

First Baptist Church



"To Know Him and Make Him Known" February 2016

Pastor's Paragraph

Miscarriage of Justice——

It is painful to witness the spiritual demise of our culture. It is especially excruciating to see a blatant miscarriage of justice. There is one current story that epitomizes the spiritual decline of our culture and the gross corruption of our judicial system. It is a case where a prosecutor and a grand jury had an opportunity to shine the light of truth and administer justice. Instead, the truth was banished and justice perverted. It is the very definition of "miscarriage of justice." The true villain is exonerated and treated as a hero, and the true hero is charged with a crime.

Two individuals from the Center for Medical Progress worked diligently for years to uncover the bloody truth about Planned Parenthood. They assumed false identities (because Planned Parenthood has a database of pro-life activists) and went undercover to inquire about purchasing "fetal tissue" from aborted babies. With a hidden camera, they recorded Planned Parenthood representatives casually discussing how they can alter abortion techniques in order to maximize the income and "diversify revenue streams". They described in detail how they could preserve a baby's head (because that is the high-priced item!) during an abortion. They even explained the possibility of preserving "intact fetal cadavers" for the highest possible revenue. They clearly wanted to profit from the sale of baby body parts.

And so, a prosecutor in Texas investigated the entire incident to see if any laws were violated. The prosecutor presented the findings to a grand jury. The result was that no charges were brought against Planned Parenthood. However, the two courageous journalists who exposed the sickening truth were charged with crimes that could potentially send them to jail for 20 years. One of the charges against the pro-life activists is a violation of the law that prohibits the purchase and sale of human organs. Now, I am no legal scholar, but this is obviously outrageous and makes no sense whatsoever. It is illegal to buy or sell organs. Yet, the grand jury decided to charge the buyer (who was only *pretending* to buy!), but not to charge the seller (who was really trying to sell!). And, our government (your tax dollars!) still gives \$500,000,000 per year to the blood-stained baby butchers who profit illegally and immorally.

This entire saga is eye-opening and gut-wrenching. We know what God thinks. "He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord." (Proverbs 17:15). "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness." (Isaiah 5:20) I am an optimist by nature, but when I see such gross injustice, it makes me wonder if there is any hope for our nation. Perhaps we have already passed the "point of no return." Perhaps we have already incurred the irrevocable wrath of God. Perhaps we crossed that line a long time ago (January 22, 1973), when abortion became legal. ~Pastor

February

Is your life a shining witness . . . With a testimony true?
Could the world be won to Jesus . . . Just by watching you?

Georgia B. Adams

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Happy Groundhog Day! 	3 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM	4	5	6 Trustees' Mtg. 8:00 AM
7 Communion Choir Practice Deadline for Care Package Items	8	9 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 PM	10 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM	11	12	13
14 Choir Practice Happy Valentines Day	15 	16	17 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM Parents' Night!!	18	19	20 Coffee w/ The King @ Hollie's 9-11 AM 
21 Choir Practice	22	23	24 AWANA 6:30-8:10 PM	25	26	27
28 Choir Practice	29 					

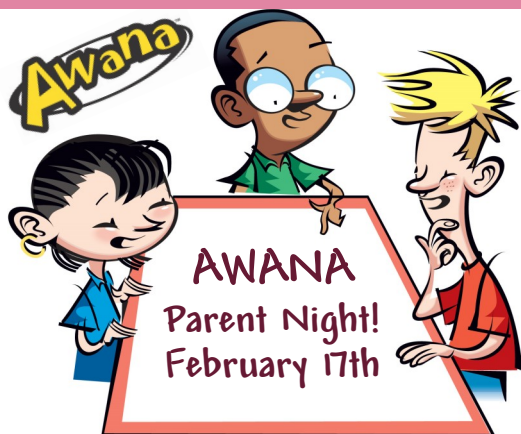
Valentine Care Packages

We are collecting 'goodies' to send to our 7 college students! Please have your items in by Sunday, February 7th. Thank you!



Coffee w/ The King!

This is a Bible study fellowship for all our ladies, that meets one Saturday each month from 9-11 a.m. Hollie Feickert has been leading us through Titus 2. So please join us if you haven't already! We've missed you!



Memory Verse: "You shall not make for yourself a carved image— any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;" Exodus 20:4

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us was not a bunch of flowers; It wasn't candy, or a book to while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man, so He could freely give His sacrificial love for us, so you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and instruction, good and true—to love our friends and enemies and love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines, let's thank our Lord and King; the reason we have love to give is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs

December Finances

Balance Forward 12/1/2015

Deacon's Fund	\$730.92
Designated Fund	\$822.90
General Fund*	\$33,163.86
Checking Account	\$34,717.68
December Income	\$14,039.99
December Expenses	\$14,046.34
Net Decrease	(\$6.35)

Balance 12/31/2015

Deacon's Fund	\$730.92
Designated Fund	\$500.00
General Fund	\$33,480.41
Checking Account	\$34,711.33

*Corrected Amount