

THE "FIRST" EDITION

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**Monthly Pearl of Wisdom:
True service is love in working clothes.**

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. - Romans 8:1

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LAKE REGION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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A Passion for God and a Compassion for People



Pastor Dave Grotzke

9:30 AM – Sunday School
**10:45 AM – Sunday Morning
Worship**
**6:00 PM - Sunday Evening
Service**
**6:30 PM - Wednesday Praise &
Worship / AWANA /
724 Youth**

Upcoming events for February:
4 – 8:30AM Pancake Breakfast
Eve. Petersons Farewell fellowship
5-9 - LRCS Spirit Week
8 – 7PM Ladies Night Out
10 – 6PM Adult Valentine Banquet
11 – PM service Communion
13 – Ruth Circle
15 – Senior Luncheon
16-19 No School at LRCS
16 – 17 – Mens State Fellowship
Youth Funtastic w/ Faith Baptist

4. Profile on: The Carners



James (born March 22) and Donna (born May 16) Carner met when they were in their pre-teen, early teen years. Their relationship started out with each having a crush on the other. In their late teen years their crush blossomed and they found themselves dating seriously. On June 24, 1995, they became husband and wife when they were married at Temple Baptist Church in Brainerd. James is a tooling technician at Lexington Manufacturing and he has been there for over seven years. He changes and sharpens tooling for all the molder heads for the plant. Donna is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys volunteering at L.R.C.S. whenever and wherever she can. James realized his need of salvation and was saved in the fall of 2005. Donna had the joy of leading him to the Lord. Between messages and the walk of Christians, Donna knew she had a need of a Savior and in the spring of 2005, she prayed in the quietness of her room for salvation. They found First Baptist through our school and were impressed with the children's programs and activities we offered their children. They have three children who attend L.R.C.S. Duante is seven and in the second grade. He enjoys riding his bike and playing board games. His favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. Haley is six years old and is in Kindergarten. She enjoys swimming and fishing. Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 19:4. Danielle is five years old and is in our K4 program. She enjoys swimming and playing with her friends. Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 139:14. James enjoys being outdoors, racing, and football. Donna enjoys being around kids. They both like to fish and spend time with their family and friends. James's favorite Bible verse is Romans 3:23 because it shows we aren't perfect and how great a God we have in Jesus Christ. His favorite hymn is *The Old Rugged Cross* because it keeps him humble and feels it is a consistent reminder of what Jesus has done for, not only him, but for everyone. Donna's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 63:1 because it describes her heart for the Lord. Her favorite songs are *El Shaddai* and *Wings As Eagles* because of the special memories each one holds for her. James and Donna are currently in the Membership Class and are looking forward to being a part of our church family.

They are serving in the nursery ministry, and are anxious to serve in other areas as well, for they enjoy doing things for the Lord. They really enjoy the First Baptist family and feel comfortable being here. Having Pastor Grotzke greet them at the door with a smile on Sunday mornings means a lot to them. They love the church services and are learning much under Pastors' shepherding. Their kids really enjoy all the programs they can have a part in.

We are thankful the Carners have decided to make First Baptist Church their church and we pray the Lord will bless them as they serve Him here.

A Faithful Church in an Ungodly World

Colossians 2:1-9

A church is able to stand firm against error and ungodly influences when Christians know what they believe and are unified in love. One other helpful characteristic is that they walk steadily by faith.

Just as our salvation came through belief and not feelings, our Christian life is to be lived in the same way. Living God's way is contrary to the world's mode of operating, which tells us that independence is of great value. The Lord declares that our life is to be marked by submission to Him. Society promotes self assurance and a reliance on what we can see. Scripture reveals the foolishness of depending solely on our circumstances or other people. Instead, our confidence is to be placed in Jesus, and we are to rely on Him alone.

We all need daily spiritual nourishment directly from God's Word if we are to maintain a godly lifestyle. Through study and application — both individually and corporately — we will learn how to replace human thinking with the Lord's wisdom, draw on His strength, and make Him the center and substance of our life and our church. When we are deeply rooted and built up in Christ, false doctrine and error will "go in one ear and out the other."

Gratitude is an extra layer of protection for the believer. When we focus on the goodness of God and praise Him for His blessings, the Enemy cannot easily distract us with lies.

With our church body knitted together in love, unified, and walking by belief in Jesus, we will be immovable in our faith. Dr. Charles Stanley

VALENTINE'S DAY FACTS

February 14, 270 A.D. : Roman Emperor Claudius II, dubbed "Claudius the Cruel," beheaded a priest named Valentine for performing marriage ceremonies. Claudius II had outlawed marriages when Roman men began refusing to go to war in order to stay with their wives.

Wearing a wedding ring on the fourth finger of the left hand dates back to ancient Egypt, where it was believed that the vein of love ran from this finger directly to the heart.

For more Valentine Facts check out our web page at www.firstbaptistchurchbrainerd.com

73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.

15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.

About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. That's the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.

About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America.

Approximately 110 million roses, the majority (red), will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.

Hallmark has over 1330 different cards specifically for Valentine's Day.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

In the United States, 64 percent of men do not make plans in advance for a romantic Valentine's Day with their sweethearts.

Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then, sweethearts. Children ages 6 to 10 exchange more than 650 million Valentine's cards with teachers, classmates, and family members.

In the 17th century a hopeful maiden ate a hard-boiled egg and pinned five bay leaves to her pillow before going to sleep on Valentine's eve. It was believed this would make her dream of her future husband.

The Empire State Building in New York City played a prominent role in the movie "Sleepless in Seattle." Each year an average of 15 couples will take (or renew) their vows on the 80th floor of this famous landmark.

The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.

The red rose was the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. Red stands for strong feelings which is why a red rose is a flower of love.

Valentine's Day is big business. Consumers will spend an average of \$77.43 on Valentine's Day gifts this year. E-commerce retailers expect to rack up about \$650 million in sales of food, candy, flowers, and other Valentine's Day gifts. Of that amount about \$350 million will be for gifts and flowers and another \$45 million will be spent on food (including chocolate) and wine.

Chocolate manufacturers currently use 40 percent of the world's almonds and 20 percent of the world's peanuts.