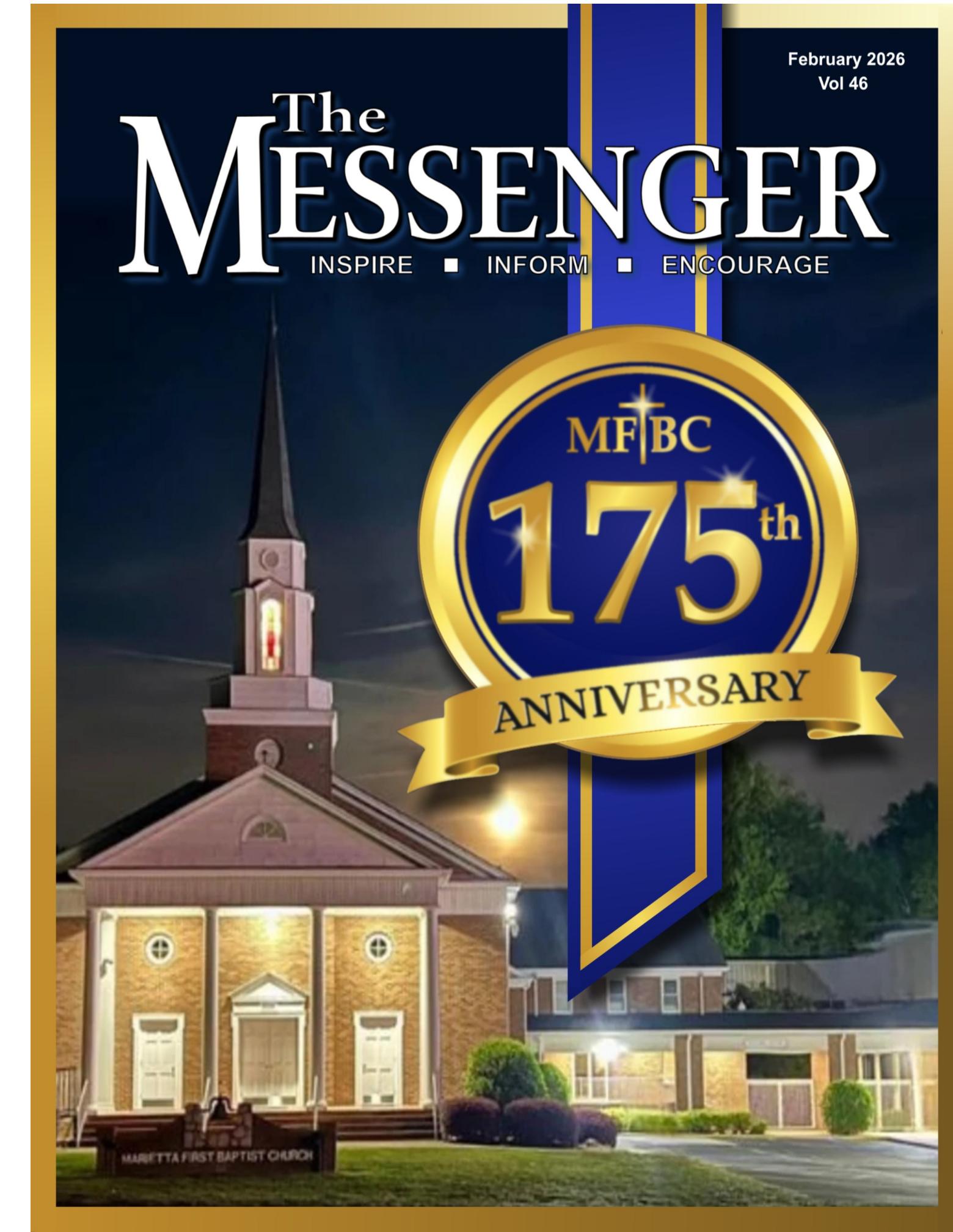


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# Looking Backwards to Celebrate, Moving Forward to Motivate!

## a note from Pastor Brian

We have some amazing opportunities to celebrate what God is doing at Marietta First Baptist this month! On **February 22nd**, we will gather for our **175-year Celebration Service and Lunch**. I cannot wait to celebrate what God has done in the past, what He is doing in the present, and what He will continue to do in the future. Our theme for the day will be “**Looking Backwards to Celebrate, Moving Forwards to Motivate**.” We are thrilled to enjoy a homecoming-style meal together following the service as we reflect on God’s faithfulness through the generations. As we move through February, we will also continue our Sunday morning study in the **Book of Galatians**. On **February 8th**, we are excited to welcome **TruFaith** for a concert at **6:00 PM**, and that same day we will host our **SALT Valentine’s Lunch**. Please know how encouraged we are by what God is doing through our **New Members Classes**, and how grateful we are to continue serving together as a church family. You are deeply loved and valued. Don’t forget that **Galatians 6:9-10** is our theme verse for the year as we seek to faithfully serve the Lord. Let’s continue to do “**whatever it takes**” to remain united in Christ’s love—through our faith, our families, our community, and to the ends of the earth.

With love,  
Pastor Brian



## Come Celebrate

Feb 22 / 9:30 am

Followed by  
Lunch

Church Will  
Provide Chicken, Rolls & Drinks

Please Bring Sides & Desserts

Please Drop Them Off: 8:45 am - 9:15 am

No Sunday School or Evening Worship

## SERVANT DEACONS ON CALL FEBRUARY

Kaleb Green  
640-2444

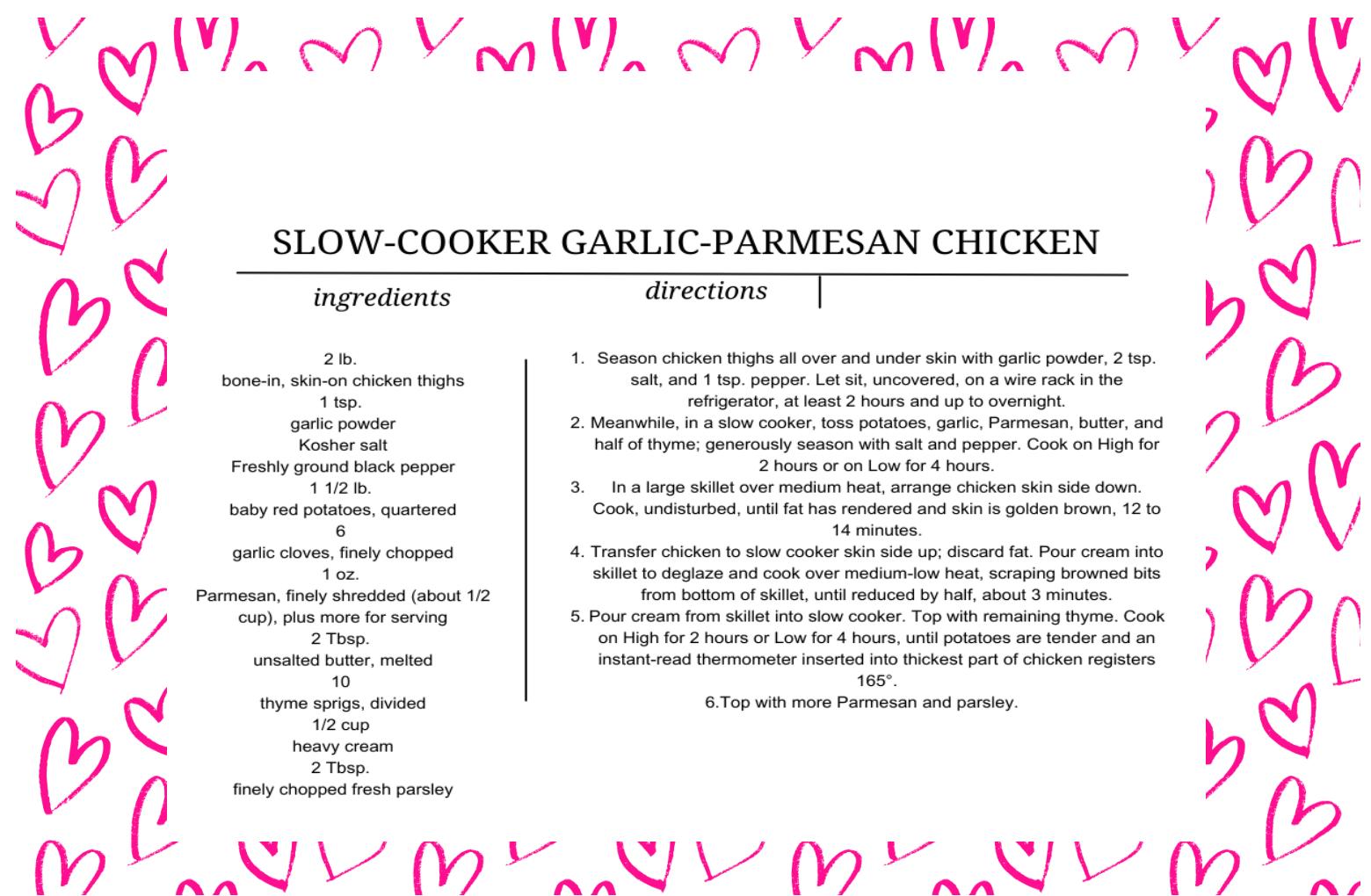
Mark Stroud  
979-4027

Keith DeWease  
303-6475

## FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 1 Karen Burton
- 2 Sara Gilstrap
- 3 Brayden Allen  
Lucy DeWease
- 5 Larissa Blythe
- 6 Loretta Minter  
LillyAnn Smith
- 10 Beverly Ford
- 11 Clay White
- 12 Bob Mays
- 13 Debbie Payne
- 15 Gene Ervin  
Walker Craig  
Brittni Howard
- 16 Toni Harris  
Arney Posey
- 17 Karen Davis  
Kathryn Tankersley
- 18 Lori Darnell  
Sydney Mann
- 19 Gracen Ledford  
Danelle Edwards
- 22 Judy Chambers
- 23 Brian Ledford
- 24 Roger Epps  
Jake Crain
- 25 Suzanna James
- 26 Debbie Jones
- 28 Jean McAdams  
Tammy Howard  
David Davis  
Angela Spearman

■ F.A.S.T. ■  
MONTHLY MEETING  
FEB 15 / 4:30 PM  
ADULT 5



## SLOW-COOKER GARLIC-PARMESAN CHICKEN

### ingredients

2 lb.  
bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs  
1 tsp.  
garlic powder  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1 1/2 lb.  
baby red potatoes, quartered  
6  
garlic cloves, finely chopped  
1 oz.  
Parmesan, finely shredded (about 1/2 cup), plus more for serving  
2 Tbsp.  
unsalted butter, melted  
10  
thyme sprigs, divided  
1/2 cup  
heavy cream  
2 Tbsp.  
finely chopped fresh parsley

### directions

1. Season chicken thighs all over and under skin with garlic powder, 2 tsp. salt, and 1 tsp. pepper. Let sit, uncovered, on a wire rack in the refrigerator, at least 2 hours and up to overnight.
2. Meanwhile, in a slow cooker, toss potatoes, garlic, Parmesan, butter, and half of thyme; generously season with salt and pepper. Cook on High for 2 hours or on Low for 4 hours.
3. In a large skillet over medium heat, arrange chicken skin side down. Cook, undisturbed, until fat has rendered and skin is golden brown, 12 to 14 minutes.
4. Transfer chicken to slow cooker skin side up; discard fat. Pour cream into skillet to deglaze and cook over medium-low heat, scraping browned bits from bottom of skillet, until reduced by half, about 3 minutes.
5. Pour cream from skillet into slow cooker. Top with remaining thyme. Cook on High for 2 hours or Low for 4 hours, until potatoes are tender and an instant-read thermometer inserted into thickest part of chicken registers 165°.
6. Top with more Parmesan and parsley.

## For The Record JANUARY 2026

### Morning Worship, 9:30 A.M.

04: 258 11: 248 18: 275 25: N/A

### Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

04: N/A 11:N/A 18: 85 25: N/A

### Tithes and Offerings

Reg. Budget	Bldg. Fund
04: \$9,457.70	\$771.00
11: \$15,093.01	\$772.00
18: \$14,918.18	\$773.00
25: N/A	N/A

## Your Church Staff

We're here to Serve!

staff@mfbc-sc.org

Dr. Brian L. Spearman, Senior Pastor

Scott Holtzclaw, Worship & Administrative Pastor

Stephanie Epps, Worship Leader

Chandler Moats, Associate Pastor of Families & Discipleship

Tedd Barnette, Building & Special Projects Coordinator

Melissa Crum, Administrative Ministry Assistant

Carol Ellis, Financial Ministry Assistant

Rachael Snow, Nursery Coordinator

Rob Lento, Pianist

Office Hours 8:30 am-1:30 pm M-F

Church.....864-836-3518

Child Development Center.....864-836-7027

# Family Ministry



## Events

### Family Ministry Team Meeting

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 15th at 6:00pm. We will have a Family Ministry Team Meeting for all kids and youth workers for a time of encouragement, prayer, and updates.

#### FAMILY MINISTRY

##### Team Meeting



Sunday, February 15th  
6pm in the Fellowship Hall

## Memory Verse

**Big Idea** - Jesus takes care of me.

### Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.



## Teachers

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>2-3s</b>	<b>4-5s</b>	<b>Elementary</b>
<b>2/1</b>	The Fosters	Hannah Blume Madison Powell	Anna Storay Deidre Youngblood	Angela Spearman Savannah Hightower
<b>2/8</b>	Edwina Ervin	Amy Logan Melanie Hughes	Jennifer McJunkin Assistant	Kim Craig Lauren Epps
<b>2/15</b>	Amy Logan	Jessica Dilworth Kelly King	Liz Nix Becky Galloway	Debbie Holtzclaw Danielle Payne
<b>2/22</b>	Pat Elders	Emily Moats Brittni Howard	Bev Ford Teresa Dyer	Olivia Chambers Gwen Chambers

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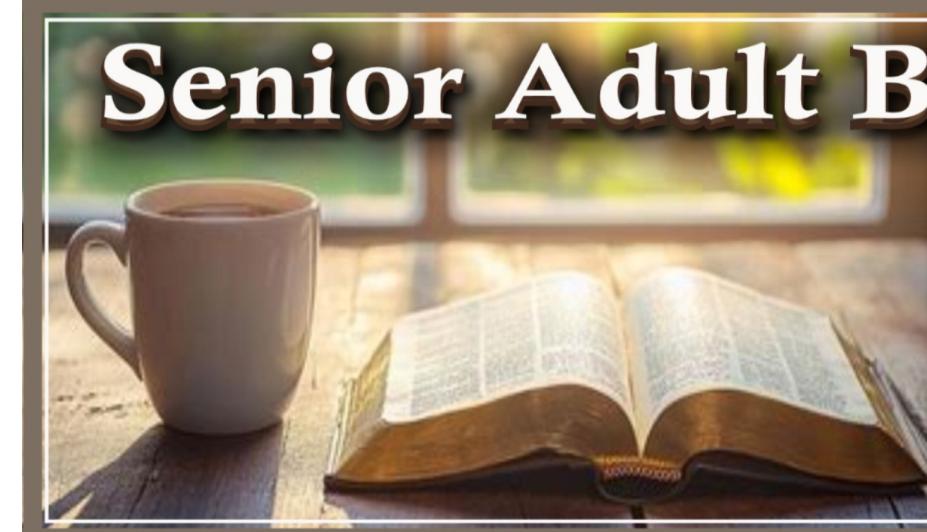
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# Senior Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday  
In February

@ 11 am

In The Sanctuary



## Senior Adult Valentine Lunch

Sunday, Feb 8 / After Sunday School / Fellowship Hall

Sign Up at the INFO DESK



## FEBRUARY 2026 SCHEDULE

### TUESDAYS

**3**  
Tedd Barnette

**10**  
David Welborn  
Wayne Tankersley  
Linda Tankersley

**17**  
Gary Ervin  
Edwina Ervin  
TJ Howard

**24**  
Brian Ledford  
Jeremy Bowers

**31**  
Brian Spearman  
Alex Spearman

### THURSDAYS

**5**  
Ronnie Albright  
Lynn Albright

**12**  
Benny Ford  
Brian Burton  
Marrie Loftis

**19**  
JJ Hughes  
Melanie Hughes  
Nate Spearman

**26**  
Brayden Allen  
Jeff Tipton  
Jeanne Marie Tipton



**WMU Planning Event**  
**FEB 19 @ 6:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Building & Grounds**  
**Meeting - Feb 19 @ 7 pm**  
**Conference Room**



**Tru Faith**  
Quartet  
In Concert  
FEB 8 @ 6 pm

**01:** 9:30 am, Worship  
 10:45 am, Sunday School  
 6:00 pm, Evening Worship  
**02:** 10:00 am, Pickleball  
**03:** 9:00 am, SALT  
 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
 6:30 pm, Set Free  
**04:** Love Thy Neighbor  
 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
 (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)  
**06:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse  
**08:** 9:30 am, Worship  
 10:45 am, Ministry Fair  
 6:00 pm. Evening Worship  
**09:** 10:00 am, Pickleball  
**10:** 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
 6:30 pm, Set Free  
**11:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
 (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)  
**12:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse  
**15:** 9:30 am, Worship  
 10:45 am, Sunday School  
 6:00 pm, Evening Worship  
**16:** 10:00 am, Pickleball  
**17:** 9:00 am, SALT  
 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
 6:30 pm, Set Free  
**18:** Love Thy Neighbor  
 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
 (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)  
**19:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse  
**22:** 9:30 am, Worship  
 10:45 am, Sunday School  
 6:00 pm, Family Night  
**23:** 10:00 am, Pickleball  
**24:** 9:00 am, SALT  
 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
 6:30 pm, Set Free  
**25:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
 (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)  
**26:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse

**WORSHIP CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY**

1st: 9:30am Worship  
 4th: Rehearsal, 7:35pm  
 8th: 9:30am Worship  
 11th: Rehearsal, 7:35pm  
 15th: 9:30am Worship  
 18th: Rehearsal, 7:35pm  
 22nd: 9:30am Worship  
 25th: Rehearsal, 7:35pm

For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the Lord's declaration—"plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. -Jer. 29:11

**Camp La Vida Fund Raising**

If the Lord leads you to donate it will be greatly appreciated!

Cost Per Camper - \$360



**Don't Forget...** Our New Church Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 3:30 pm / Friday 8:30 - 12:30 pm

**Love Thy Neighbor**

**Feb 4 & 18**



**Storehouse** Need This Month

**PASTA & SAUCE**



Any Variety / Regular Size Box and Jar

**PANAMA MISSION TEAM**

**MEETING FEB 8 @ 5 pm**

See Jimmy for more info



**Marietta First Baptist By-Laws Update**

• Voting Feb 8

**Buy a Chair**

We Need To Update The Chairs In The Choir Loft & Balcony

We Need 120 Chairs  
\$60 Each / 5 For \$300  
10 For \$600

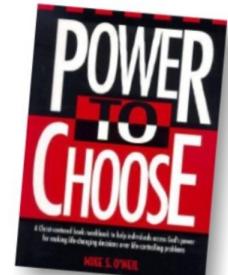


**SET FREE**  
Addictions Ministry



A weekly support group for folks dealing with any issue where we have allowed it to be Number 1 in our lives! We must always strive to keep God our Number 1 priority each day! For the next several weeks we are using POWER TO CHOOSE, a great bible based study of the twelve steps. We look at the power of choice that we each have and come to a greater realization that to restore our power to make better choices comes only from God. Please come join us! Please see Jimmy or Rhonda Batson for more information. Thanks!

**SET FREE** meets every Tues / 6:30 pm - 8 pm / at the Lighthouse



**the Lighthouse** **FEBRUARY Schedule**

**SET FREE** **TUESDAYS 6:30 - 8 PM**

FEB 10 - Celebration Night

FEB 17 - Regular Meeting

FEB 24 - Regular Meeting

**DAY ACTIVITIES** **TUESDAYS 10 AM - 1 PM**

**ART EXPRESSIONS** **FEB 9 @ 6 PM**

**cameron's** **HOUSE OF HOPE** **TUES / WED / THUR 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

