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Potluck Lunch and Fellowship on the first Sunday of every month  
Join us!  
February 3rd  
Immediately after 11am service

## MEETINGS

Staff Mtg.--Mon, Feb. 4, 9am

Trustee's Mtg.--Tues., Feb. 5, 7pm

The Way Forward Mtg.--Thurs., Feb. 7, 7pm

Finance Mtg.--Tues., Feb. 12, 7pm

Ad. Council--Thurs., Jan. 17, 7pm

UMM--Sat., Feb. 16, 8am

Worship Com.--Mon., Feb. 18, 7pm

Effie Ford Cir.--Wed., Feb. 20, 10am

Music Com.--Thurs., Feb. 21, 7pm

# COMMUNICATOR

## Pastor's Message...

February is Valentine's month. It is a time of roses, carnations, chocolates and big red hearts. It's the time of year when all of us do something to let those dearest to us know that we love them. The main symbol for Valentine's Day is the heart. At Valentine's Day everything we can think of cards, balloons, paper products and even those tiny M&Ms are adorned with either a red or pink heart. (I just love M&Ms.) The reason the symbol of the heart is used at Valentine's Day is because it is the symbol of deep personal love.

Now it is true that Valentine's Day is a secular holiday that was created by greeting card companies and florists. But I think there is another message here for Christians as well.

You see, the symbol of the heart is also used by Christians to describe God's love for us and our Love of God. The bible uses the symbol of the heart over 700

times both positively and negatively to speak of our relationship with God. Here are a couple of examples: **Deuteronomy 4:39** Acknowledge and take to **heart** this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. **Psalms 33:21** In him our **hearts** rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. **Mark 12:30** Love the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **Romans 5:5** And hope does not put us to shame because **God's** love has been poured out into our **hearts** through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

The heart is where God's love for each of us resides and it is where our love of God comes from. Also the heart is where God's love pours out from us to those around us. God is love. He is the very reason we can love. God is the essence of Valentine's Day.

## The Way Forward...



Everyone is invited to come Thursday, February 7th at 7pm and hear about the future of our domination and what is going to be looked at

I think this poem by Joanna Fuchs says it best.

God's Valentine gift of love to us, Was not a bunch of flowers;

It wasn't candy, or a book to while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man, so He could freely give;

His sacrificial love for us, so you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and instruction, good and true—

To love our friends and enemies, and love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines, let's thank our Lord and King. The reason we have love to give is that He gave us everything.

Happy Valentines Day!

Your pastor and friend  
Steven

during the General Conference in February. There will be a follow-up meeting on Sunday, March 17th at Kennesaw UMC.



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**And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13**

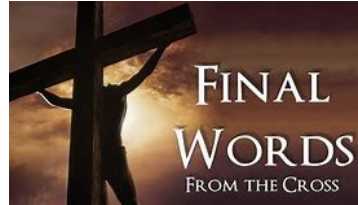


Anyone interested in helping to prepare meals for those in need (sickness, surgeries, death etc.), please contact Carolyn Wood, 770-426-6216.

The choir will start rehearsal for the Easter Cantata in mid-February. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to come join us!



**March 6**



By Adam Hamilton  
 Led by Lynda Teague

In life and death, Jesus' words are powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"--statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves. Hamilton explores these final words as seen through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. This is a 6-week Lenten Bible Study that will be held on Thursday, March 7 through April 11 at 9:30am in the Conference Room. The cost of the books will be \$12. The final day to order will be Sunday, February 24. Should you have to cancel after that day, please be responsible for the cost of the book.

This is a wonderful and inspiring study and everyone is invited to join us! If you have questions, contact Lynda Teague at [lriteague@att.net](mailto:lriteague@att.net) or 770-424-2660.

**Are you a Doer or Encourager?**

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