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“Behold what manner of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God” (John 3:1).

I’m sure that many of you played the childhood game “He (or she) loves me; he loves me not.”

Known as “The Daisy Oracle,” a person playing the game alternately speaks the phrases “He (or she) loves me,” and “He loves me not,” while picking one petal off a flower (usually a daisy) for each phrase. The phrase they speak while picking off the last petal supposedly represents the truth regarding whether the object of their affection loves them or not.

The little game is believed to have its origin in France but has found its way into great literature and even works of art from many countries.

It’s tough sometime to know if someone really loves us. If a daisy

or two need to die, then that’s what needs to happen.

However, we don’t need to pluck daisy petals to determine if God loves us. The Bible tells us many time and in many ways about the extent of God’s love for us. Romans 5:8 reminds us, “God has demonstrated his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

In Galatians 2:20, Paul reflected on how Christ “loved me and gave himself up for me.”

In Ephesians 3:18, Paul’s prayer for the church was that they “may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth” of God’s love for them. The word “comprehend” has the idea of being able to mentally grasp or appreciate.

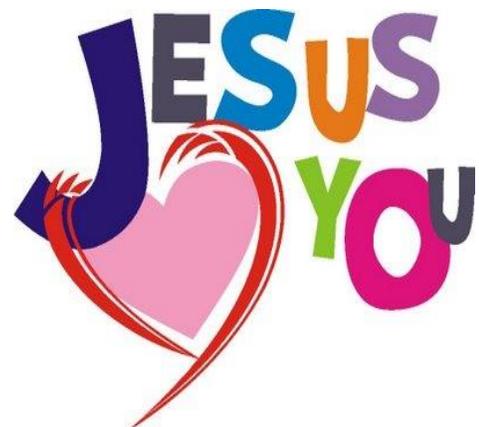
Sometimes we believers have a difficult time grasping just how much God loves us. Perhaps we believe that God loved us when we were first saved, but we’ve fallen many times since then. There is the temptation to doubt

whether God’s love is strong enough to overcome our failures.

We must never forget that nothing can separate us from the love God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39). If God freely gave his Son for us, how can we ever believe he would take his love away from us?

The greatest spiritual truth ever expressed is “God loves you!”

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

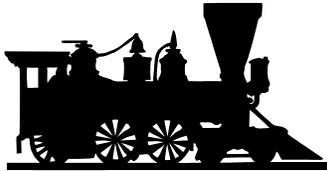


**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Dalton Lemoine	1st
Elizabeth Lott	17th
Robbie Johnson	18th
David Hay	21st
Brady Henderson	22nd
Dakota Grice	27th
Evelyn McDonald	28th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

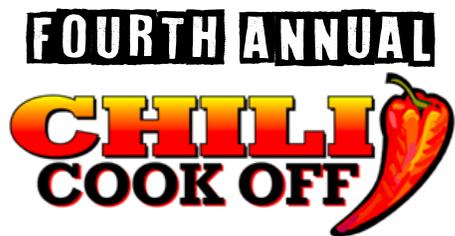
Kerri & Kenny Ponder	14th
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**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

According to the Bible, being part of a church family is important. Are you interested in serving? We have plenty of areas for you to get involved!

Whether it is teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, working in the nursery or children's church or being on a committee...there's always a place for you to serve!



**Sunday, January 28**  
**After Worship**  
**Bring your favorite CHILI!**



**Saturday,**  
**February 10th**  
**from 12 - 2 p.m.**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Adult Prayer	6:30 p.m.
Youth/Children	
Bible Studies	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.



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- ♥ Time
- ♥ Prayer

