

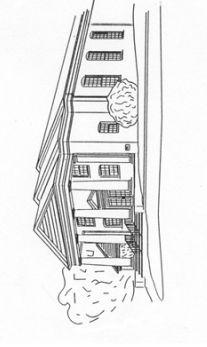
# Asheboro Community Bible Study

The 2022-2023 Study began at Asheboro Friends Meeting on September 12, 2022. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

—2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

The study will cover the following books: Job, James, Colossians, 1 & 2 Timothy, & Titus. For more information contact Jay Brownfield at 336-653-9002 or John Nee at 336-681-4645. We began studying the Books of 1 & 2 Timothy, & Titus on January 23, 2023.



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“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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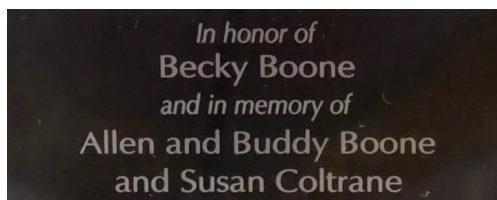
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**A Message from your Pastor - February 15, 2023**

On February 14 we celebrated Valentine's Day as we do every year. Valentine's Day, or Saint Valentine's Day, was originally a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine. But there was not just one Saint Valentine, there were at least three Third Century martyrs named Valentine — two who were martyred near Rome and were buried on the Via Flaminia as well as a third who died a martyr in Africa and about whom little else is known. Beginning in the 14th and 15th centuries the day became associated with romantic love and evolved into the holiday we know today. The cupid that has become such a common symbol of Valentine's Day is actually a depiction of the Roman god analogous to the Greek god Eros.

We send cards and flowers and candy. We take loved ones out to dinner. According to data from the National Retail Federation people in the United States spent some \$23.9 billion on Valentine's Day in 2022, up from \$21.8 billion in 2021. Projections for 2023 would indicate that Americans would spend some \$26 billion with about \$2.5 billion spent on candy alone. Based upon an average price of \$10.00 per pound for milk chocolate or dark chocolate (admittedly a rather arbitrary value) this would represent 250,000,000 pounds of chocolate. Wow, that's a lot of chocolate!

This is apparently how we demonstrate our love for one another in 21st century America. Another question entirely to ponder though... Is this how we should demonstrate our love for one another? In Luke 10:27 the lawyer asks Jesus, "What must we do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus prompts the lawyer to quote scripture (from Leviticus and Deuteronomy) that answers the question, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

On Wednesday afternoon in Kids Klub we were blessed to experience a shining example of loving our neighbor. Martha Hough lovingly cross stitched the beautiful artwork pictured on the cover of this newsletter. This is the plaque affixed below the cross stitch:



For those of us blessed to have known Alan Boone you are quite aware of this, but let me assure everyone else that he would not hesitate to tell you that he loved you. Most often that declaration would be followed by a warm and genuine hug. Alan's father Buddy was another dear friend who was not hesitant to express his love for his family and friends. Martha wanted to express her love for the Boone family and for Susan Coltrane. More pictures are in the Kids Klub News section of this newsletter.

Martha, rest assured that we all love you, too!

David Millikan

Cover art cross stitch by Martha Hough

**COVID-19 Vaccine** inoculations are available to everyone over age 5. Vaccine booster shots are also available. Go to: [www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19](http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19) or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

We have at home rapid COVID test kits available in the AFM Office. These are free of charge courtesy of the Randolph County Department of Public Health.

**Feeding Locals First** has a need for gas money to deliver food to the homeless each day. Monetary donations and gas cards will be accepted. Please make checks payable to USFW and designate for "Gas Fund."

**USFW** is collecting items for Lydia's Place shelter for its December project.

Items needed are:

- Paper products
- Hygiene products
- Laundry & cleaning products
- Diapers & wipes
- New & gently used towels

*Please join our effort.*

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

A Danny & Joy Coggins — February 16  
B David Pierce — February 19  
B Seth Coggins— February 21  
B Adam West — February 21  
B Becky Craven — February 26

**CUOC for February:**

Black Eye Peas

**December Financial Report:**

Income:	\$ 6,353.88
Expenses:	\$ 8,767.74
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 34,929.09

**Excerpt: Backs Against the Wall**

*Thurman asks, what do the teachings and life of Jesus have to say to those who stand, at a moment in history, with their backs against the wall?*



The striking similarity between the social position of Jesus in Palestine and that of the vast majority of American Negroes is obvious to anyone who tarries long over the facts. We are dealing here with conditions that produce essentially the same psychology. There is meant no further comparison. It is the similarity of a social climate at the point of a denial of full citizenship which creates the problem for creative survival. For the most part, Negroes assume that there are no basic citizenship rights, no fundamental protection, guaranteed to them by the state, because their status as citizens has never been clearly defined. There has been for them little protection from the dominant controllers of society and even less protection from the unrestrained elements within their own group.

The basic principles of his (Jesus') way of life cut straight through to the despair of his fellows and found it groundless. By inference he says, "You must abandon your fear of each other and fear only God. You must not indulge in any deception and dishonesty, even to save your lives. Your words must be Yea—Nay; anything else is evil. Hatred is destructive to hated and hater alike. Love your enemy, that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven."

Excerpt from *Jesus and the Disinherited*, by Howard Thurman, available from the FUM bookstore. You can browse our collection of his writings on the FUM website.

Now through the end of February, all the Howard Thurman books published by Friends United Press are on sale!