



FEBRUARY Issue from *Alive Vineyard*

*Jesus is coming soon!*

*A Disciple loves God, follows Jesus, & Serves People*

### Salvation Is A Completely Free Gift

*God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NLT



If salvation is based on our performance -- on what we do -- then it is not by grace (but by works). Our salvation is based on what Jesus Christ did. Our part is simply to receive the gift! That's the Good News—the Gospel.

It has been God's plan from the very beginning. We see it from Genesis to Revelation!

*Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God? If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned.* ROMANS 4:1-4 NLT

Salvation cannot be a free gift and also be something we must earn. Either we earn it, or it is a gift. It cannot be a mixture of the two.

If you claim to give me a gift, but you ask me for any payment -- no matter how small -- then it is not a gift but something I am buying for a reduced price. Buying something on sale does not make it a gift. If there is any payment involved, by definition, it is not a gift.

*But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.*

ROMANS 11:6 NASB

Today, just as in Bible times, there are those who teach that being right with God can only be achieved by keeping their list of rules. But this is not the true teaching of the New Covenant.

*But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and insisted, "The Gentile converts must be circumcised and required to follow the law of Moses." So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear? We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus."* ACTS 15:5,10-11 NLT

I guess God is the original Valentine giver! How are you responding to his gift of love? The best way is to love your neighbors and to bless those who persecute you! Happy Valentine's month!

*Paula Stoe*

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**IN HIS WORD** Bible  
 Study & Sunday School  
 at 9:00 - 9:45 AM  
 w/Ron Redman  
 Café open 9:00-9:55 AM

# Alive Ministry Opportunities

AVLC Preschool is accepting kids for the 2016/17 school year! Members/Attendees of AVLC get a **20% discount!** Call Marlene Jacob at (740) 334-0612

**Sunday, February 26, interested?**

## BAPTISM

If you are a new Christian and desire to strengthen your walk with the Lord, be baptized! Sign up at the Information Station.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH, Newcomer's** choosing to believe, finding a church home  
**February 26th at 5 PM**  
 Get registration from the box on the wall.



Dinner is on us as is child care (if needed), This is the first class of a 4-step discipleship plan to jumpstart your faith journey through Alive Vineyard. If God calls you to be a part of Alive Vineyard, we want/need you!

**Get to know how we began!!!**

**Alive Men's Fellowship**  
 Join us as we meet every week  
 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
 Wednesdays - now finishing the Gospel of Matthew!  
 We eat...We talk...  
 We sing (just one song)...  
 We pray...We study the Bible...  
**JOIN US!**

Please join me in praying and believing for this miracle! Debt-Free for Jesus!  
 Pastor Steve

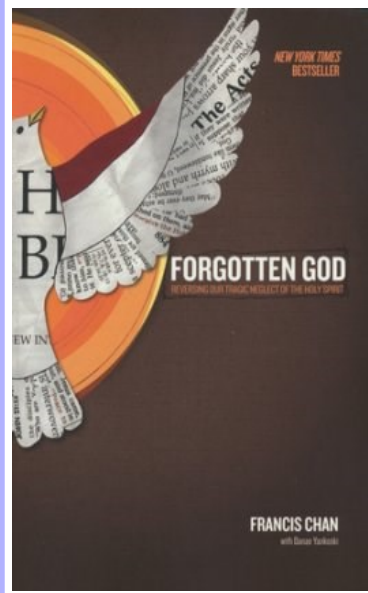
**MORTGAGE BALANCE:**  
 \$869,847.00

Father, we ask you for the miracle of this balance!

Life tip: Work like it depends on you... Pray like it depends on God!

"The greatest tragedy in life is the prayers that go unanswered because they go unasked."  
 -Mark Batterson

Read "Miracle Maker"



**Pastor's Pick for February 2017**

**Forgotten God:** In the name of the Father, the Son, and ... the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit—the Helper—so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it.

Breakthrough author Francis Chan rips away paper and bows to get at the true source of the church's power—the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and we are reaping the disastrous results. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.

**I've Got Jesus. Why Do I Need the Spirit?**

**\$12.50 + tax (Retail \$16.99)**

*We may as well face it: the whole level of spirituality among us is low. We have measured ourselves by ourselves until the incentive to seek higher plateaus in the things of the Spirit is all but gone.... [We] have imitated the world, sought popular favor, manufactured delights to substitute for the joy of the Lord and produced a cheap and synthetic power to substitute for the power of the Holy Ghost.*

-A. W. Tozer-

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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February

- 4 - Greg Gant
- 6 - W. Nick Stasson
- 8 - McKla Smith
- 12 - Brianna Meisenhelder, Lori Quick, Antonio Blay
- 13 - Faith Miller
- 16 - Georgia Gargasz
- 17 - Scott Azure
- 18 - Breanna Farmer
- 21 - Carla Davis
- 23 - Lucca Gargasz
- 25 - Tammy Redman
- 27 - Tina Redman
- 28 - Jennifer Ford



- 14 - Don & Sandy Carpenter-Belt
- 29 - Howard and Kimberley Broyles

If your name has not been listed for your birthday/anniversary, call us at: 740-364-1750.

## Monthly Fellowship Dinners



We are highlighting our Clusters and small groups. A different Cluster will sponsor a Monthly after church fellowship. Choose the theme, promote and serve. Pick your Cluster's Month at the Welcome Station!

- February Youth - Potato Bar
- March - ????
- April - ????
- May - ????
- June - ????

Sign up your group/Cluster!



**The first request of persecuted Christians when asked how we can help them is:**  
**“PRAY FOR US.”**

## 2017 Chili Cookoff



The winner was  
**Kelly Hart!**

**The amount raised for Missions was \$242.00.**

### Prayer Requests

- Ruth and Jim Ailes
- Alan and Ruth Moran
- Debi and Alan McKenna
- Bill Rector and Mom, Janet
- Amy and Bob Dingey
- Sandy and Neil Tonner
- Florence Noblick

Our love and prayers to Pat Finck at the passing of her long time friend, Gary Buckley.

### Thank You Note

Church family,  
Words can't express our thank you for all you gave our family at Christmas. Our lives have changed so much having 3 boys to raise!!

God is so good!! Trusting Him in all things. Thank you again.  
Love In Christ,  
Rich & Jeanette and the boys



March 5th, 2017

### Attention all AVLC Leaders: Time to Prepare!

- † All treasurers—Work out a time for your books to be reviewed (internal audit) by Tom Jacob
- † Ministry Leaders—work out a written review of your ministry area and submit it to the office by February 19th.



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Help us get the word out- post this or copy and share it with friends.

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# AVLC Discipleship

## Clusters

*real people, real relationships...for real life.*



A "Cluster" is the name for our HOME GROUPS and they are the life-blood of this ministry. It is here we experience the family aspect of ministry. It is a safe place to learn and grow and connect with the body of Christ. All our home groups are open, friendly and waiting just for you to join in the fun and fellowship they all offer!

### CLUSTERS DETAILS:

#### Sunday

**Bible Study - Leader, Ron Redman (740-975-8427)**  
Meets at AVLC at 9-9:45 AM

#### Monday

**"Prophecy Seekers"** - Leader, Tom Jacob - 740-644-2579  
Meets at the Main Newark Library at 6:30 PM - 2nd Floor Room 3  
**"Overcomers"** - Leader, Rick Drumm - 740-323-6794  
Meets at 668 Evans St. Newark at 6:30 PM  
**"In Him"** - Leader, Dean & Joyce Meadows - 740-366-2327  
Meets at the church at 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday

**"Diligence"** - Leader, Judy Newton 740-344-5196  
Meeting at the home of Judy Newton, 1660 Bryn Mawn Dr at 10 AM  
**"Kid's Club"** - Leader, Tammy Redman  
Meeting at the church starting September 6th at 6:30-7:30 PM

#### Wednesday -

**"Be Still"** - Leader, Becky Downing 740-745-3407  
Meets weekly at 5:30 PM at the Granville Library  
**"All Who Are Thirsty"** - Leader, Ron Redman (740-975-8427)  
Meets at 6:30 PM at Doug and Grace Ayers', 24 Bluebonnet Dr, Heath  
**Men's, Women's & Youth Fellowships** - Meets at 6:30 PM at the church.  
Wade Kirk (youth);  
Marlene Jacob (women);  
Pastor Steve (men), 740-364-1750

#### Thursday -

**"Dove"** - Leader, Jim & Ruth Ailes - 740-522-8176  
Meets at 1:00 PM - 227 Indianhead Dr. Heath (Ailes' Home)

*Study to show yourself  
approved unto God, a work-  
man that needs not to be  
ashamed, rightly dividing the  
Word of Truth."*



*If you're not a part of a  
home Bible Study, then  
JOIN one now!  
They are ALL  
great and open to  
new participants!*



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Happy Valentine's Day

The Love of God poured out..  
A Valentine From God  
Romans 5:5



### February Fellowship

The Youth will have a Potato Bar Fellowship on Sunday, February 26th after worship. Bring your favorite topping and a dessert or side dish to share. Potatoes, drinks and tableware provided. Join the fun and fellowship.



**Editor/Secretary - Marilyn Thompson**  
**Senior Pastor - Steve Osborne**  
**Children's Ministry - Carole Osborne**  
**Youth Pastor - Wade Kirk**  
**Administrative Assistant - Sue Leffel**  
**Financial Secretary - Joyce Meadows**  
**Treasurer - Tom Jacob**  
**Custodian - Carla Davis**  
**Elders: Pastor Steve Osborne, Jim Ailes, Joe Leffel, Ron Redman, Doug Ayers, Richard Crabtree and Andrew Osborne**  
**Plus resident ordained elder: Wade Kirk**

**Bible Study In the WORD & Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM**

**Leader: Ron Redman**  
**In the Discipleship Room**



**These Bible studies are recorded and on our Website!**

**-as is our morning worship-**

The Divine Scriptures are the feast of wisdom, and the single books are the various dishes.

—Ambrose