

Facets *of Fellowship*

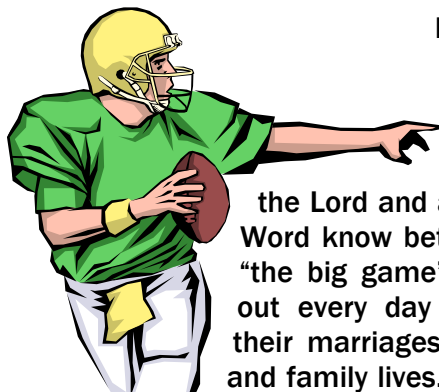
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Pastor's Perspective – The Big Game

By Dr. Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor



For a lot of guys, the big game will be played on Sunday night, February 3. But those who know the Lord and are familiar with His Word know better. They know that “the big game” is actually played-out every day in the trenches of their marriages and in their home and family lives. And like those who play in the trenches of “the other game,” they also know that it’s a game of inches and that while their contributions to the game will never wow the fans or achieve widespread acclaim, the team can’t win without them.

Husbands cause their marriages to flourish and make their wives secure in their love when in their love for their wives they follow the lead of Christ: *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her* (Ephesians 5:25). When husbands love their wives in this way it doesn’t guarantee a dreamland marriage or even predict their wives’ response, but when we love our wives in this fashion, we give them no cause to question or doubt our love and every reason to be fully persuaded of it and to rest in it.

Dads give their children a fighting chance when they model for them the worth of God and demonstrate the value of the Word of God by

choosing to live for Him wholeheartedly and unswervingly and then take the time and care to impart that Word to their children in such a way that, if they are listening, they will see its applicability to every avenue and aspect of life. Dads are told in Deuteronomy 6:6-8: *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.* The expectation here is that consistent godly parental mentoring will bear the fruit of godly children. As with husbands and wives it’s not a guarantee, but without it there’s about as much chance as Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco completing a pass in the Super Bowl without an offensive line to protect him and give him the time he needs to make good decisions with the ball—it might happen, but it would be foolish to think he would.

*“The big game”
is a game of inches,
and it’s played-out
every day...*

Men show they understand the game when they guard their hearts. In Proverbs 4:23, we’re told: *Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.* If we lose the battle in our hearts, the seat of our affections and desires and where the decisions of life are made, we’ll likely lose the game. So whatever you do, don’t toy with your hearts. Guard them!

And when it comes to “the big game” that’s really *the big game*: Play every down. Play both ways—offense and defense. Play by the rules—and play to win!

Making Blankets With Love

By Gina Irving, Women's Ministries Director

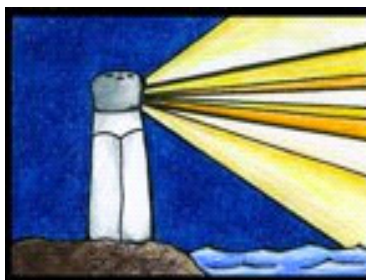
We had 14 ladies participate in a blanket making service project on February 25. We made over 40 fleece baby blankets for the Assist Crisis Pregnancy Center in Annandale. It was nice to include some of our young people in this fun and productive event. We enjoyed snacks and fellowship along with providing needed supplies for women and their babies. We like donating to this group (Assist) because the items are not just handed over to the people in need. They attend classes to “earn” them. Since this is a Christian based group the classes include not just parenting but also Bible study.



*If I speak in the tongues of men
and of angels, but have not love,
I am only a resounding gong
or a clanging cymbal.
If I have the gift of prophecy
and can fathom all mysteries
and all knowledge,
and if I have a faith
that can move mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.
If I give all I possess to the poor
and surrender my body to the flames,
but have not love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails.*

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

International Students



*Salt and Light
Christian Fellowship*

Have you ever wished you had the opportunity to reach people on the other side of the world for Christ? Maybe you've imagined traveling to China, or India, or Eastern Europe in the hopes of sharing the gospel with someone who has never heard The Word before?

Every year, Fellowship provides this opportunity without having to leave town. By the grace of God, and the ministry of Salt and Light Fellowship at Purdue University, students from all over the world will beat a path to our doorsteps.

24 guests will be arriving Saturday, March 9, and staying until Thursday, March 14. Hosting the students gives them the opportunity to see the nation's capital, experience life with an American family and hear the Word of God, as they tour during the day and have Bible studies in the evening.

The requirements to host the students are minimal: provide a warm and welcoming place to stay, fix breakfast in the morning before they tour, prepare one evening meal to share with them and around the Word and be prepared to have your hearts blessed as you see God work! See Pastor Lindholm if you want to be a part of this annual event.

*"...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."
Isaiah 55:11*

February Calendar

Feb 3	Super Bowl Party (at Porter's) 7:00 PM
Feb 8	Women's Ministry Prayer Pal Party 7:00 pm
Feb 10	Gideons Ministry (morning service)
Feb. 12	Nursing Home Ministry 2:00 PM
Feb. 15	Couples' Night Out 6:00 PM
Mar. 9-14	International Student Ministry



February Scripture Verse

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." ~ Matthew 22:36-40

Money Matters

January Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$4,453
Weekly Need	\$5,229
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$17,812
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$20,916

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