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*It is good to
praise the
Lord and
make music
to your
name, O
Most High,
to proclaim
your love in
the morning
and your
faithfulness
at
night...."*

Psalm 92:1-2
(NIV)

Triple L Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

Special Guests: **Peggy and John McKay**



Peggy's personal mission is to motivate, encourage, and inspire through the use of music, teaching, and stand-up comedy. She enjoys writing and performing piano instrumental music, as she believes that music can be calming and therapeutic.

Her instrumental CD is "Serenity - Piano for the Soul". This instrumental CD has been played in schools and churches. Peggy enjoys speaking and performing for retreats, church groups and educational settings.

Currently, she plays keyboard for Steel City Sound (which has a "Big Band" sound) out of Birmingham. This band has backed-up Chubby Checker, and a World Champion Elvis impersonator! Peggy is currently employed as a Middle School Counselor in West Blocton, Alabama.



Peggy is married to John L. McKay, a graduate of Clemson University. Although John has lived in various places in the U.S., he calls Alabama his home. John is an avid fan of baseball. He also loves American "Roots" music and plays Blues Harmonica. He currently works in the IT Department as a Network Engineer for Regions Bank.

Together, John and Peggy perform church music with a soulful blues feel as well as musical comedy.

Triple L Meeting Info:

Registration - 10 a.m. At this time you may sign in and pay your \$1.00 monthly dues. You may also sign up for upcoming trips/events. **Lunch: \$6**

Menu: Pork chops, roasted vegetables, baked sweet potatoes, broccoli casserole, rolls, strawberry cake

The **Library opens at 9:15 a.m.** before each Triple L meeting.

Tuesday, February 5: Triple L Monthly Meeting & Lunch, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, February 11: Naomi's Sisters; meet at Billy's in downtown Northport, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 19: Lunch at the Bright Star; leave FBC at 10 a.m.; transportation cost: \$3

Tuesday, February 26: State Evangelism Conference in Birmingham; leave FBC at 9 a.m.

Thursday, February 7 and 21, Prime Time Singers, 10 a.m.

Line Dance Exercise Class: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Second-Hand Rose Ministry meets every Monday morning to prepare flowers which they then deliver to assisted living/homebound members and friends.

**YOU ARE
THE LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD.**

**... Let your
light shine
before men
that they
may see
your
good deeds
and praise
your father
in heaven.**

Matthew 5:14, 16

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SURVEY RESULTS: **Future Trips for 2019- 2020 and Beyond**

We really enjoyed reviewing your suggestions for future trips. I agree with many of you that it is a blessing to be able to travel with fellow Christians and get to go to places many of us would probably not go on our own. Your suggestions are listed in order below:

Day Trips

1. Bright Star
2. Mustang Oil/Pie Lab in Greensboro
3. Golden Eagle Syrup Factory in Fayette
4. Mystery Lunch
5. Steele Apple Orchard in Cullman
6. Birmingham Museum of Art/Guided Tour/lunch
7. Niki's West and Farmers Market
8. Tour of *Southern Living* Magazine facilities
9. Clanton Peach Trip
10. Petals from the Past

Collette Trips

1. Fall Foliage - New England
2. Scandinavian Trip
3. Canadian Rockies
4. Western Parks
5. Cruise up St. Lawrence River to Quebec

Diamond Tour Trips

1. Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills (South Dakota)
2. Mackinaw Island
3. St. Augustine/Amelia Island/Jacksonville, FL
4. Washington, D.C.
5. Myrtle Beach, SC Entertainment/ Shows

We had a few surprises in your suggestions, but we are excited about putting them into action over the next few years. We will be getting your suggestions on overnight trips at our next Triple L meeting. These are the trips that are usually two to three nights and are closer to home; we usually take our own bus.

In His Love, Jerry

A Valuable West Alabama Resource - CARING DAYS

The Mal and Charlotte Moore Center, known as Caring Days, has been awarded an excellence in Care, Dementia Program of Distinction by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. It is only one of 18 other facilities in the nation to have this distinctive recognition. Caring Days, a program for adults with memory disorders, has been replacing lost memory with different experiences for 21 years. Additionally, programs and special events are provided for the caregivers. Individuals visit to obtain a model for establishing similar programs in others cities and states.

This facility is blessed to have Vicki Kerr as the Executive Director. In order to maintain the cost for clients to be half of the actual per diem cost, she works diligently to raise essential supplemental funds. Volunteer hours from the congregational representatives provide much needed assistance. **At the present time, volunteers are needed to answer the phone and do some copying. The hours are Monday 9-1, Tuesday 1-4 Friday 1-4.**

Please call 205-752-6840 to register to volunteer. Or for more information, Donna McCown will assist you. - *Susie Allison*



Love INC and The Linen Closet

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR LINEN CLOSET

Our church is a part of a Christian organization and ministry called **Love In the Name of Christ** (or **Love INC**). **Love In the Name of Christ** networks churches across denominational lines and leverages a collective impact to bless those in need in our community. **Love INC** believes in showing the unity of the Body of Christ to the world through local churches working together to address those needs. One of the most valuable resources of **Love INC** is prayer. Prayer is an integral part of **Love INC** and permeates everything that is done. When local churches unite in the purpose of showing God's love to the community, we are a powerful force for transformation, not only to individuals and families, but to the entire community.

First Baptist has a partnership with **Love INC** through the access of The Linen Closet. We provide linens: **sheets of all sizes, from twin to king; comforters of all sizes; and blankets of all sizes.** We also provide **towels, hand towels and wash cloths.** These linens are given to those in need. All donated items must be new or only slightly used. The Linen Closet services any referrals that has been sent to me from **Love INC**. The Linen Closet is open most every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. It is located behind the sanctuary down the right-side hallway.

Every year **Love INC** has an event called **Homeless Connect**, which focuses on serving those who are homeless in Tuscaloosa. **Love INC**, along with area churches, agencies, businesses, and volunteers come together to remove the barriers of homelessness. During this year's event on Saturday, January 26, our homeless guests were able to receive any and all services provided, free of charge. The services ranged from legal, medical, and dental assistance, vaccinations, prescriptions, eye exams and eye glasses, to resources for housing, education, employment and much more.

I have participated in the Homeless Connect event and participated again this year. After the Homeless Connect event The Linen Closet has many referrals from **Love INC** for those in need. If you or someone you know that may be looking for a place to give any of these items or would be willing to purchase any of these items I would greatly appreciate your donation. Over the last month The Linen Closet has been depleted of most of the items. You may contact me, Lyn Holt, at 752-3324 or bring any items to the church and I will receive them. Thank you so much for your support. - **Lyn Holt**

The Linen CLOSET



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

February Birthdays

Margaret Keith
Nina Jones
Wendell Prentice
Jade Abernathy
Ann Engelhart
Earl Hamner
Lynn McColl
Dot Allen
Shirley Chalkley
Jeanie Henderson
Barbara Allen
Bettye Bamberger
Howard Jackson
Dick Dickinson
Marsha Kirkley
Janice Mauldin
David Wiggins
Layne Weeks
Helen Addison
Sandra Simpson
Carolyn Colee
Linda Martin
Sheryl West
JoAnne Robertson
Nell Hamner

State Evangelism Conference

Tuesday, February 26
Dawson Memorial Baptist in Birmingham

The group will leave from First Baptist at 9 a.m. and return after the Sandi Patty concert Tuesday evening.

COST: Conference is FREE; Transportation, \$3; plus meals on your own

Sign up at the next Triple L meeting or contact Donna McCown.



GriefShare

This support group meets Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Russell Special Ministries Room (near the gym). Visit griefshare.org to learn more.





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"Sweets for the Sweet..."

Microwave Divinity Candy

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA BOYD

4 cups sugar
1 cup white Karo Syrup
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
2 egg whites, beaten stiff
1 pinch salt
1 tsp white vanilla (brown will color candy dark)
1 cup pecans (optional)
cherries on top (optional)

1. Beat egg whites until stiff in large bowl (hold for later).
2. Mix sugar, Karo Syrup, water and salt in a large Pyrex microwavable bowl.
3. Cook sugar mixture above on high for 5 minutes and stir; cook 5 minutes more and stir; cook 5 minutes more and stir for a total of 15 minutes (should be hard-boil temperature). Let cool a little then slowly pour syrup over the beaten egg whites, stirring constantly with mixer on high. The mixture will thicken and turn dull (the sheen will leave). Add vanilla and pecans before it gets too thick. Then drop on wax paper. Cherries may be added on top at this time. Makes several dozen. Both pecans and cherries are optional.

Martha Washington Candy

SUBMITTED BY RUBY HURST ANDERSON

2 lbs confectioners sugar
1 can sweetened condensed milk
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb butter, room temperature
2 tsp vanilla
2 qts finely chopped pecans
1 box unsweetened chocolate
1 square wax ($\frac{1}{4}$ lb)

Sift confectioners sugar into large bowl and make a well. Add condensed milk, butter, and vanilla, then kneed with surgical glove covered hands until mixed thoroughly. Add pecans and kneed again. Roll this mixture into walnut-sized balls and refrigerate. In a small double boiler over low heat melt wax and chocolate. Drop balls into chocolate mixture to cover and place on waxed paper that has been coated with butter. (We have found it easier to stick toothpicks into the candy balls, then hold the toothpick to dip each ball into the chocolate. Remove the toothpick before storing the candy.) When fully chilled place in air-tight containers. Enjoy!
This recipe was given to me in December 1958 by my Mother, Lorene Hurst Pierce. She made this candy every Christmas as far back as I can remember. Mother, my three sisters and I made it each year for the Hurst Family Christmas. Mother went to be with Jesus on November 11, 2017 at 99 1/2 years young.