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Young 22 year-old Australian entrepreneur, Michael Carpenter, sold his Internet business two days after founding it for \$85,000. The business became so popular after just two days that he realized that he was unable to continue it.

What was the popular business?  
 ShipYourEnemiesGlitter.com.

That's right. For less than \$10, Carpenter would ship to the person of your choosing an envelope filled with glitter designed to spew the glitter all over the unfortunate person who opened it.

According to the website, the glitter would be packaged in such a way as to maximize dispersal. Also included would

be an anonymous profanity laced note telling the recipient how awful they are.

However, after only two days and thousands of orders, Carpenter suspend new orders and shut the website down. Carpenter was amazed at what he called the world's "sick fascination with sending people glitter."

While many people consider the thought of sending their enemies an envelope filled with glitter a harmless prank, the motivation may speak to a darker side of our fallenness: Revenge.

Jesus calls His followers to a different response to our enemies: Love.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for

those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:43-45).

We are to have the same response toward our enemy as God has toward His enemies. The Apostle Paul wrote that while were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son (Romans 5:10).

God continues His work of reconciliation today. You and I are instruments of God's grace as we go to our families, communities and the world with the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ.

This Valentine's Day, give the gift of love. Share Jesus.

Blessings,  
 Pastor Brian

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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**

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



**Sunday, February 1**  
**Bring your favorite CHILI!**

**Donations will be taken to benefit Youth Camp**



**Fellowship**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 14th**  
**from 1 - 3 p.m.**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**



**Welcome to Our Church Family**  
**Sherry Izumi**



**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**

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.

