

# The Connection

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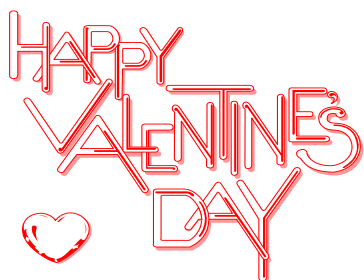
### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### SEEKING PASTORS:

Glouster  
Countryside, Bidwell  
Grace, McArthur  
The Plains  
Good News, Gallipolis  
Rolling Hills, Athens  
Laurel Valley, Laurelville  
Burlington

#### Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Chuck and Lois McCormick  
(Fairland, Proctorville) in the  
loss of Lois's Mother



### February- What a Month!

During the month of February there are three special events in which Americans experience.

First of all there is Groundhog's Day, February 2. As tradition goes the Groundhog comes out after a long winter nap to look for his shadow. If he does not see his shadow, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground. If he sees his shadow, he regards it as an omen for six more weeks of bad weather and will return to his hole. Folklore states that Groundhog Day was established as a festival to help those endure a long winter. One spoiling factor- It is six weeks till spring from February 2 no matter what the groundhog sees. This tradition is similar to Candlemas Day, which was also on February 2. The early Christians in Europe had their clergy bless candles and distribute them to the people. This too marked mid-winter. The blessing was to help them endure the rest of what winter weather held.

Secondly, there is Valentine's Day (February 14). For most Americans Valentine's Day is considered a time in which to express our love to those who mean the most to us. (Shouldn't this be done everyday?) We enjoy the tradition of Valentine Cards, Valentine Boxes, and parties in our elementary schools. Flowers, candy, cards, balloons, special dinners are just a few of the traditional ways Valentine's Day is celebrated. It is a nice to know that someone cares no matter what day it is. So this Valentine's Day take this challenge...Express love and concern to a neighbor, family member or fellow co-workers who may not have someone who cares... Send a note, give a flower, bring them a special dessert or meal to their home....Use your imagination. Reach out in Christ's love to others on this Valentine's Day.

The last special holiday in February is President's Day. Many people see it as a day to shop, stay home from work and school. President's Day has a deeper meaning. It was first intended to honor all American presidents, but most significantly George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. George Washington's birthday was February 22, 1732 and Abraham Lincoln's was February 12, 1809. These two presidents helped to shape our country during difficult times. They are probably known as two of our greatest presidents in the history of our country. Both of these presidents were receiving special recognition on their respected birthdays.

In 1968, Congress created a uniform system of federal Monday holidays. Washington's Birthday Holiday and Lincoln's Birthday Holiday was changed to the third Monday in February. So from this act in Congress President's Day was created for the third Monday in February. It was also changed to commemorate the Office of the Presidency. We have had many great Presidents in the past.

With this President's Day being in an Presidential election year it brings special meaning. If you watch any cable TV the primaries are all over the place. Election of a President is a serious matter. This person will lead our country during these trying times. Before you vote, take the time to look at each individual (both in primaries and the general election) . Research their views, their promises and their outlook for our country, not the party line but themselves. With the internet there are a lot of material out there. Pray for God's guidance in voting. Ask for wisdom. If Christians across America prayed seeking God's leadership in voting matters, what a difference our country would be.

**Scioto Valley Baptist Association Financial Statement  
General Fund Receipts from Churches for January – December 2011**

Burlington	\$2,094.00	First So South Point	\$5,651.21
Calvary	\$12,448.13	Frankfort	\$1,656.49
Chesapeake	\$295.00	French City	\$1,662.05
Chillicothe	\$8,309.41	Friendship	\$449.20
Cook Road	\$1,812.72	Glouster	\$36.00
Countryside	\$20.00	Good News	\$1,873.16
Ebenezer	\$1,300.00	Grace, McArthur	\$4,084.41
Emmanuel	\$1,389.06	Grace, Wellston	\$2,904.75
Fairland	\$2,218.11	Hope	\$1,783.64
First, Ashville	\$2,016.51	Lakeview	\$97.00
First, Athens	\$228.47	Laurel Valley	\$260.00
First, Beaver	\$2,533.95	Rohr Road	\$2,850.00
First, Logan	\$4,091.72	Rolling Hills	\$1,937.00
First, Waverly	\$10,961.68	Sharon	\$7,931.04
First So Pomeroy	\$6,268.37	The Plains	\$1,633.00

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

**Women’s Spring Retreat**



**March 3, 2012  
10:00-4:00**

**First Baptist Church  
336 East State Street  
Athens OH**

**Speaker: Norma McMurry  
Dayton, Ohio**

**Cost: \$20.00 per person (Includes Lunch)**

**Deadline for registration is February 19, 2012  
Sponsored by: Scioto Valley Baptist Association**

**More information contact  
Jean Difilippo at 740-541-3397**

## NEWS FROM AROUND SCIOTO VALLEY

**Fairland, Proctorville: Bro. Chuck McCormick, Pastor:** Have baptized 4 so far for the month of January. Will show the movie, *Courageous* on January 27.

**Sharon, Ironton: Bro. Steve Harvey, Pastor:** Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal was \$3000 received \$2,557

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### Seminary Extension

**February 2, 2012 – May 3, 2012**  
**Time- either 9:00-12:00 or**  
**6:00-9:00 as to which meets the**  
**Need for the most students**



**New Testament Survey Part I**  
**Teacher: Bro. Frank Doenges**  
**Call the Associational Office for more details at 740-286-4484**

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### Praying Effectively For The Lost

**There is still time to get your books,**  
**“Praying Effectively For The Lost”.**  
**Copies are still available.**  
**Please contact the associational office**  
**for these copies.**

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**Pastors’ Raising Up Leaders**  
**For the Harvest Fellowship**  
**February 13, 2012**  
**Associational Office**  
**10:00-12:00**

#### OFFICERS 2011-2012

Associational Missionary..... Rev. Bill Wellman  
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Sunday School Director..... Rev. Bill James  
Worship Leader.....Mr. Marty O’Bryant

Moderator..... Rev. Ricky Kirk  
Vice Moderator..... Rev. Paul Winks  
Bookkeeper..... Mrs. Emily Wellman  
Recording Secretary....Rev. Frank Doenges  
Men’s Director..... Mr. John Bail  
Evangelism Director....Rev. Lamar O’Bryant