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## March

- 5th—End or 3rd Quarter & Early Release @ 12:00 p.m. NO LUNCHES
- 8th—Varsity Golf Tourn. @ Glen Rose
- 14th—Daylight Savings Time!!
- 15th—19th—Spring Break
- 23rd—Varsity Golf Tourn. @ Carrollton
- 23rd—Jr. High District Golf Tourn. @ Plano
- 25th—5th & 6th Grade Fieldtrip to Art Barn
- 26th—7th & 8th Grade Fieldtrip to Omni

## April

- 1st—Progress Reports
- 2nd—Good Friday School Holiday

*"For God so loved the world..."*

John 3:16



*God loves every person who has ever lived or who ever will live.*

In a small town in rural America, a pastor of a small church was well-known around his county as using unconventional methods to drive home a point in his sermons. Once he brought in a live sheep to represent the relationship between believers (sheep) and the Lord (the Shepherd). Another time he rented a giant globe and placed it on stage to impact his congregation about the need for worldwide missions. No one knew what his next illustration would be.

One Sunday morning after the service, this pastor announced to his congregation that he would be preaching a special sermon that night on the love of God. The words "special sermon" caused everyone to imagine what the pastor would do next to help illustrate the love of God. That night, church mem-

## God's Love

bers entered the church to see a large picture of the Cross with a depiction of Jesus on it. As the service reached the point when the pastor's sermon was about to begin, the pastor simply stood, pointed to the picture of Jesus' hands and feet, motioned to the crown of thorns, and sat down. Nothing else needed to be said about the love of God.

What more need to be said about the love of God than to ponder the sacrifice He made for us? As February comes to a close, let's focus on the subject of love, a subject that often characterizes this month. While many people would associate love with a bouquet of flowers, a piece of jewelry, a romantic card, or a thoughtful gift for a specific person, notice a different kind of love.

God's love isn't reserved for those closest to Him. He didn't exclusively offer His love to those who accepted Him and followed after Him. *"For God so loved the world..."* God's love extends to the entire world.

Imagine this. God loves those who hate Him. He loves those who purposefully mock and despise Him. He reaches out in love to the unlovely, the people whom most people disregard. He loves the castaways, rejects, lowly, forgotten,

and unloved. God loves every person who has ever lived or who ever will live.

Do you have an image of God's love? The same type of love God shows the entire world, He desires for you to show as well. While society sets boundaries, defines who deserves to be loved, or chooses who to cast out, God desires for you to see others how He sees them. He wants you to love everyone.

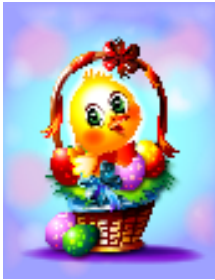
Has there ever been a person you cast aside or accepted as unlovely? Perhaps the person was a stranger, a former friend, or a colleague. Do you know that God loved them so much He sent His only Son to die for them? God's love even extends to those people you do not love.

Love has become so twisted by society that people often fail to comprehend the expanse of God's love. In the same way, many Christians fail to exercise God-like love toward fellow human beings. As a Christian, who do you need to love? Who have you overlooked in loving, and what people have you cast aside and accepted as unlovely? Don't follow the world's restricted definition of love, but see others as God sees them—people worthy of the love of God Almighty.

*"Let brotherly love  
continue."  
Hebrews 13:1*

## Fundraiser

The Junior & Senior Class will be hosting an Easter Basket Fundraiser. Watch for details to be sent home with your student the week of March 8th to place your order.



## JBC Golf Tournament

The Joshua Baptist Church will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 17th at the Glen Garden Country Club in Fort Worth. This is an annual tournament to raise funds for Youth Summer Camp. Men, ladies and teens are welcome to play. The cost is \$65.00 per player which includes lunch, green fee and cart fee. Lunch will be



served at 12:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be given for 1st-3rd place teams as well as the longest drive and closest to the pin. If you are interested in participating, please see Bro. Brian Archer to sign up.

*"This is my  
commandment,  
That ye love one  
another, as I have  
loved you."  
John 15:12*

## School Projects due this Month

### SCIENCE

- 3/4—Revised Draft of Investigation Plan Due
- 3/12/10—Final Investigation Plan Due
- 4/1/10—Getting Started Worksheet Due



### ENGLISH

- 10th - The Foundling - notes due 03/02/10, test 03/03/10
- 11th - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

## JCA Character Trait of the Month—Love

This month's character trait is *love*. Now you might be asking yourself why would we choose love this month. After all, Valentine's Day was last month, right? Yes, it was. But as Christians, love should be something we think about all the time.

Love is vital to each and every one of us - especially to our spiritual lives. Spiritually we would be dead if wasn't for love - God's love. The Bible says that, *But God commendeth his love toward us, in*



*that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). In our worst state, God loved us. In fact, He loved us so much that the Bible says, For God so loved the world, that*

*he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). That is true love.*

As Christians, we should be showing that same love to others. Is it always easy? No. But we are His representatives on earth; therefore, we should be striving each and every day to accurately represent Him. 1 John 4:16 says, *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in*

*God, and God in him.*

As Joshua Christian Academy Knights, let's strive to walk in love with everyone. It's what God has called us to do. More importantly, it is what He expects us to do. Before you brush somebody off, before you respond in a difficult situation, think about love - God's love. How would He respond to us in the same situation? What would His words sound like? Remember, if we dwell in love, we dwell with God and God dwells in us.