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Life Is Like a Box of Chocolates

Everywhere I look near Valentine's Day, there's chocolate: boxes of chocolate in all the stores, chocolate on tv, chocolate everywhere you look! Over the holidays, my family had the opportunity to eat at Bubba Gump's. I was reminded of the famous quote from Forrest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get."

That phrase can be true in many ways. We wake up every morning completely unsure of what the day may hold for us. We've made our plans. Sometimes they even happen the way we make them. But we never know for sure, do we?

The days that come with caramel in the middle are my favorite. The ones with cherries--YUCK! I'd rather go back to bed. Then there are the days where tragedy or difficult times come out of nowhere, and the chocolate sits in the pantry untouched...there's no sweetness to be had in those moments, it seems.

God knows that life as it pertains to circumstances is uncertain for us. That's why He comforts us and reminds us so many times that He is our constant companion, our steadfast friend, our consistently loving God and Savior.¹

As a part of the challenge in a recent Sunday, I asked that we name one area where we may be struggling to serve God. It became apparent that some of us feel the need to invest in our relationship to God more intentionally (UP), some need to invest in our relationships with other people within **the church** (IN), and others need to commit in investing more of ourselves out to a hurting world (OUT). As a part of understanding this, we may not be sure what "chocolate" God is presenting to us. Some days it may be our natural strength and others it may be out of our comfort zone. God intends us to be balanced in all areas IN, OUT, and UP. Pay attention to the ways God is inviting us to be a part of what He is doing in each of these areas and know that God will provide strength, courage, and love.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him."
Psalm 34:8

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FOCUS IN



FOCUS OUT

February 2011

Wednesday, February 2

7pm - 8pm Choir Practice

Sunday, February 6

12pm - 1:30pm Marriage Enrichment

Wednesday, February 9

6pm - 7pm Children's Committee

7pm - 8pm Choir Practice

Sunday, February 13

12pm - 12:30pm Finance Meeting

12pm - 1:30pm Marriage Enrichment

6pm - 7pm Youth on Fire

Wednesday, February 16

7pm - 8pm Choir Practice

Sunday, February 20

8:30am - 9:30am Sunday School Council

12pm - 1:30pm Marriage Enrichment

5pm - 6pm Worship Committee

6pm - 7pm Youth on Fire

Monday, February 21

7pm - 8pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday February 23

7pm - 8pm Choir Practice

February 25-27

Youth Ski Retreat

Sunday, February 27

8:30am - 9:30am Church Council

10am - 10:30am Children's Choir Practice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Seth	Umbarger	2/4
Jane	Mays	2/7
Jacky	Giles	2/8
Amber	Ramsey	2/8
Clay	Umbarger	2/9
Charles	Thompson	2/10
Erin	Proctor	2/11
Ashlee	Bryant	2/12
Noah	McCormick	2/15
Andrew	Cheape	2/15
Brad	Giles	2/15
Kristie	McCormick	2/17
Roger	Snead	2/18
Laura	Wooten	2/19
Jason	Purvis	2/20
Linda	Ray	2/21
Michelle	Willoughby	2/22
Rob	Brewer	2/23
Samantha	Stratton	2/24
Christian	Giles	2/25
Alan	Scruggs	2/25
Jeff	Wells	2/27

CARE PACKAGE

Christian Giles is serving in Afghanistan. You will find his contact information below. To show our support, we will be sending a monthly Care Package to Christian. Please place these items on the table or in the box provided in the Social Hall labeled "Care Package" by February 15. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Burnett. Here is a list of items that are suggested:

- 01...Letters/Cards
- 02...Sun Screen Minimum SPF 30
- 03...Toothbrush/Paste/Brush Holder/dental floss
- 04...Baby Wipes
- 05...Hand Sanitizer
- 06...Q-tips
- 07...Hand Soap (Soap Holder)
- 08...Detergent
- 09...Bug Wipes
- 10...Zip Loc Bags
- 11...Pocket Sized Bible (1)
- 12...Writing Pad/Envelopes/Pens
- 13...Tuna/Chicken Salads w/crackers
- 14...Plastic Spoons
- 15...Nail Clippers(A rare item)
- 17...Leathermen Tools
- 18...Military Boot Laces TAN 72"
- 19...Anti Itch Cream
- 20...Foot Powder and Cream
- 21...Military Socks
- 22...Beef Jerky
- 23...Just about any type of Snacks (That will not melt)
- 24...Local Sunday Paper
- 25...Individual drink powders

Some things you CANNOT Ship are:

- 01...Nothing that will melt (Temperatures top 120 degrees F in the Middle East)
- 02...No Pressurized items (such as shaving cream)
- 03...No Pork, or anything with Pork in it...
- 04...No Liquids...
- 05...No Lithium Batteries...
- 06...Nothing Flammable (No Lighters)...
- 07...No Glass Container's...

All items should be SMALLER than 12"x12"x5", since that's the box the USPS provides for military shipping.

Christian Giles' Contact info while in Afghanistan

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Food Bank Collection

This year our budget was not able to support the local Food Bank financially. The Partnering Team is heading up several food collections throughout the year to show our support to this local ministry. The month of February (Sunday's of the 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th) we will be collecting the following items:

- Jiffy Muffin Mix
- Individual Packages of instant oatmeal

Please place these items into the container provided in the sanctuary. We hope everyone will get involved in partnering with our community.