the same money clip for eight years. What would be difficult about buying a purse?

Oh, naïve soul that I am. Tell an attendant in the men's department that you want a wallet, and you're taken to a small counter next to a cash register. Your only decision is black or brown. Tell an attendant in the ladies' department that you want a purse, and you're escorted to a room. A room of shelves. Shelves with purses. Purses with price tags. Small but potent price tags...prices so potent they should remove the need for a purse, right?

I was pondering this thought when the salesperson asked me some questions. Questions for which I had no answer. 'What kind of purse would your wife like?' My blank look told her I was clueless, so she began listing the options: 'Handbag? Shoulder bag? Glove bag? Backpack? Shoulder pack? Change purse?'

Dizzied by the options, I had to sit down and put my head between my knees lest I faint. Didn't stop her. Leaning over me, she continued, 'Moneybag? Tote bag? Pocketbook, Satchel?'

'Satchel?' I perked up at the sound of a familiar word. Satchel Paige pitched in the major leagues. This must be the answer. I straightened my shoulders and said proudly, 'Satchel.'

Apparently she didn't like my answer. She began to curse at me in a foreign language. Forgive me for relating her vulgarity, but she was very crude. I didn't understand all she said, but I do know she called me a 'Dooney Bird' and threatened to

'brighten' with a spade that belonged to someone named Kate. When she laid claim to 'our mawny,' I put my hand over the wallet in my hip pocket and defied, 'No, it's my money.' That was enough. I got out of there as fast as I could. But as I left the room, I gave her a bit of her own medicine. 'Estèe Lauder!' I shouted and ran as fast as I could."

We men go through an awful lot to give the perfect gift to the woman we love; but it's not just us men...we all, if we could, would willingly sacrifice the world for those that we love. Lucado says that we are at our best when we are giving; "in fact," adds Lucado, "we are most like God when we are giving."

The month of February not only is home to the most celebrated day of romance it is also home to the beginning of the journey into Lent. Valentine's Day and Lent, like bookends, communicate to the world that sacrificial love is paramount to who we are as human beings. Whereas, Valentine's Day celebrates romantic love or eros (the sensual and intimate love we have with our spouses or significant others); Lent celebrates the sacrificial love (agape) that God displayed for us upon the cross. It is this gift of love (God's most perfect gift of sacrifice) that sheds light on God's heart. It is this agape gift of love that inspires us to give good gifts to others in return.

Lent does not echo Valentine's message, if anything, Valentines echoes Lent's message: God is Love. Using the lingo of New Living Version 1 John 4:7 reminds us of why we are able to love to begin with: "Dear friends, let us love each other, because love comes from God. Those who love are God's children and they know God." Our ability to love others comes because God first loved us. The perfect gift is not the perfect dress, nor the most expensive purse. And it's not a bottle of Estèe Lauder either. What makes the perfect gift the perfect gift is the ability to love others as God first loved us.

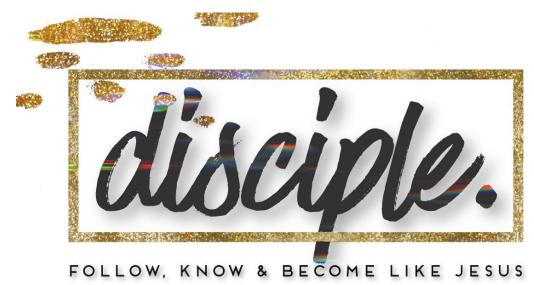
In Christ's Service,



Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett

### A heavenly focus

"Why are not our hearts continually set on heaven?" asks 17th-century pastor and author Richard Baxter. Focusing on heaven stirs our faith, guards against temptation, eases suffering and makes us an encouragement to others, Baxter says. He urges: "Bend thy soul to study eternity, busy thyself about the life to come ... and let not those thoughts be seldom and cursory, but bathe thyself in heaven's delights."





# BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A WORRIER BIBLE STUDY BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK'S CAFÉ AT GREENBRIER (LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER) WEDNESDAY'S AT 1:00 PM

### **BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S**

Oaklette is encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. In February that's Friday, the 9th! This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part. No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at 9:00AM!



### **Bible Quiz**

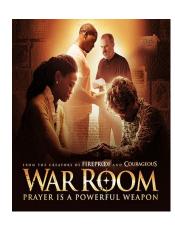
<u>Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our</u> Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

A. death; life
B. angels; demons
C. present; future
D. height; depth
E. all of the above



### FREE MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 7:00 – 9:00 pm – FELLOWSHIP HALL "War Room"

Tony and Elizabeth Jordan have it all–great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan's world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth resigns herself to increasing bitterness. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, and is challenged to establish a "war room" and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony's hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends to his family and prove Miss Clara's wisdom that victories don't come by accident.





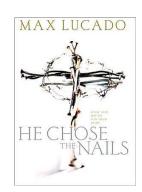
### **NEW YEARS SERMON SERIES CONTINUES**

Dr. Tim continues his sermon series for the New Year entitled Crash Test Dummies: Surprising Lessons from the Book of Judges. Based on Talbot Davis' book by the same name we continue our exploration of the great judges of the Old Testament that God used to call his people back to Him; judges like Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah and Samson. The only problem: after each new judge the Israelites; like

crash-test dummies, kept crashing bigger and harder every time they went for a test drive.

#### **LENT SERMON SERIES BEGINS**

Using Max Lucado's book He Chose the Nails Dr. Tim will be exploring the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow, nails that tore his flesh, seamless robe that he removed for us, and empty tomb where he defeated death. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you." Join Dr. Tim on Sunday mornings at The River and our Traditional Service as we give thanks that "He chose the nails."



#### **SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

SERMON SERIES: CRASH TEST DUMMIES –

SURPRISING LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES

"Insurance Assurance"

Judges 11:1–11, 29–40 (CEV)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018
SERMON SERIES: CRASH TEST DUMMIES –
SURPRISING LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES
"All Comes Crashing Down"
Judges 16:4–30 (CEV)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018
LENT SERMON SERIES: HE CHOSE THE NAILS
"He Chose the Crown of Thorns to Be One of Us"
Genesis 3:17–18 and John 19:1–16 (CEV)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018
LENT SERMON SERIES: HE CHOSE THE NAILS
"He Chose the Nails to Forgive Us"
Colossians 2:6–19 (CEV)



## WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES "Come to the river where you will thirst no more." Sunday's at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!

### MARDIS GRAS PANCAKE BRUNCH/LUNCH

On Sunday, February 11th both the Oaklette and Spirit of Truth Ministries congregations will be worshipping and eating together. This is our first Fellowship Event of the New Year! The Shepherd's Flock Sunday school class will be hosting this year's Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch/Lunch following the 11:00 worship celebration. No food is needed. Just bring your appetite and join us as we break bread (pancakes) together.

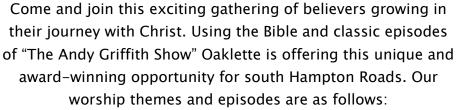


### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**



The season of Lent will soon be upon us! On Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> you are invited to join Dr. Tim for a special Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Worship Service. It will be held at 6:30PM in the sanctuary.

## MAYBERRY CHURCH Sunday at 7:00PM - Fellowship Hall



- February 4 Episode: "Aunt Bee's Big Moment" Aunt Bee comes to realize that she hasn't accomplished much in her life. Wishing she could do something that was unique and that she could talk about she decides, to everyone's surprise, to take flying lessons. Andy is certain that she will never go through with it but she perseveres, determined to make a go of it. When it comes time to solo however, she begins to have second thoughts. Theme: Perseverance. Scripture: Romans 15:4 (VOICE) "You see, everything written in the days of old was recorded to give us instructions for living. We find encouragement through the Scriptures and a call to perseverance that will produce hopeful living."
- February 11 Episode: "Helen's Past" Helen faces the firing squad when Mayberry learns she has had a prior arrest in Kansas City. Theme:

  Absolution. Scripture: Psalm 103:12 (VOICE) "You see, God takes all our crimes—our seemingly inexhaustible sins—and removes them. As far as east is from the west, He removes them from us."
- **February 18 Episode:** "Emmett's Anniversary" Emmett plans to surprise his wife Martha with a mink coat for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. There are only a couple of problems: mink coats are too expensive for Emmett's taste and Martha inadvertently discovers his surprise when she fears Emmett his having an affair. Theme: Reprioritizing Your Priorities. Scripture: Psalm 119:37 (AMP) "Turn my eyes away from vanity [all those worldly,

- meaningless things that distract—let Your priorities be mine], And restore me [with renewed energy] in Your ways."
- February 25 Episode: "The Wedding" Howard turns his home into a 'swinging bachelor's pad' after his mother gets married and moves to Mount Pilot. Theme: The Benefits of Kingdom Living. Scripture: Proverbs 28:19 (MSG) "Work your garden—you'll end up with plenty of food; play and party—you'll end up with an empty plate."

### THURSDAY'S WITH TIM

January saw a lot of snow days and therefore we did not have much opportunity to continue our Thursday's with Tim Bible Study at 10AM in the John Teter Classroom. The class is currently studying the Book of Judges (actually we just began our study on January 25th). You are invited to join Dr. Tim during the month of February as we continue our journey through Judges on the following Thursdays: February 1, 8 and 15.





### 10 biblical ways to love

- 1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
- 2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
- 3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
- 4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
- 5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
- 6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
- 7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
- 8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
- 9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
- 10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

Pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley - (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Jordan Carter - (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow - (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Jason Evans - (Son of Linda & Dean Evans)

**Troy Hudgins** - (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)

**Brian Miller** - (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

lan R Scarborough - (Grandson of Bertie Scarborough)

Major Matt Springer - (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Capt. Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



### Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

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### **FEBRUARY**

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-11-Adel Denson -18-Lori Hazlett -25-



Food Basket
-4Stella Price
-11Jerome Dickinson
-18-

-25-

Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!

### February Food Pantry Workers

-1-

Carol Henry &

Joanne Rooks

-5-

Jeanne Barlow

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Brenda Hodsdon

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Jenny Obenchain

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JoAnn Story

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Paige Weifert

&

Truman Weekley

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**Jane Basnight** 

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**Barbara Malloy** 

-19-

Theresa Magner

&

Helene Haluska

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Emma Beggs

&

**Duane Johnstone** 

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**Paige Weifert** 

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**Truman Weekley** 



Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays and Thursdays. It is only for two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.



# February -4Jessica Weifert -11Jerome Dickinson -18Jessica Weifert -25Jerome Dickinson



Please use the following email address when communicating with the church: oaklette@oakletteumc.org



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Castellow.



### **February**

Judy Carter & Joanne Rooks



Acolytes of all ages are needed to serve during worship services. Only one Sunday a month is required. Please see Arte Jones or call the church office to sign up.

### February Birthdays

-1-Debbie Bailey -3-Chris Austin Samantha McDonald -5-Nancy Hoeflaak Adel Denson

> -7-Richard Tucker Iames Calvert

-13-Sally Phillips Kathryn Paynter Carl Gayle -14-

Scott Poyner -16-Jack Richwine Earl Baker William Smith Faye Spurlock -18-

Mildred Walling -19-Timothy Hazlett

Timotny Haziett Gina Long John Gallop V -22-Patricia Nowber

Patricia Newbern Virginia Hair Martha Riggan -27-Kevin Garcia

> -28-Eric Nathan Cynthia West Kelly Bailey



Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Sam Miles who went to be with the Lord on January 1, 2018; to the family of Franklin Rooks who went to be with the Lord on January 2, 2018, and to the family of Gerald "Buck" Holton who went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2018.



The Support Staff wishes to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and all kindnesses shown to us during the holidays. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Thanks to Tim and Lori and the members of Oaklette for nice remembrance of Mom at Christmas. She remains very frail but peaceful. Happy New Year. Lin Earley



Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV

Birds became prominent in Christian art during the Medieval & Renaissance eras. The lark came to symbolize the humility of priesthood because it flies high and sings only when flying upward.









Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.

### What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

### What you do:

- Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
- Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
- With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
- If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



January 10-16, 2018 Our 24<sup>th</sup> Year!

As with last year SNOW came before our week, closing church the Sunday before we started. Thanks to all who answered my phone calls to fill in the needed slots. We had an average 49 Volunteers each day and 1235.50 volunteer hours!

89 individuals stayed with us at least one night. We were again partnered with St. Pius and were limited to 42 on each bus. The number of homeless this year averaged 137. The City of Norfolk stepped up and kept the lobby of the Human Services building open at night, so those not chosen to get on the buses were allowed to stay in there. No one was left in the cold!

This was a challenging year with interesting situations that needed to be handled. We were certainly kept "on our toes" each night.

Barbara Bennett (along with nightly assistance of Kay Alexander) made sure that delicious meals were served (250 dinners and 250 breakfasts) and that 225 lunches were packed. Elizabeth River Baptist , Woodland Heights Baptist and St. Matthew's Catholic churches and Coast Guard and Chesapeake Sheriff's Department , along with our "Egg Ladies", Oaklette circles and Sunday School classes prepared meals. Members of St. Matthews Catholic, St. Paul's UMC and Woodland Heights Baptist volunteers provided manpower to fill needed positions (especially overnight). This year, VA Wesleyan University sent students who were with us every night and provided whatever services we needed.

A special "thank you" to the Bus Team, a.k.a, my "Posse"; Chris Carroll, Dr. Tim Hazlett, Arte Jones, Jimmy Lee and David Rippard. They battled the elements (rain, wind, cold) to help me get our guests back to church (oh, the stories they could tell!) Calvin Gallop and David Rippard provided cleanup each morning. Our guests enjoyed several nights of rousing bingo games managed by the "Bingo Queen", Brenda Swoope. The winnings were gloves, sweatshirts and warm gear, pants, bus tickets, etc. Thanks to the generosity of some individuals, we were able to give every guest a \$5.00 McDonald's gift card on Tuesday night.

David Rippard and Len Carter were our Procurement guys (picking up milk, donuts, dropping off mats and blankets, etc.).

It takes a village to make this program a success. Thank you for continued support. Next year will be our 25<sup>th</sup> year!

Love and Blessings,

**Debbie Rippard** 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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