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Eighteen couples have made reservations for the Sweetheart Banquet to be held on Valentine's Day at Fulgenzi's. Seating will begin at 6:00, and the meal will be served at 6:30. The menu will feature roast pork with sides, and cheese tortellini. There is still room for a few more couples, and a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Cost for the meal is \$38 per couple, and checks can be placed in the posted envelop.

The main program for the evening will be a romantic trivia contest being put together by Cory and Nicole Moore.

I'm going to try to tie together a Florida vacation, the Super Bowl, and Black History Month in one (and 1/2) column(s).

When the opportunity to spend a week at a friend's condo in Florida arose, I had mixed emotions. I knew Marilyn would love it, but I'm not much of a beach bum. The idea of sitting in the sun listening to the surf isn't exactly my cup of tea. To pass the time I decided to take a book that Duane Carrell had loaned me several weeks ago.

The book, subtitled "How to Turn Good Men into Whiners Weenies and Wimps", was written by Burgess Owens, a team mate of Duane's when he played with the New York Jets in the 70s. Owens also played in Super Bowl XV with the Oakland Raiders, thus the Super Bowl connection.

Owens began his book by stating, "My life has been filled with many blessings, the most important of these being the family, race, country, and era that I was born into." He then goes on to note that he was raised in the 1950s and 60s era of segregation, and that "For those who grew up in the Deep South, in the days of the KKK and Jim Crow segregation, pride in community was not founded on the embellishment of opportunities lost due to racism. Instead it was built on the highlighting of the great accomplishments achieved, in spite of the obstacles." He then notes how all thirteen children in his mother's household went on to experience "the American dream buffet, which included higher education, successful marriages, families, business ownerships or long job careers, church and community involvement, college education for their children, vacations, reunions, and lifetimes of added-value to their communities and their proud Kirby name."

The primary focus of his book is then on how much of the black community has lost what it once had, and how policies and programs that have a stated goal of improving their lot in life have actually reduced many to a state of total dependency and hopelessness. He tells of successful black role models of the past, and quotes Booker T. Washington.

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School

9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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STATISTICS

	1/29	
Worship		131
Offering		\$2,933.00
	2/5	
Worship		135
Offering		\$8,141.17

SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 2/12 /17

Greeters	Debbie Sanner
Visitors' Stand.....	Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation	Paul Hunley
	Kirk Polley
Ushers	Jeff Edmiston
	Bill Carroll
	Chris Luzio
	Scott Bales
	Will Bartels
	Rich Mann

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers.....	Karen Mann
	Reagan Formea
Infants.....	Dixie Williamson
	Kate Sperry
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Julie Divjak
Infants.....	Kristin Polley

Let Us Pray For...

--Darrin Burdinski's uncle entering hospice care.

--The Scott Williams family with continuing health issues and hesitation from insurance provider to cover necessary medicines.

--Gary Gredzieleski's co-worker's wife having back surgery and a friend having an MRI.



The pantry is in need of hot cereal, cream soups, canned fruit and tomatoes, pork & beans and toothpaste.

Thank You!

We want to thank everyone for the visits, calls and prayers during this difficult time. Wayne was very proud of his church and all of the friends he had there.

Sincerely, The Wayne Ellis family

RICK'S COLUMN CONTINUED

"There is another class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Having learned that they are able to make a living out of their troubles, they have grown into the settled habit of advertising their wrongs—partly because they want sympathy and partly because it pays. Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, because they do not want to lose their jobs."

Booker T. Washington died over a hundred years ago, but his statement still rings true. And while we do have a responsibility to care for those with legitimate needs, and come to the aid of those who are unable to defend themselves, what the Apostle Paul had to say to the Thessalonians nearly 2,000 years ago is perhaps the best answer for all concerned with inequities in society. "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you; so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need." (I Thessalonians 4:11-12)

God Bless, Rick



Tabitha's Touch will begin its 5th year on Monday, February 13th at 6:30. This year the focus will be on making items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, beginning with aprons for little girls. Those who are able are encouraged to bring a sewing machine, as well as scissors, thread and a snack to share.

Life of Christ

This Sunday evening at 6:30 we will be looking at chapter 13, "The Man Who Lost His Head."



High School Students

A week from Monday, on February 20th, we will be leaving early in the morning for our ski trip to Northern Illinois. I would like to leave at 6am to be exact. That will give us a good 6 to 7 hours on the slopes or tubing hill before leaving around 4:30 for home. Our target time to return to the church is 9pm.

As a reminder, we will be skiing at SnowStar up near the Quad Cities. Lift tickets will be \$35 per person and it costs \$25 to ski rent equipment. Money will be needed for lunch at the lodge (think high prices), miscellaneous items throughout the day and dinner on the return trip home. Also, for a change of pace, there is a tubing hill which costs \$20 for two hours of spectacular fun! With all these options, it will be a great trip.

Now all we need is snow! Absolutely feel free to invite a friend to spend the day with us. Please talk to them this week as a sign up sheet will be posted on Sunday. I am looking forward to getting this annual High School event back in our yearly list of activities!



4th & 5th Grade

Just a reminder that we need to register our group soon before space runs out. If you are still on the fence deciding if you would like to go, my advice would be to do it! So far, we have never been disappointed with the activities or solid message presented by the event staff. We will be leaving at 4pm on Friday, March 10 and returning at 4:30 on the 11th. The cost is \$45 and additional spending money for meals and an activity will be needed. Please see me with any questions.



Jr/Sr High School

Winter Jam is this Sunday!! We will be leaving the church at 2pm to head towards Peoria and will be returning around midnight. Since it is a school night, get plenty of rest on Saturday or take a quick nap after church before we leave!

Currently, we have 14 of our youth who have signed up to attend. If you forgot to sign up, there is still room for you! Just give me a call or a text if you have decided to go. The cost for the concert is \$10 per person. While that is very, very reasonable, the food at the convention center is expensive. Plan accordingly since we will be there over dinner. See you on Sunday!



Lake Springfield Christian Assembly

Registration is now open for the summer camping season at LSCA! If you have a child that fits into any of the age ranges offered by the camp, I strongly encourage your child to attend. Friendships are developed and above all, Christ is exalted.

As we traditionally do, the church will pay 1/2 of the tuition for your child to attend one session of camp this year. We are honored to support your child in this way. Registrations must be done online and confirmations will be sent to our church. There is a discount code to enter during the registration process in order for the church to pay 1/2 the tuition.

I have instructions printed off and they are on my desk. Feel free to catch me Sunday morning with any questions or just grab the instructions and we can discuss anytime.