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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



I just finished watching the series, Cheers, (yes it's old) and in the last episode the main character, Sam Malone, was discussing with his buddies, the question, What is the meaning of life? Everyone had a different answer. The character Norm Peterson was leaving the bar and he told Sam the meaning of life is love. I have to agree with that. There are so many different types of love. The ultimate love is God's love for us, agape love. God is love itself. 1 Corinthians 13 describes love perfectly.

Love Is Indispensable (NIV)

- 1** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- 3** If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- 4** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
- 5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

I love my husband with a solid love. He is part of me. Our love for each other constantly grows and becomes stronger. We endure life together and everything that goes with it, the good, the bad, and the things that make you go hmm. I love my son, David. His birthday is tomorrow, February 6 and he turns 40. I still remember the day he came into this world and I heard his first cry. I love my grandson, Dresden. We waited a long time for him. He was truly a miracle. I love my parents and grandparents. They are all in heaven now but I still love them. Some people say I love you and it has no meaning. True love is very powerful and can change lives and move mountains. I love my true friends. These are the friends that stand by you when the chips are down and celebrate with you during those amazing moments. My best friend, Nancey, died a few years ago. She was the maid of honor at my wedding. When Tom asked me to marry him I was unsure about it. Nancey listened to me and helped me to see that it was ok to take a chance on love. She was always my biggest cheerleader. I have a friend that always inspires me to be a better version of myself. Another friend, Terri, taught me how to be cool. Our excuse for everything is, we have 'only child syndrome'. Because of her I started wearing boots and Harley shirts all the time and say, 'it's always about the boots', lol. I love my pets. They always know when I am sad and need comforting. There are so many different kinds of love, but they are all love. During this Valentine's day season take the time to love and be loved. Love is free and beautiful. Enjoy it!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NKJV)

Amber Beckman, Riders For The Cross (OH)

National Newsletter Editor



One of my favorite songs , The Rose, sung by Bette Midler in the movie, The Rose

The Rose

Lyrics

Some say love, it is a river
That drowns the tender reed
Some say love, it is a razor
That leaves your soul to bleed
Some say love, it is a hunger
An endless aching need
I say love, it is a flower
And you, its only seed
It's the heart, afraid of breaking
That never learns to dance
It's the dream, afraid of waking
That never takes the chance
It's the one who won't be taken
Who cannot seem to give
And the soul, afraid of dying
That never learns to live
When the night has been too lonely
And the road has been too long
And you think that love is only
For the lucky and the strong
Just remember in the winter
Far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed that with the sun's love
In the spring becomes the rose

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Amanda Mcbroom

The Rose lyrics © Warner-tamerlane Publishing Corp., Third Story Music Inc., Third Story Music, Inc.





Yum, Another favorite

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Ingredients

- 16 ounces milk chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- toothpicks
- 1 pound fresh strawberries with leaves

Directions

1. Melt chocolate and shortening in a double boiler, stirring occasionally until smooth.
2. Insert toothpicks into tops (stem ends) of strawberries. Hold a strawberry by the toothpick and dip it into the chocolate mixture.
3. Turn the strawberry upside down and insert the toothpick into a Styrofoam block or place strawberry on a sheet of waxed paper; allow chocolate coating to cool. Repeat with remaining strawberries.

Recipe by Kitten

Allrecipes.com

Upcoming Events

2023 SPRING KICKOFF

Mark your calendars. The 2023 spring kick off will be held June 9, 10, and 11 in Central PA. More details to follow.

NO WISDOM, NO GOD

(Of course this is a generalization, there are always “exceptions to the rule”,
but true enough as can be readily proven.)

A prime example in our times are schools, universities, and colleges. Most of which have thrown God out of all discussion and/or mention. You might receive a lot of knowledge from these schools but certainly not wisdom. For instance, if you think a man can be a woman, or a woman a man, or that men can give birth (which idea came from these “higher” places of learning), you are lacking wisdom, and are purposefully ignoring the knowledge of biology also. There are many other examples of this nonsense today to be seen, if you have “eyes to see” and “ears to hear”.

Throughout history many of the best educated people in the world supported totally evil enterprises. Take for example Germany with the Nazis. Studies showed those with higher education levels were the biggest supporters of Hitler and more antisemitic than those with a lower education.

Support in free societies for communism also, the most genocidal and totalitarian movement in modern history, came mainly from secular intellectuals.

Education devoid of God becomes a false god.

Proverbs 3:7 NIV Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear God and depart from evil.

1 Corinthians 1:20 NASB Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

(The thoughts that started me going here and some facts I got from The Rational Bible (a commentary) on Deuteronomy by Prager)

But, thank God for God.

Always looking up,

George Tamburino (NY)

February 2023 Voice Newsletter Report

January 31, 2023

Years of Service for January

Cynthia	Laemmerhirt	7
John	Klein	8

February Birthdays

Mary	Beckman	2/1
John	Platchek	2/6
Robin	Bocock	2/13
Rev. Curtis	Bier	2/16
Billy	Rose	2/18
Amber	Beckman	2/22
Karl	Wardlaw	2/24
Gail	Towle	2/27

February Anniversaries

John and Rita	Young	2/11
Steven	Modricker	2/14
Fiona	Wehmeyer	2/14

New members for January 2023

None to Report

God Bless

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Fields

National Membership Secretary

MJM OPERATING ACCOUNT – NOVEMBER ENDING BALANCE \$ 9,270.12

NO DECEMBER DEPOSITS

DUES	90.00	
BANK TR FEE	(.50)	89.50

NO DECEMBER EXPENSES

**DECEMBER ENDING
BALANCE *****

\$9,644.12

***** 2,094.68 GOODIES ***
7,549.44 MJM OPERATING**

MJM LIFETIME SAVINGS ACCOUNT - NOVEMBER ENDING BALANCE \$8,309.77

DECEMBER INTEREST \$.07

**DECEMBER ENDING
BALANCE**

\$8,309.84

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Submitted by Linda Hawkins

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