

## THE DISCIPLES' WORD

**Melissa Snyder**

**Minister**

**Randy Cordle**

**Music Minister**

***Sunday School.....10:00 AM***

***Worship Service...11:00 AM***

***Bible Study: Mondays at 1pm;  
Wednesdays at 6pm***

***Choir Practice***

***Wednesdays at 7pm***

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As February approaches we have several observances. Groundhog Day is the 2<sup>nd</sup>; President's Day is the 18<sup>th</sup>. There are several other observances. For instance, the first Friday of the month of Bubble Gum Day; Thank a Mailman Day is the 4<sup>th</sup>; Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> is Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day (yes please!); Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day is the 7<sup>th</sup>; Do a Grouch a Favor Day is the 16<sup>th</sup>; Love your Pet Day is the 20<sup>th</sup>; Tell a Fairy Tale Day is the 26<sup>th</sup>; my personal favorite might just be Pet a Polar Bear Day on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I could go on. There are so many daily, week-long, and month-long observances you could celebrate multiple holidays and observances every day. No matter what other observances might be on the calendar, we always think of February as the month of love, because of Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. On that day, we celebrate the love we have for our significant other, our children, our family. And why not? Love is the greatest gift that there is.

The theme of love is prevalent in our scriptures. It is a theme that every single prophet and apostle of Christ spoke eloquently about. Because they knew God's love to be unending and all encompassing. They also knew that without the love of God in your life, and a life lived that didn't show forth the love of God, wasn't much of a life at all. The word "love" appears 319 times in the Old Testament, and 232 times in the New Testament. We have commands to continually love one another, through all things, the same way that God loves us, continually and through all things. Romans 8:37-39 reads. "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." From 1 John 4:9-11 we have, "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved

us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” Also from Paul, in Romans 12, “Love must be sincere.” Mark wrote in his gospel, “The second commandment is "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than this." In Paul’s letter to the Colossians, “And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” And of course, John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that whomever believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life.”

Our very lives are marked by love. Love that God had for a broken world. Love that God had for a humanity that did not always love him. Love that knew no bounds, and continues to be a limitless love that is for all people. The love that Christ felt for the world and his desire to bring that love to all people, and to reconcile all people to God. The Beatles have a song, which I am sure that most, if not all, of you know, “All you need is Love.” The Beatles were asked to come up with a song, a message understood by everyone. "It was an inspired song and they really wanted to give the world a message", said Brian Epstein. "The nice thing about it is that it cannot be misinterpreted. It is a clear message saying that love is everything.” According to journalist Jade Wright, "Lennon was fascinated by the power of slogans to unite people and never afraid to create art out of propaganda. When asked in 1971 whether songs like "Give Peace a Chance" and "Power to the People" were propaganda songs, he answered: 'Sure. So was ‘All You Need Is Love.’" And truly, love is all we need. As we celebrate Valentine’s Day this year, as we celebrate the love that we have for our family, our friends, let us also celebrate the love we have because of God our Father, and Jesus Christ his son. And let us in turn, give that love back to the world.

Your Sister in Christ, Pastor Melissa



## Prayer Concerns

As of January 23, 2022.

Family of Alice C. Brown,  
Family of Ray Jones, Alpha  
Potter, Amanda Coleman, Anne Cordle  
Arno, Art Novak, Bill Duff, Brady Hess,  
Brenda Lawson, Chris Leonard, Clinton  
Evans, David Simms, Debbie Spencer,  
Dewayne Keen, Dianna Meade, Dillon  
Meade, Donna Cantrell, Elizabeth Thomas,  
Flora Lawson, Ernest Layne, Franklin  
Lawson, Gabe Payne, Gene Potter, Heather  
McGlothlin, Glenn Wright Jr., Global  
Pandemic Patients, Irene & Eli Bailey,  
Jackie Blevins, James Lane, Jamie Stanley,  
Irene & Jeffrey Mills, James Church, Jeff  
Carter, Jimmy Grindstaff, Johnny Aven,  
Karen Murphy, Kelli McKean, Kenneth  
Barnett, Lee Wampler, Lauren Murphy,  
Madison Hartner, Main Street School, Larry  
Puckett, Malachi Snyder, Michael Harman,  
Pattie Pruett, Robin Cunningham, Roy Dale  
Keene, Sadie Mackey, Sawyer's Family,  
Shonda Richardson, Stephanie, TCPS, Terry  
Blacken, Tornado Victims, Trudale Alice,  
The Ernest Family, Tim Scott, Unspoken  
Requests, Wanda Lawson, Young Family,  
Zach Yates.



## Birthdays in February

7<sup>th</sup>- Conor Campbell

11<sup>th</sup>- Levi Forrest

12<sup>th</sup>- Randall Fuller

17<sup>th</sup>- Chris Moir



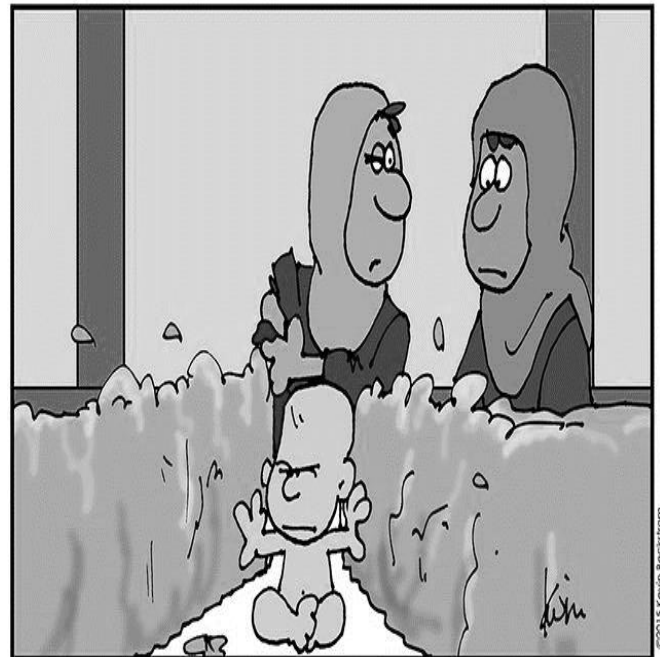
## Anniversaries in February

12<sup>th</sup>- Bob & Chris  
Williams



## Board Meeting

**Reminder:** The next  
board meeting is scheduled for  
**February 13, 2022** following the worship  
service



"Apparently little Moses thinks he doesn't want a bath!"

# JUST FOR KIDS



## A New Commandment

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

"Love one another as I have loved you."



Love One Another

"My \_\_\_\_\_, I will be with you only a little \_\_\_\_\_. You will \_\_\_\_\_ for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am \_\_\_\_\_, you cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

"A new \_\_\_\_\_ I give you: \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_. As I have loved \_\_\_\_\_, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my \_\_\_\_\_, if you love one another."

John 13:33-35

another	come	disciples	longer	love
children	command	going	look	you

## A New Commandment

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

The puzzle is based on John 13:31-35 (NIV).

"Love one another as I have loved you."



C A M L J E W S A R P G O G F  
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 C U M C L P Y J X D J L O L N  
 N V L H D O N Y F N E G G A N  
 X K R K P D R L S Q S A I E R  
 A N F E J I K I P P U R R E Z  
 R O J P A S L J F U S D H S D  
 S W Z Z K C G Q H Y L T U N E  
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COMMAND	KNOW	DISCIPLES	ANOTHER	GLORIFY
TOLD	JESUS	CHILDREN	JEWS	LITTLE
LOOK	LONGER	MEN	LOVE	GIVE

# February

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	3	4	5 Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
6	7 Bible Study at 1pm.	8	9 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	10	11 Make a Friend Day	12
13 Board Meeting	14 Bible Study at 1pm.  Valentine's Day	15	16 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18	19 National Chocolate Mint Day
20	21 Bible Study at 1pm.	22	23 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	24	25 New England Clam Chowder Day	26
27 Pet a Polar Bear Day	28 Bible Study at 1pm.					