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How Do You Demonstrate Love?

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

February in Kentucky has three main emphases... cold weather, basketball, and Valentine’s Day. Every male in any kind of relationship goes into panic mode as we draw closer to Valentine’s Day. I have always been taught that Valentine’s Day was started as a Christian holiday, but, like most men, I would swear it was started by a woman. (I know! I’m getting myself into trouble here). But listen, if you haven’t already wadded up this newsletter yet... hear me out on a thought I have. The problem most men have with Valentine’s Day is feeling obligated to show our love through our gift. (That is an amazing amount of pressure on us.) How do you demonstrate your Love?

The bible tells us that God revealed his love to us through the gift of His Son Jesus. (John 3:16) However, in the verse sighted above of **Romans 5:8** “*God commendeth...*” the KJV word “*commendeth*” comes from a Greek word that means “*to exhibit, to constitute, to place together.*” In other words, it means God demonstrated his love for us in that while we were “still” sinners, Christ died for us. That is an amazing demonstration of love. To still love someone who does not return that love for you.

Much of the problem with love in our world today may be found in our general use of the word “love.” If someone were to ask you, “*What is love?*”, how would you define it? Our English word “love” has numerous different meanings. For example, you can use the word “love” in a tennis match, and it means zero. In the New Testament God’s love is the Greek word “*agape.*” To the Greeks, the “agape” love was the highest form of love. (It was considered “unconditional love”). In his first epistle, the apostle John twice states that “God is love [agape]” **1 John 4:8, 16**. By stating God is love, John is not saying that God is only love, because God has many more attributes. However, neither is John saying that love is God. “God is love” means that God continually gives of himself to others and seeks their benefit.

In his book ***The Cross of Christ***, John Stott writes, “*Just as human beings disclose their character in their actions, so God showed himself to us in the death of his Son.*” The cross reveals the love of God. If you want to know what love really is, don’t go to a dictionary; go to the cross.

Love is the GIVING of oneself for the benefit of others. For Valentine’s Day, let us give of ourselves...

Happy Valentine Day


Bro. Bobby



February Calendar of Events

- 1– New England Mission Trip registration and deposit due
- 6– Executive Team Semi-Annual Planning, 6:00 p.m.
- 6– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20– President’s Day
- 21– KBC Every Church On Mission, Southside BC, Princeton
- 22– Due Date for Food Collection to Cumberland, KY

FOOD FOR EASTERN KY



We are currently collecting food items for Cumberland Elementary Family Resource & Youth Service Center in Cumberland, KY. Locust Grove Baptist Church will be delivering these items for student backpacks. Deadline for collection is **February 22nd**. You may bring the following items to the Baptist Center: Individual packets of oatmeal, breakfast bars, small individual boxes cereal, Pop Tarts, tuna/potted meats, Vienna sausages, individual serving size Ravioli, Spaghetti O’s, etc., ramen noodles/mac & cheese packets, canned soups, animal crackers/chips, cookies/granola bars, fruit cups, Rice Roni/chicken and four cheese individual serving size, fruit roll ups/fruit snacks, juice boxes/Capri Sun. **No peanut butter items! Peanut/nut free school.**

Missions Application Deadline

Little River Baptist Association
 New England Mission Trip 2023
 (April 1-7, 2023)

By **February 1, 2023**

- Each person planning on attending will need to fill out a registration form, including (name as it appears on Driver’s License/Passport.)

Registration forms available at LRBA or by email.

- **\$100 deposit** to secure ticket/lodge

Deposit by Check **only** (preferably thru your home church)

Mission Trip will be closed to applicants after Feb. 1

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

	Regular	Special
Church	0	
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	1,889.08	5,000.00
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	1,435.31	
Canton	714.32	250.00
Cerulean	409.00	
Crossroads	100.00	
Delmont	207.15	
Donaldson Creek	678.13	250.00
East Cadiz	892.26	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	746.86	5,000.00
Locust Grove	818.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	185.99	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	265.43	
Ponderosa	313.44	
Rock Front	400.00	
Rocky Ridge	266.00	
South Union	162.60	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	400.00	15,513.78
Total	10,733.57	26,013.78
		36,747.35
Interest NOW Acc.	3.24	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Van Replacement		25,000.00
Mev Fredenburg		763.78
Subtotals	10,736.81	26,013.78
Total income		\$36,750.59
Monthly expense		\$47,578.83
Regular Fund		
Beginning Balance		37,998.29
Interest Received		3.24
Gifts		10,774.57
Trans– Contingency Fund		(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund		
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund		(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund		
Expense Checks Written		(11,172.73)
Ending Balance		\$37,403.73
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 1/25/23		

Happy Birthday!

Justin Carter– 2/12

Alisa Downing– 2/12

Kayla Choate– 2/14

Stacy Boone– 2/19