



From the Pastor's Desk

February 14th is St. Valentine's Day, a day in popular culture set apart for celebrations of romantic love. The origins of the Valentine's Day are somewhat vague. There were several men named "Valentine" who were recognized as martyred saints by the early church. One of these was buried near Rome on February 14. Medieval tradition held that this particular Valentine, a priest, was marrying Christian couples in a time when the Roman emperor prohibited young men from marrying. For this crime, he was arrested and killed by the Roman government. In recent times, an addition to this story claims that Valentine, before his death, sent a love note to a young girl whom he loved, signing it, "From your Valentine." Unfortunately, there is little reason to believe that any of the historical saints named Valentine actually did any of these actions that might be associated with romantic love. Apparently, the connection between St. Valentine and romance was popularized by Geoffrey Chaucer, the 14th-century English writer and poet. Later writers on the saints embellished Chaucer's story, leaving us with the Christian saint who honored marriage and sent the first Valentine's Day card.

I grew up hearing very little about St. Valentine. February 14 was simply a day when we did special things to express affection for our friends and family members. The "big event" happened at school, when we would exchange valentines with our classmates. As soon as I got home after school, I'd dump out my pile of valentines to see if any of them included special notes from the girls in my class or little candy hearts. At this point, you may be wondering what any of this has to do with Jesus' call to love. Our Valentine's Day traditions seem to be completely disconnected from what we read in Luke 6:32: "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them." Yet, in a way, my boyhood Valentine's Day practice did express love like that of Jesus. You see, I did not give valentines only to my friends or to the girls I hoped would like me in a special way. Rather, my fellow students and I were expected to give valentines to every person in the class, including those

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Memory Verse



"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."

Isaiah 40:28 (KJV)

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Food For Thought

Some Thoughts on Valentine's Day Love

-I love you not because of who you are, but because of who I am when I am with you.

-No man or woman is worth your tears, and the one who is, won't make you cry.

-Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

-A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart.

-The worst way to miss someone is to be sitting right beside them knowing you can't have them.

-Never frown, even when you are sad, because you never know who is falling in love with your smile.

-To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

-Don't waste your time on someone, who isn't willing to waste their time on you.

-Maybe God wants us to meet a few wrong people before meeting the right

one, so that when we finally meet the person, we will know how to be grateful.

-Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened.

-There's always going to be people that hurt you so what you have to do is keep on trusting and just be more careful about who you trust next time around.

-Make yourself a better person and know who you are before you try and know someone else and expect them to know you.

-Don't try so hard, the best things come when you least expect them to.

-Love at first sight

+ Plus

Love is in the eye of the beholder



Random thoughts to ponder...Remember John 3:16 and the One that loves us!

From the Pastor's Desk, continued

whom we didn't care for, those whom we judged to be "weird," and those we might have considered to be our "enemies" on the playground. We even gave cards to the kids who did not reciprocate. Ironically, our valentine exchange was more a reflection of the kind of love Jesus commends in Luke 6 than it was a celebration of exclusive, romantic love.

I think its fine to be reminded to express love to those who are most special to us. If Valentine's Day encourages spouses to say "I love you" to each other and friends to commemorate their friendship, that's great. Goodness knows, the world would be a better place if people expressed their love more often. But Jesus encourages us to love, not just those who love us

back, but also those who do not reciprocate. All of us have such people in our lives, at work, in the local store, perhaps even in our families or our church. Our calling, as followers of Jesus, is to love them and do good to them, not in order that they might respond, but so that we might live each day as beloved, faithful children of our Heavenly Father. (Author – Mark D. Roberts, The High Calling, February 14, 2011)

Remember, we are able to love others because HE first loved us!

THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

Pastor Glen

From the Administrative Team

Beginning with this month's newsletter, The Administrative Team thought we would provide a detailed explanation of our duties. What exactly does the Administrative Team do other than manage the administrative duties of the Church? Our duties vary from recommending salaries of the Church Staff to ensuring the Church office supplies are available for use by the Church office personnel as well as Church members. This month, we will begin by identifying all those duties and then follow up in the subsequent months with additional details on the specific activities. Hopefully, when this is completed, each Church member will be more aware of the activities of The Administrative Team. So, what do our duties include? Roughly, the following are the general activities of the Administrative Team:

- Church Financial activities
- Maintenance of the Constitution & By Laws
- Recommend Church Staff salaries
- Compile other Ministry Teams' budget requests into the annual Church Budget
- Recommend the following Church Officers: Church Clerk and Assistant, Church Treasurer and Assistant, Church Moderator, and Counting Team
- Church insurance
- Oversee Church office activities

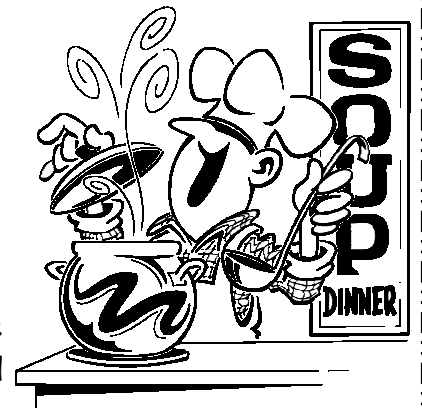
- Oversee Church administrative equipment (computers and printer/copier, etc.)
- Website development and maintenance

Beginning with the March newsletter, we will explain in detail each of the above activities so you will be more knowledgeable of the activities of The Administrative Team. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any member. The members are:

- Team Leader – Kelly Currie
- Co-Leader – Ricky Watson
- Allette Hale
- Mike Bailey
- Paul Brown
- Billie Faye Wilson
- David Hughes
- Joyce Creech – Ex Officio

"Soup-er" Bowl Sunday February 1

The Youth are hosting a soup, chili & sandwich lunch after the worship service to raise funds for summer camp. There will also be desserts!!!! Mark your calendars and plan to stay for good food and fellowship.



Youth Happenings

Thank you all so much for coming out to support our youth through our "Movie Night"! We had a great time! The showing of "God's Not Dead", snacks, and fellowship was so much fun! We raised \$537 through this fundraiser...THANK YOU SO MUCH!! It has been requested that we do the movie night more often so we will possibly be doing it once a quarter so if you missed out you will have a chance to come out and join us again soon!

YARD SALE/BAKE SALE!!!

The youth will be holding a yard sale and bake sale at the church on Saturday, March 7th from 7:00-12:00! We have some items left behind from the Fall Fest that we will be using, but we are still accepting items for this event. If you have items you are willing

to donate please drop them off downstairs! Also we would love to have any donations of baked goods (cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies, breads, candies, breads, etc.) dropped off at the church the night before on March 6th! There will be someone at the church around 5:30 to accept any donations.

Thank you all so much for all of your support so far and for your continued support of our youth as we try to provide the opportunity for them to attend camp! We have roughly \$1700 left to raise to meet our goal! God Bless you all again for your love and support !

Carrie

The Month of Love

Where has the time gone? We just had Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. Time flies when you are having fun. The month of love is so fun when you have small kids in the house. You get to see them sending out Valentine's cards to classmates. Then all of a sudden you get from one of your kids that they don't like this person for one reason or another and do not want to give them a card or candy. So you try and explain that you can't leave someone out. Wow! This is what we go through as Christians every day. Hard to love people, co-workers, neighbors, family, etc. What do we



do? We do as Christ commanded. "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." John 15:12. So we take his commandment out into this world and love the hard to love. So when you sit down to send out cards for Valentine's this year, send one out to that hard to love person in your life.

Please continue to pray for our Deacons as we serve our church and communities. Thank you.

Glenn Bunn, Deacon Chairman

The Missions Team

It's time again to start thinking and planning the BBQ which is scheduled for Friday, April 10th. The Missions Team will have a church wide informational meeting soon. More information will be posted in the bulletin as it comes available.

"Follow" is the theme for the 2015 Heck-Jones Offering which is our missions focus for February. Take a look at Mark 8:34 (NIV) and see why this verse was chosen to represent the 2015 offering. The Heck-Jones Offering supports many missions and ministries such as Habitat for Humanity Women

Build, Women's Prison Retreat, Military Missions Task Force, New Ministers' Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista, Leadership Training, and much more. Our goal is set at \$500 and we will be collecting through the month of February. For more information go to www.heck-jonesoffering.org.

The Missions Team

Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1 Exodus 19-21

Day 2 Exodus 22-24

Day 3 Exodus 25-27

Day 4 Exodus 28-30

Day 5 Exodus 31-33

Day 6 Exodus 34-36

Day 7 Exodus 37-40

Day 8 Mark 1-3

Day 9 Mark 4-6

Day 10 Mark 7-9

Day 11 Mark 10-12

Day 12 Mark 13-16

Day 13 Leviticus 1-3

Day 14 Leviticus 4-6

Day 15 Leviticus 7-9

Day 16 Leviticus 10-12

Day 17 Leviticus 13-15

Day 18 Leviticus 16-18

Day 19 Leviticus 19-21

Day 20 Leviticus 22-24

Day 21 Leviticus 25-27

Day 22 Luke 1-3

Day 23 Luke 4-6

Day 24 Luke 7-9

Day 25 Luke 10-12

Day 26 Luke 13-15

Day 27 Luke 16-18

Day 28 Luke 19-21

Bible Character-John

John was the brother of the apostle James; he was also the son of Zebedee (a fisherman of Galilee.) His mother's name was Salome who is believed to be a sister of Jesus' mother Mary. John, his brother James and the apostles Peter and Andrew were all partners in a fishing business prior to their calls by Jesus to follow Him (Zebedee was also a partner.) It is said that John owned a home in Jerusalem and that it is possible that the interview Nicodemus had with Jesus was held there.

The apostle John rose to a position of influence within world-wide Christianity and shortly before the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD, he moved to Ephesus (in modern day, Turkey.) He became the pastor of the church in Ephesus and had a special relationship with other churches in the area (as we know from the letters to the Seven Churches in Asia, in the book of Revelation.) John's brother, James, was the first of the apostles to die; on the other hand, John was the last. All of the apostles met a violent death, however, John died peacefully in Ephesus (at an advanced age, around the year 100 AD.)

While in Ephesus, by order of the Roman emperor Domitian, John was exiled to an island called Patmos. In what is known as the cave of the Apocalypse

(located on this island), the sacred text of the book of Revelation was given to the apostle John by Jesus (it is here that John recorded what is written in the New Testament book of Revelation.) Other New Testament books accredited to John are the Gospel of John, along with 1st, 2nd and 3rd John. When he was released from exile, he returned to Ephesus and lived till the time of the Roman emperor Trajan.

It is said that John, "Founded and built churches throughout all Asia, and worn out by old age, died in the sixty-eight year after our Lord's passion and was buried near the same city (Ephesus)."

There is a church tradition, which says, that when John was evidently an old man in Ephesus, he had to be carried to the church in the arms of his disciples. At these meetings, he was accustomed to say no more than, "Little children, love one another!" After a time, the disciples wearied at always hearing the same words, asked, "Master, why do you always say this?" "It is the Lord's command," was his reply. "And if this alone be done, it is enough!"

(Source – BiblePath.com)

Interesting Bible Facts-How Many Words?

In the Old Testament: 592,439 words

In the New Testament: 181,253 words

Complete Bible: 773,692 words

(Based on the Authorized King James Version)

RA's, GA's & Mission Friends

We are back in motion after the long holiday break. In January we learned about missionaries Ian and Ruthie North who serve in Atlanta, Georgia. They work with immigrants and refugees living in an area of Northeast Atlanta, along Buford Highway, known as International Village. They reach families through after-school programs for the children and Mrs. North works with women through "Refugee Beads", this is an organization she founded. The Mission Friends enjoyed making cross necklaces with beads. We look forward to what February has in store. Please keep the children and leaders in your prayers, as they are our future missionaries.

Wednesday Night Leaders



1st	Vikki Brock	23rd	Mary Pat Hicks
2nd	Pansy Crowder		Amy Hodge
	Jean Hocutt	24th	Anna Creech
	Gary Johnson	27th	Ava Garner
6th	Brooke Custer		Kathryn O'Neal
8th	Dale Weathers	28th	Allyson Creech
	Rochell Creech		
	Jackie Utley		
9th	Brenda Lewis		
	David Ragan		
10th	Julie Carroll		
12th	Glenn Bunn		
	Grady Johnson		
13th	Annette Ragan		
14th	Steve Bailey		
15th	Robbie Batten		
16th	Chris Batten		
17th	Sandy Trippe		
18th	Kaley Waddell		
19th	Carolyn Brown		
	Joann Young		

Notable Quote

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched -they must be felt with the heart"

- Helen Keller



February

11th	Kenneth & Paula Bunn
12th	Freddie & Beverly Batten
14th	Michael & Jeany O'Neal
	Roger & Merry Hocutt
17th	Paul & Carolyn Brown
	Wes & Carolyn Privette
23rd	Larry & Othell Price



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday


10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Regular Worship

Wednesday

6:15-7:15pm Youth Meet
6:30-7:15pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
6:30-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
7:15pm Adult Choir Practice

BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

February 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular Schedule "Soup"er Bowl Sunday-Youth Soup & Sandwich fundraiser for camp	2 6:30pm Baptist Men 7pm Kay Nowell BW at Judy Davis'	3 10am Triple L-prepare meal	4 Regular Schedule	5	6	7	14 Valentine's Day 6pm Valentine Banquet 
8 Regular Schedule 7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood	9 7pm Leadership Tm Mtg	10 7pm Levada Driver BW at Joyce Creech's	11 Regular Schedule	12	13	21	
15 Regular Schedule	16 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle at 7pm Admin Tm Mtg	17	18 Regular Schedule	19	20	21	
22 Regular Schedule	23 7pm Deacons Mtg	24	25 Regular Schedule NO Choir Practice	26	27	28	

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Sense of Humor-A Letter Home

Dear Grandson:

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life. Oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

Love,
Grandma

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time." No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"



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Valentine's Day Banquet
Saturday, February 14, 6pm
Steak Dinner hosted by the
Baptist Men
\$10 per person,
See Mr. Aaron Johnson ASAP

MISSIONS RALLY – REGION 4
Tuesday, February 10
Bethesda Baptist Church, 4967 US 70 Business, Clayton, NC 27520
presented by NCBM, Baptist State Convention of NC

Come join us for a night of missions inspiration as we experience what God is doing through North Carolina Baptist volunteers in our state, our nation, and around the world. Included will be times of worship, mission testimony, videos, and updates on mission opportunities. Mark your calendars now for this exciting missions event for men, women, and youth.



Supper – 6:00
Program – 6:50
Men, Women, & Youth Invited!



No charge for the meal, but we must have your reservation no later than February 3. To register, contact the NCBM office at 1.800.395.5102 x 5596 or register online at www.baptistsonmission.org/events/regional-rallies/mission-rallies