

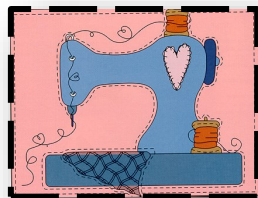


**Life Choices Banquet**  
**March 7, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Kathy Koch**  
(For ticket info call 255-7377)



Our annual *Deacon & Wives, Widows & Widowers Luncheon* will be held on Sunday, March 5, in the FLC immediately following the morning worship service.



**"Sew & Sews"** will meet  
on Wednesday, March 1,  
9:00 a.m. in the FLC.

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**FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

Together  
For His  
Kingdom

**Week of Prayer - March 5-12**  
**NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS & ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
**EASTER OFFERING**

## pastor's *pen*

“*I love you*”, a three word sentence that can change the world! Many of us have heard the phrase, “Let me count the ways”, which talks about how much we love. Over the last few days, millions of dollars have been spent in an attempt to express love. I hope you have properly expressed your love to the one who is the love of your life.

The question I want to ask is, “How are you showing Jesus Christ that you love Him?” When’s the last time you just spent time alone with Him? Do your daily activities express your love for Christ? How much have you spent to advance the cause of Christ? If you were standing face to face with Jesus could you honestly say to Him, “I love you with all my heart”? If you struggled to answer these questions, let me encourage you to get on your knees and spend some time talking with the one who died for you!

One of the key evidences of our genuine love for God is our love for one another. Jesus said it would be the way others would know we are true followers of Christ (John 13:35). A clear evidence of our brotherly love is praying for one another. Let’s especially remember those in our prayers who are hurting today.



### Hello from **CRASH** student ministries!

As many of you know, we have begun our Valentine’s fundraiser to raise money for summer camp. There is a bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary that has several envelopes that have numbers on each one. We ask that you pick an envelope and place the amount of money inside the envelope that matches or exceeds the number on the outside of the envelope. You can then either give it to Kim, myself, or place it in the offering plates. **All donations are greatly appreciated!**

The youth recently joined the nursing home ministry team and we passed out Valentine bags to several of the nursing home residents. It was a blessing to see our students bring smiles to the faces of the residents.

We have a few things coming up:

**Feb. 18th** - Diner Hop Day  
**March 4th** - Winter Jam

**Feb. 23rd** - Ice cream night at Orange Leaf  
**March 16-18** - DNOW in Branson

As always, we ask for continued prayer as we minister to the students of Emmanuel.

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## ministry *spotlight*

Dear Emmanuel Family,

I want to highlight several upcoming events. First, our joint community **Easter Service** is scheduled for April 2, 6:00 p.m. at Life Church (formerly South Parkway) with Dr. Reggie Bridges, pastor of Temple BC as the preacher for the service.

Also, we have completed our spring line-up for our **JOY** meetings. Our March 16 meeting will feature Cathy Judd as guest speaker. Our April 20 meeting will feature the Chet Atkins styled guitar music played by Dr. Richard Hood. Our final event is our annual **Picnic in the Park** at Lincoln Parish Park on May 18.

See you Sunday! **Bro. Sam**

## music *notes*

There’s a writing that I go back and read occasionally called the “**Personal Manifesto for Congregational Singing!**” I hope you will agree to these Bible-based principles also.

*(1) I will sing if for no other reason than to honor the Scriptural exhortation to sing; singing in worship is a “spiritual” enterprise...it is not a “musical” exercise. (2) I will vigorously sing the songs I “like” and are most meaningful to me because it’s good for my soul, and because in so doing, I may encourage another person to sing as well. (3) I will also energetically sing the songs I “like less” because in so doing, I may affirm another person in an expression of faith that’s meaningful to them.*

Think on these things as we worship next Sunday. I’ll share more of these next month.

*Prai*SING Him, **Robert**



### Dear Church Family:

January is over, but what a great start to our new year! I was so excited when my teachers told me they were going to be honored after the church service a couple of weeks ago. We are blessed with such a talented group of loving and caring preschool teachers. I hope you had an opportunity to speak to them and get to know them a little better. Please lift our teachers up each day in prayer, along with our children and the preschool families we serve.

As I reviewed our January progress reports, I was delighted with the progress each student is making academically. It is truly a joy to see the advancements they achieve each month.

February is the month of love so we will be reminding our students and one another of the Father’s love for us. We will mail valentines to our friends, we will also take treats and valentines to our firemen and police officers.

Thank you so much for supporting our preschool ministry; God uses this ministry in mighty ways each day.

*May His Grace and Peace Be Yours,*  
**Kathy Mitchell**

*Proverbs 17:17*  
**“A friend loveth at all times. . .”**