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In my studies I came across an article written by a man named Paul Chappell. The article was titled "Ten Ways Every Christian Can Strengthen Their Church." Below are the ten ways:

Stay—Learn to stick.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.—Hebrews 10:25 (Obviously, there are times God moves people. But don't allow an offense with another Christian or backsliding in your own heart to keep you from your church family.)

Sweet Spirit—Love your church.

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:—Hebrews 10:24

Stewardship—Give liberally to God and man.

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.—2 Corinthians 9:6

Separation—Live in a way that is distinctly for God in this world.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,—2 Corinthians 6:17

Stick with Scriptures—Read, study, and hear the preaching of God's Word. Make it your ultimate authority.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.—Hebrews 4:12

Sold out—Be fully committed to the things of the Lord, your marriage and family, and your church family.

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62

Soulwinning—Go to others with the message of salvation.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19:10

Spiritual—Live in a way that is holy, godly, pure, and clean.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.—2 Timothy 2:21

Sensitive—Be responsive to the needs of others, especially your church family.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.—Galatians 6:10

Stand—Take a stand for the things of God.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:—2 Timothy 4:7

Church family these 10 ways are God's ways. If we can come together in the unity of Christ and maintain these 10 ways, then I truly believe that we will see souls won for the glory of God. Let us take into our minds Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary Schooler

February 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 6:00 pm	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5 Boy Scouts 7 pm	6 Bible Study 10:00 am	7 Deacon Meeting 6 pm	8 Bible Study 6:00 pm	9	10
11 Drs. Rick & Anita Gutierrez during our worship service!	12 Boy Scouts 7 pm	13 Bible Study 10:00 am	14 Martha Circle 6:30 pm	15 Bible Study 6:00 pm	16	17
18	19 Boy Scouts 7 pm	20 Bible Study 10:00 am	21 Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm	22 Bible Study 6:00 pm	23	24
25 Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale	26 Boy Scouts 7 pm	27 Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Ministry Team Meeting 5:30 pm	28 Information for March Messenger due by noon	29 Bible Study 6:00 pm	30	31



Feb 4 Nicole Thomas
 Feb 5 Nadine Coats
 Feb 9 Chris Sorell
 Feb 17 Carlton Anthony
 Feb 18 Glen Cary
 Feb 23 Hailey Latshaw
 Feb 25 Kelcie Collins
 Feb 26 Gretchen King

Mar 1 Tommy Burke
 Mar 3 Derek Holtz
 Mar 4 Chris (Chip) MacCrossen
 Mar 4 Garrett Skinner
 Mar 9 Brian Markos
 Mar 9 Ron Chisholm
 Mar 9 Monica Entsminger
 Mar 10 Barb Griffin-Hart
 Mar 11 Ruth St. John
 Mar 13 Martin Coats
 Mar 13 Lucas Finch
 Mar 13 Bill Westphal
 Mar 15 Joanne Henley
 Mar 15 Vi Halder
 Mar 18 Pam Kirkland
 Mar 20 Deborah Beltz
 Mar 21 Mike Halverson
 Mar 22 Cassidy Perkins
 Mar 22 Danny Sommers
 Mar 27 Sarah (Frey) Collins
 Mar 29 Hainsley Casey
 Mar 29 McKenzie Babcock
 Mar 30 Jody Davis

What Valentine Can I Give Him?

What can I give to Jesus
 On this special Valentine's Day?
 How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
 And follow Him, come what may?

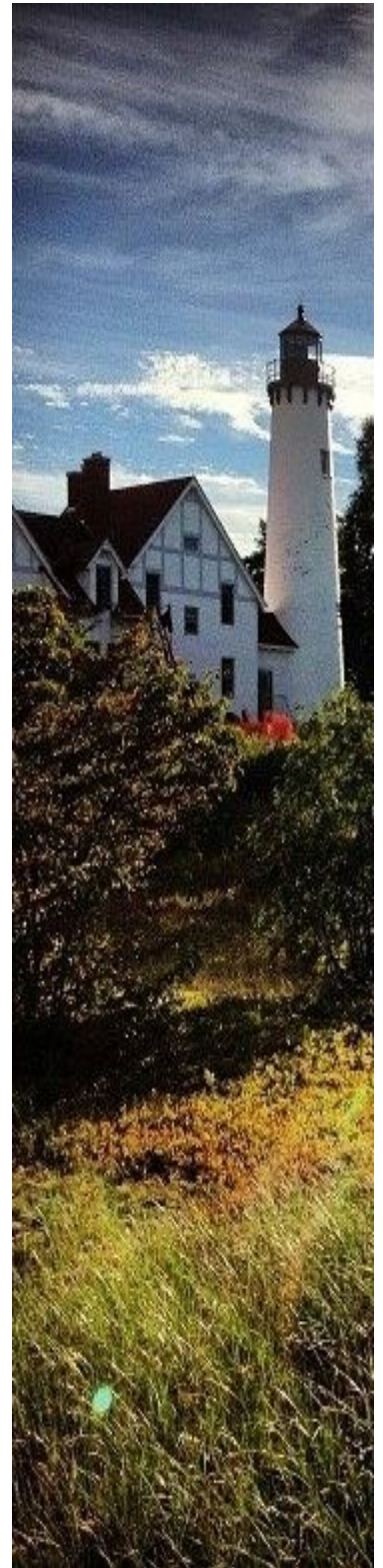
How can I show I need Him?
 Should I send a red heart, with lace?
 How can I thank Him enough
 For his sacrifice, love and grace?

What Valentine can I give Him,
 My adoration to impart?
 I'll give to Him what He wants
 most;
 I'll yield to Him my heart.

By Joanna Fuchs



Mar 8 Albert & Margie Cole
 Mar 24 Bill & Laurann Frey



Join us on Sunday, Feb. 11th! International Missionaries Drs. Anita & Rick Gutierrez will be sharing with us during our Sunday Worship Service! Come find out what they have been doing in Africa!

Valentine's Day Is for Christian Love

Valentine's Day is for honoring love;
To show those we love we care.
Red hearts with tender sentiments
We send, our love to share.

So on Valentine's Day we're reminded
Of our very first Christian goal:
To love the Lord with all our heart
And all our mind and soul.

To love our neighbor as ourselves
We are also told to do,
So let's live our love by the Bible;
It's God's word, flawless and true.

If we give this Christian Valentine first,
We'll never run out of love,
For infinite love will come to us
From God in heaven above.

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Jesus Is My Valentine

Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends.
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.

~ Susan Y Nikitenko ~

BIBLE VALENTINE

Valentine's Day is a day of love
For showing that we care
And if we read the Bible
God describes love there
If we speak like celestial angels
From heaven up above,
All our words mean nothing
If we don't have Christian love
Love is patient, love is kind
It doesn't brag or boast
Love conquers pride and envy
It is never self-engrossed
Love is not rude or angry
Forgiveness counters wrong
Love stays away from evil
It sings a truthful song
Love is full of trust and hope
It always perseveres
Love never fails; It's faithful
To the Bible its Sincere
And if you give this kind of love
To your special Valentine
You'll be loving right in harmony
With God's own sweet design

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YOU TOOK MY PLACE!

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

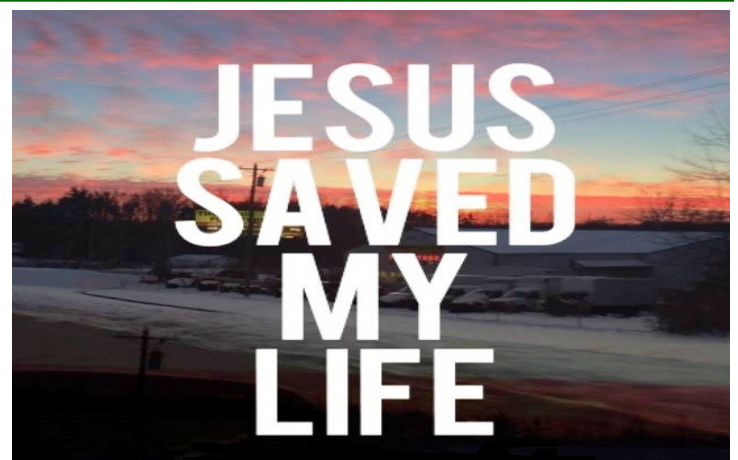
"The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and His appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on His hands and on His sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed Him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from His eye, "I took your place!"

♥ 1 John 4:16 ...God is love. Whoever lives in Love, Lives in God, and God in him.



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