



- Feb 1:** Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Feb 4:** Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm
- Feb 8:** Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Feb 11:** Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm
- Feb 11:** Children's Valentine Party, S150, 6:00 pm
- Feb 15:** Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Feb 15:** Valentine Crockpot Challenge, S150, 12:15 pm
- Feb 18:** Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm
- Feb 22:** Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Feb 22:** Deacons Meeting, 12:15 pm
- Feb 25:** Finance Meeting, 5:00 pm
- Feb 25:** Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm



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Meetings in February

- Sunday, February 22nd
Deacons/Church Council/
Church Leaders @ 12:15 pm
- Monday, February 25th
Finance Committee @ 5:00 pm



**Remembering
Our Homebound Members**



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Address Service Requested

Attendance Report

Sunday, Jan 4, 2026

Sunday School - 36
Worship Service - 49

Sunday, Jan 11, 2026

Sunday School - 31
Worship Service - 49

Sunday, Jan 18, 2026

Sunday School - 31
Worship Service - 35

Sunday, Jan 25, 2026

(Service canceled due to
bad weather)

Tithing Report General Fund

Sunday Jan 4, 2026

\$2,802.00

Sunday Jan 11, 2026

\$2,625.00

Sunday Jan 18, 2026

\$1,501.00

Sunday Jan 25, 2026

(Service canceled due to
bad weather)



February 2026 has arrived. With Valentine's Day falling on February 18th and Ash Wednesday arriving 4 days later, one could declare this February as the month of Love and Lent.

While Valentine's Day recognizes and celebrates healthy human romantic love, Christian love, including our love for God and His love for us, elevates romantic love to a higher, purer and selfless level, love becomes more than an emotion or a good feeling. It becomes a compassionate act of good will toward another human being, often including personal and sacrificial giving. "For God so loved the world, he gave ..." and certainly our 21st century world needs that kind of love (see 1 Corinthians 13).

And the season of Lent? It recognizes the 40 day period which Jesus experienced in the wilderness as he dealt with Satan's temptations, his mission in the world and God's will for his life. It was a time of evaluation and decision. And what was his decision? He walked out of the wilderness, having turned away from the easy, selfish path, to walk the path of love and sacrifice. It was a path which brought him pain and suffering and death on the cross...but ultimately to glorious victory not only for him but for the world. So you see, Love and Lent are good traveling companions. Lent is a time to evaluate our lives and our commitments. It is a time to put away hypocrisy, pride, selfishness, duplicity, and all sin. It is also a time to renew our love and commitment to God and one another.

Why don't we all travel along with Love and Lent and arrive together with joy and celebration at the empty tomb on Easter morning when we hear the angel say "You seek Jesus. He is not here. He is risen!"

Church Staff

- Guest Pastor**
- Guest Accompanists**
- John Thompson, Admin/Finance Assistant**
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Valentine Crockpot Challenge Sunday, February 15th @ 12:15 pm

Everyone is invited to join us regardless if you choose to enter the competition. Just come and enjoy the fellowship and food. Our guest speaker for that day is Marcus Clyburn.

The crockpot dishes will be judged and the 3 top favorites will be chosen. There will also be a category for favorite crockpot dessert.

The only rules are the food must be cooked **and** presented in a crockpot.



You're invited to the Annual Gathering 2026, where we'll celebrate and explore our intentional calling of being "Free Together" over the course of two days. Come experience the joy of connection and belonging as we worship, learn, share stories and celebrate together about how God is at work in our churches and communities across the state. This isn't just for pastors or church leaders. It's for everyone who loves their church, values community or is simply curious about CBFNC. To register, go to the following website:

<https://cbfnc.org/annualgathering/>

The Book of Proverbs

Proverbs doesn't have a story line - it's simply a collection of practical tips for living. Mainly from the pen of King Solomon, the wisest human being ever (in 1 Kings 3:12 God said, "I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee"), the proverbs speak to issues such as work, money, sex, temptation, drinking, laziness, discipline, and child rearing. Underlying each proverb is the truth that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (1:7).

Unique and Unusual

The final chapter of Proverbs includes a long poem in praise of wives, rather unusual for that time and culture.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2/4 Charlie Melvin 2/5 Judy Harrelson 2/13 Josh Lampley
2/16 Hilda Lamm 2/18 Debbie Holloway



2/16 Dennis and Debbie Holloway - 43 yrs
2/19 Neal and Joanne Cadieu - 41 yrs

Something to Think and Pray About

Paul wrote that giving is the way we express the sincerity of our love. "I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others" - (2 Corinthians 8:8). It is possible to give and not love. It is not possible to love and not give. An anonymous poet wrote:

*"I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord;
I love Thee, my Savior, I love Thee, my God;
I love Thee, I love Thee and that Thou dost know;
But how much I love Thee, my actions will show."*

But Paul's writings express: How much I love Thee, my giving will show!

TITHES & OFFERINGS		
GIVE UNTO THE LORD		
Giving Summary	December 2025	January 2026
General Fund	11,040	6,928
Poinsettias	210	0
Memorials & Honor	565	175
NC Missions	0	0
SBC	0	0
Local Missions	0	0
Sundy School Literature	0	0
Lottie Moon	1,115	0
Senior Adults	0	0
Youth	0	20
Local Benevolence	0	0
VBS (One Perfect Gift)	0	0
Total Gifts	12,931	7,123
Budget req. to date		18,630
Gifts to date		7,103
YTD req. under actual gifts		(11,527)
% giving to req.		38%

In Memory of

Robert and Nora Smith
James and Diane Iseman

Rick Byrd
Dicky and Jan Smith



Souper "Super Bowl" Sunday

On Sunday, February 8th, our children will be collecting cans of soup (and any other canned goods you want to bring) to be donated to those that may not have enough food to eat. The children ask that the cans be placed in the boxes placed in different locations in the sanctuary. We appreciate your help with this mission!