

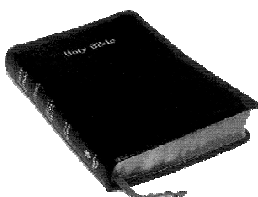
The Messenger

March Birthdays

7 Linda McCreery
13 Keya Wadlow

March Anniversary

Jack & Alma Koller
March 15



Pleasant View General Baptist Church

Alton Associational Meetings

We will be hosting the Alton Associational Meeting this year. It will be March 4th-6th at 7pm nightly. I want to encourage each of you to be here this year.

Dr. Ron Black will be with us on March 4th. He has told me that he is looking forward to seeing you and hopes that you will be there so he can speak with you.

Dr. Jim Pratt will also be with us. Dr. Pratt will be with us on March 5th and he also is looking forward to being able to meet with us.

On Friday, March 6th we will have our memorial & communion service. Our Friday service will be followed by a time of fellowship in the church basement.

Saturday, March 7th the Presbytery will be meeting at 10:00am.

Please pray for each of these meetings as we take care of the business of our association.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon. Begin now making plans to help out. We will need workers to help and we will also need donations for Easter Candy and financial donations to help with the prizes.

Last year we held the Easter Egg Hunt here at the church and it went very well thanks to the many that helped out. We are again going to have it here at the church and so we hope that you will again help us make it a great event.

We will be having a drawing for two Easter Egg Baskets. One will go to a boy and one will go to a girl. We will also have some other prizes and so begin talking it up with those you know.

If you will be willing to help this year please let Kelly or Pastor Sam know.

I know that God will bless you for your efforts in this annual event and I also know that the young people who participate are always excited and pleased that we have it.



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The Selfish Son & His Bible

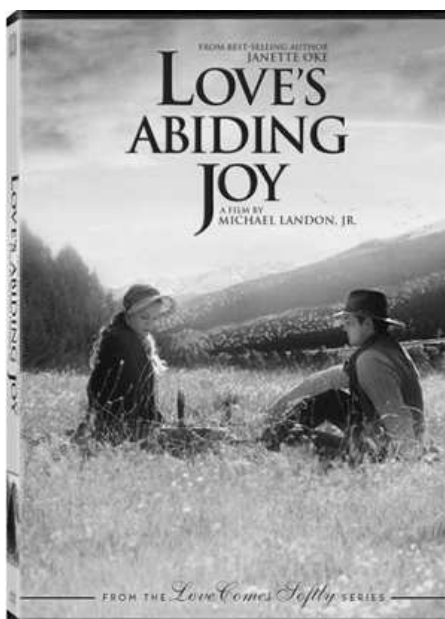
A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man waited for signs to see if his father had purchased the car.

Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with the young man's

name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible? He then stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family, but he realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to see him. He had not seen his father since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father passed away, and willed all his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden

sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt.7:11, "And if ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words... PAID IN FULL.



Our Next movie in our series is "Love's Abiding Joy". Please join us for this exciting movie on March 13th. We will have our light meal at 6:30pm and the movie at 7:00pm.