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The Pastor's Pen

Love
There Is Nothing Greater!

Can we fathom love? German researchers observed 279 men and women from their childhood to adulthood; from ages 3 to 19 and made a startling discovery. The scientists visited the children at home and noted how the parents reacted when the children cried, screamed, threw temper tantrums, etc. Towards the end of their study, the researchers took blood samples and found that the children (now young adults) whose parents were harsh, strict and impatient, lacked two things which protected them from heart attacks and strokes. On the other hand, with those who had a loving relationship with their parents, the protecting substances were present. A warm-hearted relationship also resulted in the formation of more receptors for stress hormones. Those who were lovingly cared for by their parents complain less of fear as adults, were less hostile and aggressive and dealt with pressures more easily.

I believe that this study reveals the power of the words: "I love you!" Nothing is better than Love. Nothing is greater than Love. Love touches hearts. Love changes lives. Love brings encouragement, comfort, hope, overcomes aggression and inspires confidence. Love does not mean overlooking sin but Love "loves" in spite of the sin.

Here are a few thoughts to think about:

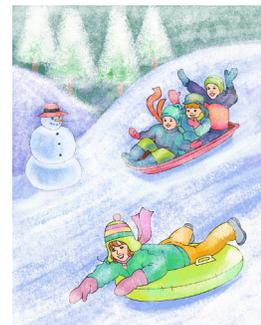
- Love is not blind—it sees more, not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less.
- The loneliest place in the world is the human heart empty of love.
- Anybody can be a heart specialist. The only requirement is loving someone.

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God says to every person in the world (the good, the bad, the ugly and even those who don't believe in Him) "I love you!" He demonstrated His love by sending Jesus Christ (His Son) to die on our behalf on the Cross. The Bible says: "Herein is love; not that we love God but that He loved us (first) and gave Himself for us (on the Cross).

God wants you to experience His love. He wants you to know that you are sooo special to Him. Don't allow Him to feel like four-year-old Martha, hugging a doll in each of her pudgy little arms, looked up wistfully at her mother and said: "Mama, I love them and love them and love them, but they never love me back!"

As you celebrate Valentine this month, remember your loved ones and tell them how much you love them. But perhaps, more importantly, take a few minutes and tell God how much you love Him for all the good gifts He has given to you free of charge. Its called GRACE!

May God's Love Shine Greater in your Life,
Pastor Sewdin

Unity Hospice Volunteer

Unity Hospice is an organization which serves terminally ill patients in Indiana. Volunteers are needed to spend time with their patients. If you would like to be a volunteer, kindly contact:

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Reading Through The Bible in 2015

Here are the Daily Readings for the Month of February:

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| Feb. 1 | Feb. 2 | Feb. 3 | Feb. 4 | Feb. 5 | Feb. 6 | Feb. 7 |
| Exodus 7-9 | Exodus 10-12 | Exodus 13-15 | Exodus 16-18 | Exodus 19-21 | Exodus 22-24 | Exodus 25-27 |
| Feb. 8 | Feb. 9 | Feb. 10 | Feb. 11 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 13 | Feb. 14 |
| Exodus 28-29 | Exodus 30-32 | Exodus 33-35 | Exodus 36-38 | Exodus 39-40 | Leviticus 1-4 | Leviticus 5-7 |
| Feb. 15 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 17 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 19 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 21 |
| Leviticus 8-10 | Leviticus 11-13 | Leviticus 14-15 | Leviticus 16-18 | Leviticus 19-21 | Leviticus 22-23 | Leviticus 24-25 |
| Feb. 22 | Feb. 23 | Feb. 24 | Feb. 25 | Feb. 26 | Feb. 27 | Feb. 28 |
| Leviticus 26-27 | Numbers 1-2 | Numbers 3-4 | Numbers 5-6 | Numbers 7 | Numbers 8-10 | Numbers 11-13 |

Study on Prophecy Every Wednesday

Time: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

If you have an interest on what the Bible says about The End Times, you are invited to join us every Wednesday. Topics which will be covered included: **The Future of Islamic Fundamentalism, the Judgment of the Nation, The Judgment Seat of Christ, The Millennial Reign of Christ, etc.**

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday begins on February 18th. It ushers in the Lenten season. Lent is a season of repentance. But for many of us, "Repentance" is an offensive word. It sounds so remorseful.

In reality, it isn't remorseful at all. The root word for "repentance" is the Greek word *metanoia*, from which our word "metamorphosis" comes. The great image of this is the butterfly emerging from its cocoon; the caterpillar being transformed into new life.

No one is remorseful about that! Nor should we be with repentance, which involves leaving the past and emerging into new life.

HAPPY VALENTINE

For God so lo**V**ed the world
that He g**A**ve His
on**L**y
begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
believes in Him
will **N**ot perish
but have **E**verlasting life

Found: Duffle bag with Bears blanket, etc. Claim by February 17th or it will go to the resale shop. Now in the Fish Room.

Providence

When God created the world, He did not detach Himself from it. He is totally and uniquely involved in the affairs of all humanity. There is no such thing as a blind fate; rather, there is Providence that governs the world. Now, what is Providence?

- ***It is God's hand moving and controlling behind the scenes.***
- ***God guiding and governing the world. The scripture says: "The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing is the Lord" (Proverbs 16:33).***
- ***It is God ordering all issues and things after the counsel of His will and for His glory. The scripture says: "The Most High rules in the affairs of humanity: (Daniel 4:25).***

When things seem to work contrary to what you want as a child of God, remember the movement of a clock. Its wheels seem to move contrary one against the other, but in so doing they are responsible for the forward motion of the clock and causes the alarm to strike. In a similar way, the Providence of God seems to work against us, but the truth of the matter is, we are propelled forward to our destiny.

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The deadline for the next Dunes News is Feb. 15th.

February Refreshments



After the 10:00 a.m. service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall following worship. If your last name begins with the letter of the day, please provide snacks of your choice. The host/hostess for the day will set snacks and coffee out for everyone's enjoyment

after the service.

Sunday, Feb. 1

F,G,H,I,J

Hostess

Sue Squire

Sunday, Feb. 8

K,L,M,N,O

Jeri Kris

Sunday, Feb. 15

P,Q,R,S,T

Susan MiHalo

Sunday, Feb. 22

U,V,W,X,Y,Z

Claudia Kleyweg

Please call Sue Squire at 762-1428 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.

Sandpiper Open House



Join Sandpiper Preschool for their open house for the 2015/2016 school year on Wednesday, February 25 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 28 from

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Space is available for the 2 day class (must be 3 years old by August 1) and the 3 day class (must be 4 years old by August 1). Applications for alumni families and church members will be accepted beginning February 17 and to the general public beginning March 2. For more information call Peggy Lawrence at 219-775-4100 or go to Sandpiperpreschool.com