

# The Messenger

For Smithfield Christian Church

February, 2010

## Stop Living Like It Doesn't Matter

**Beginning March 7 - SCC Worship  
Services**

What if you only had one month to live? How would you make each day really matter? What would you start, or stop doing? How would you relate to others? One Month to Live empowers you to focus on being who God created you to be - passionate, fully alive, living without regrets.

If you want new urgency, fresh purpose and a sharper focus for your life, then you won't want to miss our "One Month to Live Campaign" starting Sunday, March 7th. We will learn how to live passionately, love completely, and live humbly.

Plan on being in attendance for this program during the month of March, and bring a friend with you. If you apply these principles to your life, it will change your approach to living.

## February Fun Days

Sunday, February 21st - Immediately following morning worship service

**Ladies Luncheon:** All ladies of the church are invited to join us for lunch. We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship. We will also be discussing

future plans for the ladies' group, and we want to hear everyone's ideas and input. There is no cost, but we do need to know how many to prepare for, so if you plan to attend, please sign the sheet in foyer by February 15th.

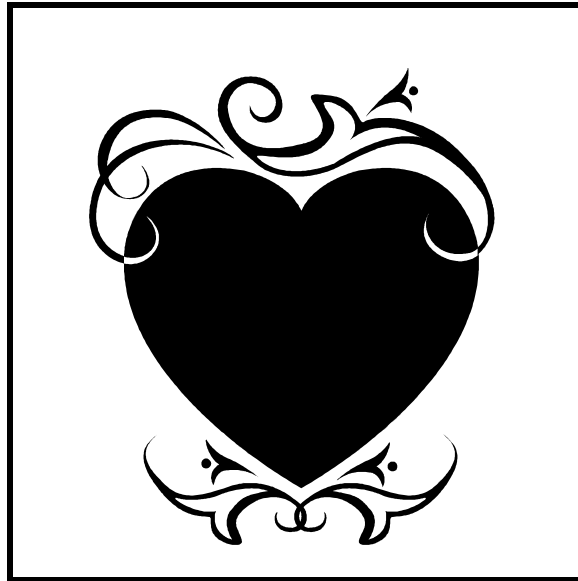
### **Men's Golf Outing:**

If the weather does not cooperate, the men will go out to eat.

**Sunday, February 28th**

**Trip to Nauticus - Children  
6 - 12**

Immediately following morning Worship service, join us as we visit the Pirate Exhibit and all of Nauticus in Norfolk. We have a group rate of \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. If you plan to go, please sign the sheet in the foyer. Deadline for tickets is February 22nd.



# Happy Valentine's Day!!!

# Message from our Minister

I received an interesting phone call last Wednesday morning from a salesman who had received a postcard from someone in our church requesting information. The salesman proceeded to tell me about the salt that his company sold. This product was not ordinary salt, but salt that both melts ice on contact and then turns into a liquid and keeps on working. It is eco-friendly because it is full of nitrates, and when melted, it runs into the grass and is beneficial to the grass.

I asked the salesman the cost of purchasing this salt. He informed me that it is normally sent in one ton shipments. But since we are a small church, they could cut it down to 400 pounds. I said, "Do you know how long it would take us to use 400 pounds of salt? My children would be grandparents before that salt would be used up." He then proceeded to reduce the amount down to 100 pounds. This would have cost \$238.00. I thought to myself, "Why am I having this conversation? This would be like trying to sell a cooler to an Eskimo." Finally, I said, "I'm sure your product is as good as you say it is, but we have no need of it. Thanks, anyway." As I hung up the phone, I laughed about how crazy that phone call had been.

God has given us a sound mind to use in our decision making. And, my somewhat sound mind tells

me that I need God in my life every day. It reminds me of people who stay away from church except a few times a year, and then wonder why they can't seem to stand when trials come. II Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." A sound mind, guided by the Holy spirit and the Word of God, will lead you in making wise decisions. A.W. Tozer said, "A whole new generation of Christians have come up believing that it is possible to accept Christ without forsaking the world." How did this happen? It's through a lack of sound judgment that we cling to this world. James 4:4 tells us that friendship with this world is enmity with God.

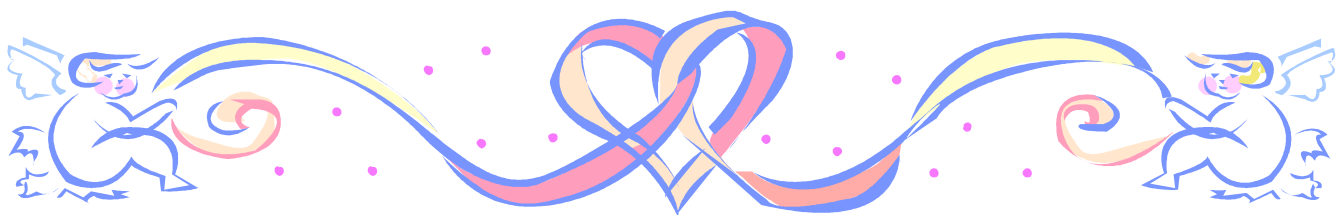
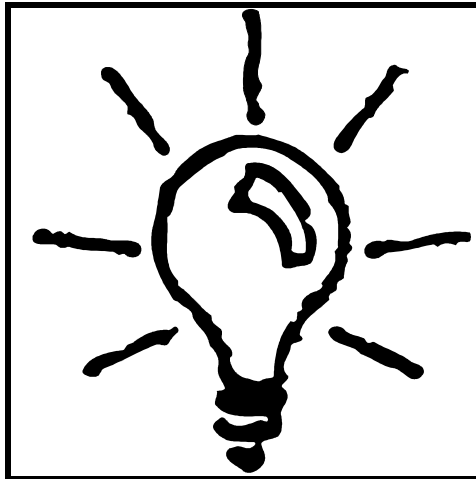
A sound mind tells me I need to be in church; I need to be around other Christians in fellowship. A sound mind tells me I need to be in God's word to receive instructions on how to live a life pleasing to Him.

So, in all things, use sound judgment. In things that are trivial such as buying salt or things that are important like your relationship with God, use sound judgment.

See you Sunday,  
Jack

## Cleaners Needed

We are still in need of people to clean the church during the 2010 cleaning calendar posted on the bulletin board. This is a great way to help the church.



# 50th Anniversary of SCC

We have reached the 50th anniversary of Smithfield Christian Church. We are in the process of planning an anniversary weekend. If you would like to participate in the planning, please say something to Jack.



## Welcome New Members

Dylan Lawson - Baptized January 3rd  
Donna Harrah - Transfer of  
Membership January 3rd  
Andy and Yvette Rigg - Transfer of  
Membership January 10th  
Monica Snider - Baptized January  
24th

**Congratulations to Heather & Curtis Taylor on the birth of their precious new baby boy. Logan Christopher was born on January 28th and weighed in at 6 lbs 14 ounces and measured 20" long.**

**REMINDER - March 14th  
Daylight Savings Time  
Begins**

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