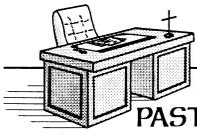


THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters
in Christ,

Because of Valentine's day, February has become known as the "love month." Of course when we think of Valentine's day we think of romantic love between boyfriend and girlfriend and husband and wife.

I want to focus this article on love from the Bible. I want to use two main points from a hymn that is found in our hymnal. The hymn is number 225 in our new hymnal and is titled "And Can It Be?" The words to the hymn were written by Charles Wesley of Methodist fame.

When we look at this hymn, we can't keep from being struck by the Christ-centered words that are absent in many other hymns and praise songs! This God-centered or Christ-centered love tells of the Gospel and the demand on our lives as a result.

In the first refrain, it talks about a love that is amazing. The words are Amazing Love.

This is talking about the love that God has for us. Let's turn to the Scripture for help with the Amazing Love of God.

In 1 John 4:8, we are told that "God is love." By saying this, John is pointing us to the origin of love. In the previous verse, he writes, "love is from God" (1 John 4:7). True love is a part of and comes from the most beautiful, most valuable, most satisfying lover of our souls: God.

In John 3:16, we are told that "God so loved the world." It is true that love is a verb. In English, we use forms of the word "love" as nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives. But that doesn't change the fact that love in its divine origin is an action-producing noun. Because of that love, the Father sent the Son to save those who would believe from their sins.

"By this we know love." True love is revealed in Jesus' death on the cross. He laid his life down for us "for the joy that was set before him" (Hebrews 12:2); in glorifying his Father (John 17:1); receiving glory from his Father (John 17:5); and the full eternal joy of his redeemed Bride (John 15:11). That's what love looks like.

But, love is not merely the action of meeting others' needs; it includes the reason for the action. God is love, and love is from God. Therefore, loving others is doing whatever it takes for them to have as much of God as they can.

The next part of the hymn that I will mention concerns our response or the **proper response to this Amazing Love.**

It says that this love "Demands My Soul, My Life, My All." Because of this great love with which He loved us, our lives become His!

Pastor Tom

VALENTINE BANQUET

Saturday, February 13, 2016

5:30 P.M.

Wellsville Baptist Church Family
Center

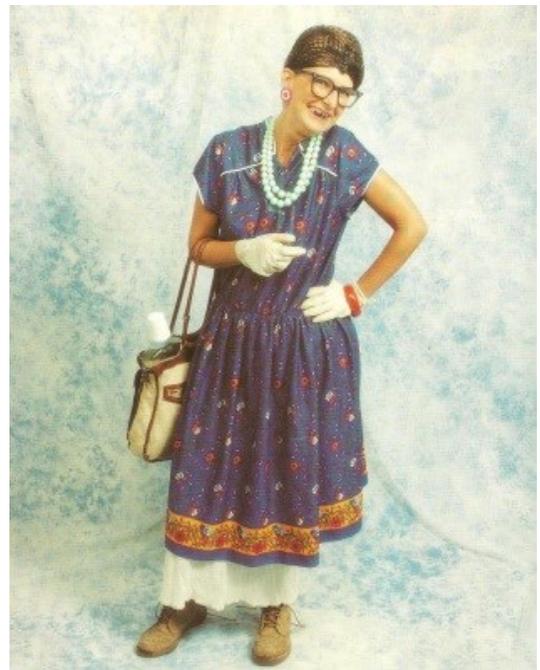
Cost: 10:00 per person
Reservations & payment needed by,
Wednesday, February 10th.

Menu:

Southern Smothered Chicken
Vegetables
Potato
Chocolate Dessert
Beverages

Entertainment by:

Beth Irvin & Lizzy Lou



Hilarious comedian, Lizzy Lou, will make you laugh with clean, wholesome original comedy, then transform in front of you (in about 1 minute) into Beth Irvin with a powerful message in song. Beth has been performing for many years. She works as a solo artist or with her husband, Dave, who plays guitar and sings also. You are guaranteed to be thoroughly entertained and left with an uplifted spirit!

Yes, I/we would like to attend the Valentine Banquet.

Name _____

Number attending _____

Amount Due _____

Growing Spiritually

Philippians 3:12-21 (New King James Version)

Pressing Toward the Goal

¹²Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

Our Citizenship in Heaven

¹⁷Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. ¹⁸For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹whose end is destruction, whose god is *their belly*, and *whose glory is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Target to Aim for: To help us evaluate our progress toward spiritual Maturity.



Questions to Consider:

- Do you ever wonder why things like name-brand clothes or shoes are so important?
- Do you recall some fashion statements that were really important when you were a youngster? What were they? What do you think of these fashions now?
- As we mature, our ideas about what is appealing often change radically. For instance, when we were in our late teens and early twenties, having no place to go on Friday or Saturday night was the most terrible thing in the world. Twenty years later, however, however, after a hard week of work nothing is better than a relaxing stay at home.
- What were some of the things you deemed important while you were just out of school?



Studying the Bible Passage: Verse 13 Forgetting the pass.

- How can dwelling on the past stunt our growth?
- How can we learn from our past mistakes?

Robert Browning said, “A man’s reach should not exceed his grasp.”

- **Verse 14** How do you know you have not reached the mark Paul referred to in this verse?
- **What are some things we can do to help us eliminate the shortcomings in our lives so we can grow in spiritual maturity? Col. 1:10**
- **Verses 15-17** What do you think spiritual immaturity looks like?
- **What can we do to enhance spiritual growth?** (*Everything coming from God and nothing coming from us*)

Earthly Citizenship vs. Heavenly Citizenship

1. Paying taxes
2. Obeying laws of the law
3. Support our leaders
4. Go through trials & eventually death

6. Set free from sickness
7. Set free from sinful habits
8. No more pain
9. Enjoy the presence of the Heavenly Father



Some people think they are growing, when they are only swelling. Which one are you doing?

That You Might Walk Worthy,

Ted Buckley

Pastor Ted



Colossians 2:7 says, “Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” (NLT)



Prayer List

- Jim Campbell – health concerns
Rose Coffman – health concerns
Family of Robert Courter – following his passing
Lu Stone – Penny Anderson’s friend – following knee surgery – has blood clots in her lungs and leg but is improving
Sue Hackler – Leonard & Vesta Burbank’s friend – diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
Jessie Mathis – Kanin Robbs’ girlfriend – recovering from surgery for a tumor on her ovary



CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

- Mildred Whitney – health concerns
Megan – Belinda Brown’s friend – health concerns
Terry Messenger’s mom – health concerns
Lynnedra – Lesley Breithaupt’s sister – bleeding ulcer
Ann Unruh – health concerns
Barbara Ott – health concerns
Neita Robbs – health concerns
Bettie Phares – health concerns
Amanda Dunaway – COPD & emphysema
Dave Lowe – health concerns
Roger Rockers – Penny Anderson’s friend – pancreatic cancer
Jill Murray – Jim & Pat Campbell’s daughter – health concerns
Sara Goodyeon – Pam Kichler’s friend – undergoing chemotherapy & radiation for throat and tongue cancer
Kathy Perricone – Lawrence & Sue Burbank’s daughter – breast cancer



- treatment
Jimmy Gibson – Leonard & Vesta’s brother-in-law – cancer
Jack Nitzsche – Don Nitzsche’s brother – severe nerve pain



Our men in uniform who voluntarily put themselves in harm’s way



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed below, please call the church office and let us know.

Anniversaries

- 2-M/M Jim Wright
 3-M/M Lynn Brecheisen
 15-M/M Oscar West
 21-M/M Leonard Burbank
 24-M/M Kenny Coffman



Birthdays

- 1-Donna Burkdoll, Lynn Brecheisen
 3-Jeremy Altic, Derik Fouts, Tina Guthrie
 5-Betty LaRue, Barbara Ott
 6-Cleta Johnston
 7-Kim Moore, David Strawn, Andy Skinner
 9-Amanda Donovan
 10-Betty Lawrenz, Aaron Beuthien, Sean Breithaupt
 14-Melinda Huff
 15-Kari Owings
 16-Jim Wright
 19-Jennifer Bartholomew
 21-Fred Groshong, Carly Oshel
 22-Joshua Young, Virginia Kramer, Hazel Taylor
 24-Jean Ann Moss, Scott Moore
 27-Ginger McDaniel, Jill Robbs
 28-Hope Inglehart, Leslie Rogers



HONORING OUR FIRE FIGHTERS & POLICE OFFICERS



Sunday, February 28, 2016
 8:30 a.m.
 9:45 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.

We will honor our local fire fighters and police during all three of our services on Sunday, February 28th. We encourage you to invite all of your friends to join us for these special services. A meal will be served in the Family Center for all to enjoy.

Contact Dennis for more information or if you would like to help with the meal.



AWANA GRAND PRIX RACE

Saturday, February 20, 2016
 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for this exciting event in the Family Center. Concessions will be available.



February, 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan meeting in the Family Center, 7:00 p 4-H in the Fellowship Hall	2	3** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	4 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study, 7:00 p Board of Deacons	5	6
7* 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a Worship Services, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p Youth Group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible study	8 9:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan meeting in the Family Center	9	10** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	11 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study, 10:00 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bingo, 6:30 p Board of Christian Education	12	13 5:30 p Valentine Banquet
14* Valentine's Day 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a Worship services, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p Youth Group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible study	15 9:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan meeting in the Family Center, 7:00 p Board of Trustees	16	17** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	18 9:30 a Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study	19	20 11:00 a AWANA Grand Prix
21* 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a Worship Services, 3:00 p Retirement Center Service, 4:45 p Worship Team, 5:30 p Youth Group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible study	22 9:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan meeting in the Family Center	23	24** 9:30 a Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p AWANA, 7:00 p Adult Bible Study	25 9:30 p Wellsville Retirement Center Bible Study	26	27
28* 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a Honoring our Fire Fighters & Police during our Services, 4:45 p Worship team, 5:30 p Youth Group, 6:30 p Campfire Bible Study	29 9:00 a Staff meeting, 6:00 p Daniel Plan meeting in the Family Center	<p>*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Connected Contemporary Worship Service; 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service, 4:45 P.M.. Worship Team, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th—12th grades; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Campfire</p> <p>**Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study</p>				

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