

# First Baptist Church Newsletter

*February 2, 2022*



## the *LINK*

### History of Valentine's Day

"Valentine's Day occurs every February 14. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of someone called St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and where did these traditions come from?"

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death" (selections from an article found at History.com under the same title).

Song of Songs in the Bible poetically and candidly describes (Greek – Eros) the passionate, healthy, physical expression of love between a husband and wife. God's unconditional love (Greek – Agape) is also biblical. The Holy Spirit should be allowed to develop this quality in every Christian (Gal. 5:22; 1 Cor. 13).

In Christ,

Les



## For Your Funny Bone



So one time I was home alone and it was around dinnertime when I decided to make myself something to eat. I opened the freezer and dug around until I found what appeared to be chicken nuggets in an unopened plastic bag that for some reason, didn't have any cooking instructions. Thinking that my parents must have thrown away the box for box tops, I called my mom to ask how long and at what temperature to cook chicken nuggets. She told me both of them, I laid out about 20 on a tray and stuck it in the oven, setting the timer before I walked out of the kitchen.

When it was almost time to get my chicken nuggets, I walked into a cinnamon scented kitchen. I searched all over that kitchen, trying to find the cinnamon scent, leading me to the oven. I decide to turn on the oven light to see if maybe my mom had stuck some cookies in the oven and forgot to bake them, but instead, I find that the tray my chicken nuggets were on has cookies on it instead! As I'm trying to process what just happened, I hear the front door open and my mom shout delightedly, "Ooooo what's that smell?" She walks into the kitchen and catches my confused expression. That's when the spark ignited and she realized exactly what had happened. Somehow in some form, I had accidentally baked snickerdoodles. And that is why my parents can never take my cooking seriously.

**"Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly."**

—Robert Schuller



**Teachers Sunday February 6, 2022**

**Kids' Time**

Ruth Ann Monroe and  
Chris McFarren

**LOL**

Remain in service

## PRAYER ITEMS

Carol Duncan - Healing from pneumonia  
Karyn Gilly - Clear and accurate diagnosis and healing  
Chas Isch - Healing from shingles  
Marty Tschannen - Successful knee replacement surgery on Feb. 9  
Abby Cantrell - Healing from cancer  
Healing for several people dealing with severe back pain  
End the Covid pandemic. Carol was in the emergency room for several days because Lutheran Hospital was full.  
Calm Russia/Ukraine tensions. No one needs another war.





# *ALL-CHURCH DINNER*

After our worship service on Feb. 13, the Deacons will host a dinner downstairs. Thanks to those who filled out an RSVP card last Sunday. You may still RSVP through this Sunday, Feb. 6. Either sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer or call the church office. Since this is a catered meal by Barb Schwartz, we are aiming for an accurate count.

Menu:      Roast Beef  
                 Hotdogs  
                 Cheesy Potato Casserole  
                 Green Beans with Almonds  
                 Signature House Salad  
                 Breadsticks  
                 Cookies and Fruit

## *February 13, 2022*

"My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God.

My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love!"

1 John 4: 7, 11-12 *The Message*



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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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