



## **The Best Valentine is to Obey the Lord Jesus**

Jesus said “If you love me, keep my commands.” (John 14:15) This is the test and evidence of your love for Christ. Our natural human tendency is to go our own way: “In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.” (Judges 21:25)

The best Valentine to Christ is to say “I’ll obey Your Word, Jesus, and consciously make your commands the starting point for everything I do in my life.” What has happened is we take off to handle our lives in our way to stumble then run back to Christ’s commandments for help.

Unfortunately, some have knowingly disobeyed Christ’s commandments for personal convenience and gain in this earthly life: this harms Christians and our Christian witness. It harms Christians who don’t see the need to obey the Lord’s commands when their leaders fail to do so. The unsaved see “Christians” not living on a higher plain of righteousness to just chase after worldly things with their same enthusiasm.

This February I encourage everybody to read these two Scripture passages and make the Lord’s standards stated in these verses your “starting gate”. John 13:34-35 and 1 Corinthians 13. “Love one another as I have loved you” and “Love is patient, love is kind” are words to obey.

We are not called to label this disobedience as “these are the signs of the times” and we can’t stop them. Jesus told the Ephesus church “Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.” (Revelation 2:4) We should make a Valentine vow to Jesus “To the end of the age I will make You, Jesus, my first love, and make Your love visible to the world.”

To the very end I will make Jesus’ love a powerful presence in this world because Jesus’ commandments will be my first and my faithful commitment in my life. First John 2:5 “But if anyone obeys His Word, love for God is truly made complete in them.”

In Christ’s love.....Rev Ed

## Movie Night February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6 p.m. “The Love Bug”



Yes, we are going old Disney with what better theme for February? “The Love Bug” was released in 1969 and sparked many sequels. Race car driver Jim Douglas (Dean Jones) and his buddy Tennessee Steinmetz (Buddy Hackett) find themselves in possession of a

Volkswagen Beetle that has a mind of its own. Yes, a very young Michele Lee stars in this movie too. For all ages and us older ones remember when the movie first came to the theaters! Plenty of popcorn. Bring snacks and soda to share! Come catch “The Love Bug.”

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## Plenty of Recipe Books for All Church Members to Sell

We have sold enough to pay for publishing of the books. So, every one sold from now on is money for the building fund. Please drop by the church office to take a few to your workplace. Encourage family members and friends to purchase this three ring book with over 500 recipes. It is neat to see so many recipes from people that you know. There is a marvelous updated church history inside with a beautiful picture of the church on front. Help us please. Get some recipe books. Get some money. Return the money to the church. We'll see some much needed work completed on our main sanctuary building. Thank you.



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## Work Starts on the Sanctuary Building's Dome this Month

Thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness we are tackling phase one of the work list. A membrane will be applied to the cupola to stop a leaking roof. Marty Robbins Roofing Company is doing the work that cost around \$25,000. I know you hear that song: “...down west of El Paso I fell in love with a Mexican girl.” We hope to get all repairs completed to the main building before our centennial celebration of the laying of the cornerstone which will be in the year 2019. So many people beyond our church membership have made substantial contributions to make sure it is preserved and the church building remains attractive.



## **The Sharing Shelves in the Fellowship Hall Have Been Found**

Books have been moving off the shelves. We don't have a Christian book store in our area so this is a great resource for all ages. If you have not looked on these shelves, please feel free to borrow, take, donate and even gift a book to somebody else. After reading a good Christian based book it is a shame to let it remain dormant in a corner of your home. The Sharing Shelves bookcase is a place to give and get inspirational materials.

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**All of Us are in Ministry** I hope that you enjoyed the message from Pat Caylor about Lay Servant Ministries. I quickly share with everyone that Brundidge United Methodist Church is blessed with so many members with great gifts. There are so many marvelous things we can accomplish because of every single person in this Body of Christ. Please look at our existing ministries to see where you can plug in or create a new area of ministry. "Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

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### **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is "Church-wide Breakfast" at 7:30 a.m.**

The men of the church hosts this breakfast for every one of any gender and of any age. So, make it a monthly part of your schedule. We enjoy also having more folks attend the 8:30 early service on those third Sundays. We ask for a donation of \$5 per a person for the breakfast which is a good deal for the delicious plentiful choices to stack on your plate.

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**Gideon Speaker at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. service Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
Please be prepared to make a donation to "Gideons International".

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### **Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. February 18<sup>th</sup>**

This begins the season of Lent. Ashes are applied to the forehead to signify an inner repentance of a believer. Lent is a time 40 days before Easter for Christians to contemplate the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus.

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