

A newsletter from your friends at...



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*Making disciples...
who make disciples*

How many languages do you know? Or maybe the question should be, "What is the most effective means of communication that you use?" With Valentine's Day falling on the 14th of this month, it's appropriate to talk about love. And love is best understood when it is communicated in a language that people recognize. There is no need to reinvent the wheel here, so I'm going to refer to popular Christian author and counselor Gary Chapman in this article.

Expressing and receiving love has been a vital part of relationships since God created humankind. We want others to know how we feel toward them, whether it's affection, admiration, or appreciation. And everyone is different as it refers to how we communicate and react. If we use a foreign language to say something to another person, our message will be lost. The most effective way to get the message across is to express it by the most efficient means possible to the recipient. One of these methods will be the most effective. If you don't know, try all of them!!

Words of Affirmation: Use words to build someone up. Compliments, encouragement, written or verbal. Thank-you, I appreciate you, I love you!

Quality Time: Give someone undivided attention. Do what they want to do. Take a walk, put a puzzle together, or simply sitting with them is communicating that they are important.

Giving of Gifts: Thoughtful gestures that symbolize appreciation. Not necessarily expensive, but meaningful to the recipient. It's not the thought that counts!

Act of Service: Doing things for someone to ease their burden or take the pressure off. Chores, errands, giving them a break.

Physical Touch: Using physical contact to express affection. Holding hands, a foot or back massage, kissing.

How you express love may or may not be how you receive love. But the effort to give love in the way they understand your intent makes the expression meaningful. And try not to get stuck in a rut. Experiment with different ideas. The book, *The Five Love Languages* has been around for years. For more in-depth study; pick up a copy and read it with your spouse. And make the process of learning their love language fun!

Pastor Barry Durkee



Cedar Creek Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner (Feb. 1)

Sun., February 1: Join us after church for a potluck dinner followed by our annual business meeting. Bring a hot dish and a cold dish to share for the potluck.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meeting—we'd love to hear your ideas.

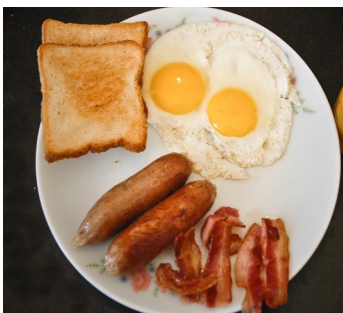
If weather is inclement on Feb. 1st, the backup date will be Feb. 8th



Valentine's Banquet 6:30 pm Sat., Feb. 14 at Cedar Creek

Come enjoy great food and fellowship. Cost is only \$25.00 per couple.

Buy your tickets from Pastor Barry Durkee.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & STUDY CLUB

8am—10am Saturdays at Cedar Creek

Meeting through the end of February.

All men are invited to be part of the Men's Breakfast Club Study.

Talk to Pastor Barry if you have any questions.



TEENS:
Supper & FUSION at
6:30pm on Wednesdays!
[Invite friends to attend](#)



**Cedar Creek Church invites all kids ages
4 years through 6th grade to weekly KAMP!**

Supper served first, then a fun time of singing, learning, games, and more!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:30-8:15 pm

Winter 2026: Jan. 21, 28. Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

6:30 pm: Supper for everyone...all ages welcome

8:15 pm: KAMP finishes for the evening

More info at www.cedarcreekchurch.org

Register when you arrive or by calling the church office: 507-477-2255

KAMP Mission: Inspiring children to follow Jesus by
helping them to know him, encouraging them to grow in
Jesus and equipping them to go serve Jesus.



PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST at CEDAR CREEK CHURCH

Sunday, March 8: Serving starts at 9:15 am

>> *Cost is a free-will offering* <<

Mmmm-mmm—it's going to be delicious!!!

MARCH WOMEN'S EVENT

*Baked potato bar
Ice Cream Bar*

BUNCO



WOMEN'S DINNER and/or BUNCO at CEDAR CREEK:

Ladies, you may come just to eat, if you don't wish to play BUNCO – please still sign-up either way, for planning purposes (*watch for signup sheets on hallway table at church, in the coming weeks*).

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm: Begin arriving for social time

5:30-6:00pm: We begin eating (*you may dine only... and not play BUNCO*)

7:00 pm: Bunco playing begins and the COST is \$10 to play BUNCO

>>> We'll enjoy a baked potato bar & an ice cream bar (*baked potatoes and the ice cream will be provided*). >>> However, we are looking for women to sign up to provide the various toppings needed. The signup sheets will list the toppings needed for each; and you choose the topping(s) that you will bring.

FEBRUARY 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 8:30 am Studies Teens / Men / Women 10:00 am Worship  Communion  Wee Jubilee After church: POTLUCK DINNER & OUR ANNUAL MEETING - all are encouraged to attend 	2	3	4 <u>4-6pm</u> Pantry 6:30 pm Supper All KAMP for Kids, FUSION for teens	5	6	7  8am-10am Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study
8 8:30 am Studies Teens / Men / Women 10:00 am  Worship Jubilee >> <u>BACKUP DATE</u> if needed for Annual Meeting & Potluck	9	10 7:00 pm PUSH  Prayer via Zoom	11 <u>4-6pm</u> Pantry 6:30 pm Supper All KAMP for Kids, FUSION for teens	12	13	14  8am-10am Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study  6:30 pm VALENTINE'S BANQUET at Cedar Creek >> <i>Buy tickets</i> <i>from Pastor Barry</i> <i>Cost is only</i> <i>\$25 per couple</i>
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22 8:30 am Studies Teens / Men / Women 10:00 am  Worship Jubilee	23	24 7:00 pm PUSH  Prayer via Zoom	25 <u>4-6pm</u> Pantry 6:30 pm Supper All KAMP for Kids, (last night) FUSION for teens	26	27	28  8am-10am Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study

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Bible Studies at Cedar Creek:

Study groups meet Sundays at church at 8:30 am.

Everyone is welcome! We have groups for teens, men, and women.

MEETING AREAS:

Teens in basement, Men in classroom 2, Women in the office lobby

New Women's Study—Starting February 8:

>> Inform Jenn Durkee right away, if you'd like her to order a study book for you.

*Steadfast: A Devotional Bible Study on the **Book of James** by Courtney Doctor*

Faithfulness regardless of our circumstances. That's what it means to be steadfast. But in a world where so much can undermine our faith or pull us off track, steadfastness is often a rare and elusive trait. James longs for his readers to be steadfast. His letter meets us in our suffering and sickness, our trials and temptations, our wealth and poverty, our ups and downs. He confronts our sin, our speech, and our pride. He encourages believers to have more resilient and concrete faith: not just to hear the word, but to do it. He calls us to persevere in truth in a world of lies, to see that God's steadfast love is ultimately the source of our steadfast faith. **This 8-week study of James provides:** 5 days of study each week—observing, interpreting, and applying the text Devotional commentary with space to journal your thoughts, Memory verse each week, Small group discussion questions, Keynote Teaching Videos from the TGC's 2020 Women's Conference. *In a fickle and wayward age, we need biblical wisdom if we are to stay the course and be steadfast saints. The book of James provides this wisdom, and Steadfast will help you apply it.*

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