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February is the “Love Month.” Many of our couples are already preparing something special for Valentine’s Day; something that would reinforce their love for each other. But I think the following story is a powerful demonstration of love in action.

After ten years of marriage, Cindy and Chip Altemos were in the long process of getting a divorce. The proverbial baggage they brought from previous marriages seemed too great to overcome, so they separated and even agreed to date other people.

Five years into the painful separation, Chip was in the hospital with kidney failure. With his health deteriorating rapidly, his soon-to-be ex-wife came to his aid—in spite of Chip's being in another relationship at the time.

“He was still my husband. There was no way I could walk around with two kidneys, and he had none,” Cindy told the press. “It was the right thing to do.” She agreed to donate a kidney, telling Chip there were no strings attached—no written agreement concerning a better share in divorce court.

The transplant took place on February 21, 2007, and a funny thing happened as they both recovered in the hospital: they fell back in love. Chip thought to himself, *Why would I want to date someone else, when I have a woman who would give part of herself so I can keep living?*

He put an end to his other relationship and asked Cindy to come back home with him. The two will be married 24 years in October.

What a wonderful example of sacrificial love.

However, the greatest example of sacrificial love is in the death of Jesus on the cross. The Bible tells us that God has demonstrated His love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

God did not give just a small part of Himself. He gave Himself totally and completely through His Son, Jesus. The thought of such a love is the inspiration behind one of the more popular praise and worship songs:

Amazing love, how can it be
That you my king
would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor you
Amazing love, how can it be
That you My king
would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor you
In all I do I honor you

The shepherd loves the sheep!
Pastor Brian

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|------|
| Brian Frazier | 1st |
| Dalton Lemoine | 1st |
| Emerson Irby | 6th |
| Elizabeth Lott | 17th |
| Robbie Johnson | 18th |
| David Hay | 21st |
| Brady Henderson | 22nd |
| Janet Walker | 25th |
| Dakota Grice | 27th |
| Evelyn McDonald | 28th |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------|------|
| Kerri & Kenny Ponder | 14th |
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Fellowship
Saturday,
February 15th
from 1 - 3 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall



Children's
Bowling Party
Saturday,
February 15th



VISIT OUR CHURCH
LIBRARY
 ...we have some great
 books available for you
 to borrow



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 a Sunday School, singing in the choir or being on a committee...there's always a place for you to serve!



Louisiana Baptist
Singing Women
In Concert
Broadmoor Baptist
Church
Thursday, February 6
at 7 p.m.



Feeding the
Community
Support our
Hope for Bossier
Food Bank
by Donating
 ♥ Food
 ♥ Time
 ♥ Prayer



A GREAT PLACE
TO BE
9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

