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February 2011 Pastor Randy Richards
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A Note From Our Pastor:

Happy Valentines Day! This is the month that people celebrate Love. Around Valentine's Day you may especially hear the phrase or buy a card for that someone special in your life which says, "I love you with all my heart!" Throughout the Bible, the human heart is understood as the seat of both emotion and thought. In Genesis 6:5, the bible speaks of the "thoughts of a man's heart." It is known that the human heart can desire, incline, feel, be deceived, expect, harden, yield, and love, etc. The heart seems to make up much of who we are as people, as well as play a major role in our decision making. Maybe this is why the book of Proverbs instructs us to "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." (Proverbs 4:23). The main focus of our hearts should be the Love of God. Not only is God the creator of Love, He is Love. I John 4:7, 8 states, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." All human love finds its beginning in God. Jesus taught that the first and greatest command is to "love the Lord thy God with all thy HEART, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). The second greatest commandment of course is to "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:39). Interestingly, the Sacred Heart (the heart of Jesus) has been a symbol for hundreds of years for the ultimate love. The love of Jesus that was willing to sacrifice Himself for His people, because "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). It is my hope and prayer that we can all love our family, our friends, our neighbors, and even those who may not seem too loveable with a Godly Love and share the love that is in our heart! I love Jesus and I love each of you "with all my heart!" Pray for the sick and shut-ins. Pray for our Church, Community, and Nation!

In Christ's Love,
Randy