

From front cover

In these verses of Scripture we get down to the very foundation of the matter. Here we discover **why** love is such an important part of life that is real. Love is a valid test of our fellowship and our **son-ship** because **“God is love.”** John’s writings help us understand the nature of God.

What Is God? *God is spirit* as to His essence; He is not flesh and blood. *God is light.* This refers to His holy nature. In the Bible, light is a symbol of holiness. *God is love.* “Love does not define God, but God defines love.” A Christian ought to become what God is, and **“God is love.”**

What God Did: “He Sent His Son.” *At the cross!* God manifested His love at the cross when He gave His Son as a sacrifice there for our sins. But the sending of Christ into the world, and His death on the cross, were not prompted by man’s love for God. They were prompted by His love for man.

What Is God doing? “He abides in us!” And don’t forget: It is okay to buy the one you love candy, flowers, jewelry...etc. I am sure she will not let you forget!

Prayer: Pray with Fran and me. “Lord, we thank you for the ultimate expression of love...the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross. May we always remember the depth of Your love for us and live our lives in gratitude and obedience to You.” Amen.

Peace and blessings,

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The Herald

We Love One Another as Christ Loved Us

The month of February is considered to be the month of love and marriage and, of course, Valentine’s Day. Valentine’s Day originated as a Christian Feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.



The Bible doesn’t mention Valentine’s Day but offers extensive teachings on love; emphasizing God’s love for humanity and the call for believer’s to love one another as Christ loved them, focusing on sacrificial, action-oriented love rather than worldly romance. Let’s look at some key verses of Scripture from **(1 John 4:7-11)**.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



7th Leon & Vicky Sanders

9th Henry Stickel

11th David Williams

22nd Barbara Lynch

24th Joyce Thompson



Our Ministry Team will take the Good News to **Heritage Woods and Helia** this month.

Join us!



February Offering
Spaghetti Sauce

LADIES INVITED TO COFFEE

All ladies are invited to 1st Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on **February 4th, at 9:30a.m.** Bring your prayer requests and a friend.



Come join the fun and fellowship at Sing 'n Share on **February 18, at 4 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Mark calendar now and plan to attend.

Update From the Trustees

- The boiler repair bill of \$13,340.35 has been paid. Thanks to the generous contributions from the congregation of \$7,600 the General Fund will have to pay \$5,740.35.
- Thanks to the Builders class for their contribution of \$395 to pay for Tabor's Pest service to remove the roaches. Tabor will be contracted to treat the church for \$80/month for the next 6 months.
- Thanks to John D. for his hard work getting the projector fixed.

BCHS Color Guard – Gym Use

The Trustees and Deacon Board have approved the BCBS Color Guard to use our gym on Thursdays.

We're grateful for the opportunity to support these talented young ladies and their hard work. It's been a joy to host them, and we hope to welcome them back next year!

A Little February Fun

Love is in the air... or maybe that's just the smell of chocolate everywhere you go. Either way, Valentine's Day is a great reminder of the love God pours into our church family.



This month, let's practice the kind of love that shows up with encouragement, a smile, or even the last donut in the box. Whether you're celebrating with someone special, a friend, or a very committed bag of candy hearts, may you feel the joy of the One who loved us first.

Happy Valentine's, church family — may your hearts and your candy bowls stay full.

THIS MONTH

Feb.	4th	9:30 A.M.	Ladies' Coffee at The Buzz
Feb.	6th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Heritage Woods
Feb.	10th	9:00 A.M.	Trustee Board Meeting
Feb.	18th	4:00 P.M.	Sing and Share
Feb.	18th	5:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
Feb.	20th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Helia
Feb.	26th	9:00 A.M.	Brown Bag Packing

WEEKLY

Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service

Egg cartons needed! Please shell out a few if you can. Your simple gift helps our Food Pantry serve families with care and dignity.

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