



# THE MESSENGER

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*Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly  
and Witness Boldly*

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



### Valentines Day and the Real Meaning of Love

It's February and that means the whole country will be planning for Valentines Day. Already the stores have red and pink everywhere in anticipation of the event. Already, restaurants are offering special dinners for two. Already, the jewelry stores are telling us that shiny objects and bobbles hold the promise of romance and love. I admit... I like Valentines Day. I know many out there think of it as a Hallmark holiday, created in the minds of greeting card companies and chocolatiers, and that's probably accurate. But I choose to look at it as a reminder of the love I have for family, friends and for my

Savior. And rightly so, because He IS Love. Without Him, the "feelings" I have for my wife, my children, my grandchildren, my friends... all of that would be without depth and meaning with respect to eternity.

Love, REAL love, is so much more than what our culture has reduced it to... heart-shaped boxes of chocolate, candy hearts with pithy messages, red frillies and silkies from Victoria's Secret, gold, silver and gemstones, and the like. In today's culture, if we don't go to Jared for jewelry, are we really even in love? Of course I'm being facetious, but you see my meaning.

So, as I wish my beautiful wife, my lovely daughters, my wonderful sons and sons-in-love and all of their children, and all of you, a Happy Valentines Day, here's a reminder of the Truth about Love from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians:

*<sup>1</sup> If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.*

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*<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, <sup>5</sup> does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,*

*<sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*<sup>8</sup> Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.*

*<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

This month, let's focus our attention on loving one another with the unconditional, everlasting love of Christ. When all is said and done, one thing remains... *"His steadfast love endures forever."*

By His Grace,

Pastor Steven†



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**1<sup>st</sup>- Holy Communion and Worship Service 9AM\***

**Sunday School 10:15AM**

**4<sup>th</sup>- Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM**

**8<sup>th</sup>- Worship Service 9AM\***

**Sunday School 10:15AM**

**Board of Stewards Meeting 12:45PM**

**11<sup>th</sup>- Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM**

**14<sup>th</sup>- Valentine's Day**

**15<sup>th</sup>- Worship Service 9AM\***

**Sunday School 10:15AM**

**18<sup>th</sup>- Ash Wednesday Service 7:00PM**  
*(No dinner or Bible Study)*

**21<sup>st</sup>- Food Pantry 9AM**

**22<sup>nd</sup>- Worship Service 9AM\***

**Sunday School 10:15AM**

**25<sup>th</sup>- Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM**

**\* Worship in Person or Live stream**



**Bridal Shower**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**2:00-4:00PM**

**for Sayra Hilario-Santos  
and Ethan Jackson**

**Registered at:**

**Target, Wal-Mart & Amazon**  
**[theknot.com/sayra](http://theknot.com/sayra) and [ethan](http://ethan)**

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**Angel Van Ostrand 281-659-6481**



## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Craig Hantelman**  
**10 Delise Henry-Grovo**  
**11 Kris Duke**  
**11 Charles Jones**  
**13 Kacey Welch**  
**♥ 14 Ken & Angel Van Ostrand**  
**17 Ginie Baird**  
**24 Alison Glau**  
**24 Bob Hantelman**  
**26 Chris Ricks**  
**28 Evan Jones**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Ash Wednesday will be observed on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00PM. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a solemn season of repentance, fasting, and preparation for Easter. This day serves as an invitation for believers to reflect on their mortality, seek God's grace, and renew their commitment to discipleship. Rooted in centuries of Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday remains a vital part of the spiritual journey for individuals and the church as a whole. These ashes, typically derived from the previous year's Palm Sunday palms, serve as a tangible reminder of human mortality ("Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" – Genesis 3:19) and the need for God's grace.

### **Rev. Dr. Tim Turner As GMC Trinity Conference's First Missionary**

The Board of Ministry of the Trinity Conference is pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Tim Turner has been approved as the first missionary of the Trinity Conference. Tim and his wife Katie will serve in ministry with the Tanzania Annual Conference, our partner Conference in the Global Methodist Church.

Tim and Katie, along with their daughters, Sybil and Emmy, will transition to the mission field this summer relocating to Mwanza, in the southwest region of Tanzania. Mwanza sits near Uganda and Kenya and serves as a strategic hub within the East African economic corridor, positioning the Turners for ministry to pastors, church leaders, and congregations across the Tanzania Annual Conference.

As a missionary of the Trinity Conference, Tim will be financially supported by a variety of individuals and churches — including many within the Trinity Conference. (Follow the [Turners in Tanzania on Facebook](#) and/or contact the Turners directly if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.)

Conference Superintendent Rev. Jason Burnham shared, "Tim and Katie embody the heart of Trinity—faithful, personal, connectional, and willing to go wherever God leads. We celebrate the Turner's as our first deployed missionary family, and we invite every church in our Trinity family to join us in prayer for their ministry and for our partners across the Tanzania Annual Conference."

Above all, this moment is one of celebration. God has called. The church has affirmed.



## PRAYER LIST

***"Give your burdens to the LORD, and  
He will take care of you. He will not  
permit the godly to slip and fall."***

***--Psalms 55:22***

Sherry Stallings & Family -  
Comfort & Peace  
Shirley Madruga - Pending  
surgery  
City Glass Employee – Eye  
surgery  
William Blake - Health  
Merle Fritz - Illness/Healing  
Tommy Johnson - Health  
Renee McMillian - Health  
Mawana & Charles Jones -  
Health & healing  
Pastor Steven & Family  
Van Ostrand Family  
Karl & Sheila Keith  
Tracy and William Blake  
Lovada Linquist-healing  
Beth Lightfoot  
William Frazer  
Cory Tallman  
Allyson, Cadence & Kacey  
Patty Dye  
Becca, Tate & Spencer  
Mechelle Adrian  
Jeff & Christine Marzolla  
Rosemary Garza  
Wilma Martinez  
Connie & Billy Gibson  
David Goodrum  
Shirley & Bob Adams  
Shirley Schumaker  
Josh Wineman  
Matt Welch  
Rev. Tim Turner & family-  
Missionary work in Tanzania  
Unspoken  
Law Enforcement

Protestors

Those affected by the winter  
storms all over our country

Our Church

Our Country

Those who do not have a  
relationship with Jesus



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church. "God loves a cheerful giver!"