

Boykins Baptist Church Messenger

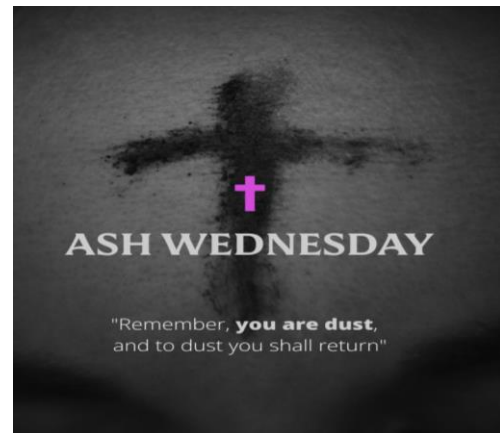
February 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

Grace Notes

February is the month that we celebrate love. As Christians, we should be at the forefront in the celebration of love – love of God, love of church, love of family and friends. In Pau's first letter to the church at Corinth, he devotes an entire chapter to love and a discussion of the attributes of love. Love is not prideful or boastful, seeks only the best for others. Jesus said that love is measured by the ability for the individual to lay down his life for his friends. In short, to love is to live according to God's way. If that is not your pattern, then February is the month to begin!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18. Our Ash Wednesday service begins at 6:30pm and will include the traditional imposition of ashes accompanied by hymns, scripture and prayer, along with a brief homily. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." (Isaiah 1: 18)



Our Lenten Bible Study is *The Return of the Prodigal* by Henri Nouwen. The study will begin on February 25 from 5:45 – 6:30 pm.



Henri Nouwen was a Dutch-born Catholic priest, professor, psychologist and prolific writer. He taught psychology at the University of Notre Dame and pastoral theology at the Divinity Schools of Yale and Harvard before leaving academia to become the pastor at L'Arche Daybreak, a community for people with intellectual disabilities. A master communicator, Nouwen wrote and spoke with great openness and vulnerability about faith, spiritual formation, prayer, social justice, and other themes related to the spiritual life. He wrote thirty-nine books that sold over one million copies in his lifetime and were translated into more than thirty-five languages. Today, book sales have surpassed 8.5 million copies. Books drawn from Nouwen's archives continue to be published. Nouwen died unexpectedly of a heart attack in 1996. He was 64 years old.

Henri Nouwen's large literary collection was generally written and published between 1969 and 1996, the year of his death. Works published since then include those written or edited by other authors, or reprints and revisions of original works. Over the last few decades, various expressions and ideas have evolved in the areas of human development, psychology, spirituality and pastoral care. If Henri were alive today, he would no doubt be sensitive to using more inclusive language when it comes to many areas, including but not limited to gender, images of God, and addressing persons with disabilities. It is the wish of the Henri Nouwen Legacy Trust, **not** to modify Henri's work, but to continue to print any original publications with the original text he used. Henri's wisdom continues to be timeless and profound, and as his works are read in the context of the times they were written, the reader is free to adapt their own understanding, considering language which is current and comfortable for them.

It is my privilege to serve God by loving and serving the members of Boykins Baptist. I still believe that the best is yet to come!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve



Important Notes

There will be a Deacon's Meeting on Sunday, February 15 immediately following worship service.

Help Wanted!

Choir Director/Pianist for BBC
Please contact Sara Crowder,
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Counting Team for February:

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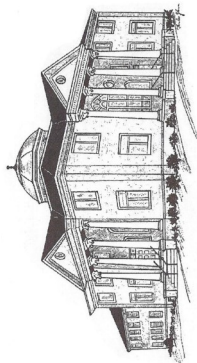
Finance Committee Harrell Turner

Secretary/Treasurer..... Ashley Johnson



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>Don Adams Jamie Vick</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Linda Garriss Mary Jo Birgensmith</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Denise Byrum</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Jessica P. Johnson</p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>Tim Fuller Otelia Zimmerman</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>Sharlene Smith</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Deacons Meeting</p> <p>Kathy Jo Edwards Brittany Milteer</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Travis Felts Nancy Suits</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Sheldon Skinner</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Seth Stallard William Thomas</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Ronnie Vincent Teresa Edwards</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>Debbie Felts Cole Mann</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>Seth Edwards</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>



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