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Blesses me.
Heals me.
Defends me.
Forgives me.
Loves me.

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FEBRUARY

February is "Great American Pie Month"

For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	February 3—10 Week of Prayer for Older Adults Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.				1 National Freedom Day 	2 Groundhog Day 
3 9:45 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Scotland House 4:30 pm BLAST Bible Club 4:30 pm SaltLight Youth 6:30 pm Evening Worship	4 7:00 p.m. Lydia Kitchen Circle	5 6:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm Choir	6 7:00 pm Prayer/Bible study 8:00 pm Finance Committee	7	8	9
10 9:45 am Sun School 11:00 am Morning Worship 6:30 pm Evening Worship	11	12 6:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm Choir	13 7:00 pm Prayer/Bible study 8:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 Youth sponsored Valentine Banquet 6:00 p.m. Ticket required—\$20
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24 8:00 am Brotherhood Bkfst 9:45 am Sun School 11:00 am Morning Worship REVIVAL BEGINS Covered Dish 6:30 pm Evening Worship	25 7:00 p.m. Revival	26 6:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 p.m. Revival	27 7:00 p.m. Revival	28	29	30

National Freedom Day

This day celebrates the signing of the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution by Abraham Lincoln on February 1, 1865. This amendment outlawed slavery.

In 1942, Major Richard Wright, Sr., a former slave, began a movement to have a national observance to honor the day. He worked to get the day recognized and supported by various leaders. In 1942 the day was commemorated by laying a wreath at the Liberty Bell. In 1948, President Harry Truman signed a bill making National Freedom Day an official observance.

The day is a day to celebrate freedom for all Americans and to remember how important freedom is to all of us. Many schools have themes based on freedom or the 13th amendment. They may read the amendment or study the history behind how the amendment came about and was eventually signed into law. One of the main celebrations is the laying of a wreath on the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. This commemoration has occurred since the first unofficial National Freedom Day in 1942.

HISTORY OF PIES

may have learned about it through the Greeks. These pies were sometimes made in "reeds" which were used for the sole purpose of holding the filling and not for eating with the filling.

The Romans must have spread the word about pies around Europe as the Oxford English Dictionary notes that the word pie was a popular word in the 14th century. The first pie recipe was published by the Romans and was for a rye-crust goat cheese and honey pie.

The early pies were predominately meat pies. Pies (pies) originally appeared in England as early as the twelfth century. The crust of the pie was referred to as "coffyn". There was actually more crust than filling. Often these pies were made using fowl and the legs were left to hang over the side of the dish and used as handles. Fruit pies or tarts (pasties) were probably first made in the 1500s. English tradition credits making the first cherry pie to Queen Elizabeth I.

Pie came to America with the first English settlers. The early colonists cooked their pies in long narrow pans calling them "coffins" like the crust in England. As in the Roman times, the early American pie crusts often were not eaten, but simply designed to hold the filling during baking. It was during the American Revolution that the term crust was used instead of coffin.

Over the years, pie has evolved to become what it is today "the most traditional American dessert". Pie has become so much a part of American culture throughout the years, that we now commonly use the term "as American as apple pie."

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Raspberry Valentine's Pie

9 inch baked pie crust, cooled
1/2 C raspberry preserves
1 Tbsp cornstarch

Cream Pie Filling

2/3 C sugar
4 Tbsp cornstarch
1/4 tsp salt
2-1/2 C milk
3 egg yolks, lightly beaten
1 Tbsp butter
1 tsp vanilla extract

Pie Topping

1 pt fresh raspberries, washed and dried
1/2 C semi-sweet chocolate chips
3 Tbsp shortening



In a small heavy bottomed sauce pan, heat the preserves until the jam becomes liquid. Mix in cornstarch. When slightly thickened, spread into bottom of pie crust. Set aside to allow the preserves to gel. They will be tacky to the touch.

Cream filling: Premeasure ingredients for cream filling. In a medium sized heavy bottomed sauce pan, whisk dry ingredients. Add milk, whisking to make sure all dry ingredients are dissolved. Place pan over medium flame. Stir constantly until thickened. It will take between 5 and 8 minutes for the milk mixture to become as thick as home-made cream gravy. Remove from flame. Mix about 1/3 of the thickened milk mixture into the beaten egg yolks and then stir into the milk mixture. Boil one minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add butter and vanilla extract. Stir until mixed. Allow mixture to become tepid. Pour carefully into preserve coated pie shell, taking care not to smear preserves up into the filling. Allow to cool to room temperature. Filling will not be set.

Topping: Cover the top of the pie filling with raspberries, pointed side up, in rows. Melt chocolate and shortening in a heavy bottomed sauce pan. Mix until completely melted. Dip a fork into the chocolate mix, coating the tines. Drizzle the chocolate over the raspberries in a pretty pattern.

Allow the pie to "set" for at least 2 hours, with the last 1/2—1 hour in the refrigerator.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history NOT to have a full moon.

This year the full moon in February will be on the 19th.



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"Mommy just told me we DON'T get presents on Groundhog Day."



The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philipians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18