



First Baptist Church

Discover the Love of Christ

Frostproof, Florida

February 2021

Dear Church,

Time passes by so quickly. The month of January in this brand new year is gone and before you know it, we will be celebrating Easter.

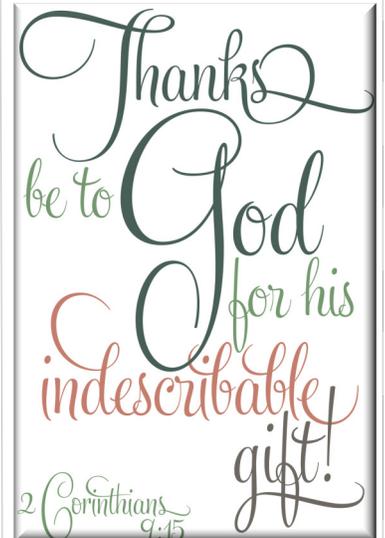
We are still in uncertain days, with the continued challenge of COVID-19, a new President and Administration, the economy, plus all the other stresses and trials. It is crucial that we, as God's people pray, give and support God's church. People need hope and that is to be found in Jesus. Christianity has always had to battle the culture of which it was a part. But we are called to engage culture. We are told to "Go and make disciples of all people groups" and as we do that we have to engage people, in spite of opposition. We do it in love. Because of COVID-19 we have been unable to do some things in the way of outreach. I look forward to the day when this is behind us. Please continue to be as safe as possible.

Valentine's Day will be here shortly and we are reminded of "love". But that word is used widely and is not easy to define. Life is all about learning how to love. In fact, one day Jesus was walking down the street and a guy came up to him and he said, "Lord what is the most important command in the Bible?" God can you tell me what really matters most? Jesus, of all these things that are in the Bible what should I really focus on? Jesus said, I can do that. I can summarize the entire Bible for you in two sentences. If you get these two things you get it. You get what life is all about. It's called the **Great Commandment**. In Mark 12:28-31, Jesus said, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind and all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. There are no commands more important than these.*"

That's pretty clear. He said nothing in the Bible, nothing at all, is more important than these two things. Learn to love God with all your heart and, by the way, learn to love everybody else. He said if you get those two things, you've got it. He says I want you first of all to learn to love me – God. Then I want you to learn to love everybody else. We love Him because He first loved us and sent His Son to pay our sin debt.

In Christ's love,

Bro. Darrol



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Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14, though it is not a public holiday. Many people celebrate their love for their spouse, or others, by sending cards or letters, giving gifts or flowers and arranging meals in restaurants. Valentine's cards are often decorated with images of hearts, red or pink roses or Cupid.

According to legend there was a third century Christian who lived in Rome named Valentine. He was imprisoned during one of the periodic persecutions against Christians and was sentenced to death. While in prison, Valentine was able to gather violets outside his cell window. He sent them to his loved ones with the message, "Remember your Valentine." After his death he was canonized by the Catholic Church. So now we have "St. Valentine's Day," a day when we send cards to our loved ones asking them to remember us.

The Bible tells us that God sent the first Valentine. He showed what true love is. He demonstrated His love for you and me over 2000 years ago when He sent His One and Only Son to pay the price for your sins and mine. God didn't just love you enough to tell you about it. He didn't just love you enough that He settled for having it written in the clouds by angels in flaming chariots. He didn't love you enough that He stopped at sending you a love note, or a card, or calling you, He loved you enough that He sent His Son Jesus Christ.

We hear the word love so much that it almost loses its meaning. In 13th chapter of I Corinthians known as the Love chapter, Paul shows us what love is. *If I speak human or angelic languages but do not have love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, ⁵ does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶ Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.) Love never fails because love never ends. I John 4:8 says that God is love. Love never fails because God never fails. Love is eternal. "And now these three remain faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

There is only one real example of 'Agape' love and it is found on the Cross of Calvary. It is our duty to understand it, appreciate it, and practice it all of our Christian lives. Whether in a marriage, friendship, family relationship, and with fellow Christians, when all sides are giving love then all sides are receiving love and makes every Christian relationship what God intended every relationship to be.



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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Cor. 13: 4-5 NIV

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21 Deacons serving: Joel Campos Cliff Lightsey Risk Management Mtg. 4:30pm	22	23	24 Awana & Student Refuge, & Bible Study 6:30 pm	25 Prayer Team 12:30pm Smith Bldg.	26	27
28 Deacons serving: Dale Williams Ernie Wasdin Deacon Mtg. 4:30pm						

Visit our Church Library, we are open on Sundays 12:00-12:15 pm.



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First Baptist Church of Frostproof

February 2021 Newsletter

Connecting with God!
Connecting with Others!

First Baptist Church Ministry

Vision For FBC: He desires us to be a church that impacts our community with the Gospel.

Mission For FBC: Making disciples, leading believers to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Strategy For FBC:

- **Connect** with God through worship and with others through relationships.
- **Grow** spiritually and numerically through small group Bible study.
- **Serve** others by joining a team engaged in ministry.

Service Schedules

Sunday

Life Group Classes 9:45am
Celebration Worship Service 11:00 am

Wednesday

Student Refuge & Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm
Awana 6:30 pm (Sept. - May)

Risk Management Meeting

Our annual Risk Management Meeting is Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting is for preschool, children, youth, Awana, Vacation Bible School workers, drivers, and Extended Teaching Care workers. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting.



The Billie Ervin family

The Norma J. Fisher family

Pastor Appreciation

February is Pastor Appreciation month, a special time our congregation sets aside annually to honor our Pastor and family for their hard work and sacrificial dedication.

So, what can you do? Several suggestions are a handwritten Thank You Note, an encouraging text message, video from your Smartphone, a Social Post, monetary forms of encouragement, gift Basket or Gift Card.

Remember, a simple word of encouragement goes a long way, especially during this unprecedented time.

We will honor Pastor Darrol on Sunday, February 28, 2021. You may drop your note of appreciation in the white card box located in the foyer.