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# Chapel Chat

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# DON'T HOPE... DECIDE!

Delight yourself  
in the Lord and He  
will give you the  
desires of your  
*heart.*

Commit your way  
to the Lord;  
trust in Him and He  
will do this.

~Psalm 37:4,5~

While waiting to pick up a friend at the airport in Portland, Oregon, I had one of those life-changing experiences that you hear other people talk about — the kind that sneaks up on you unexpectedly. This one occurred a mere two feet away from me.

Straining to locate my friend among the passengers deplaning through the jet way, I noticed a man coming toward me carrying two light bags. He stopped right next to me to greet his family. First he motioned to his youngest son (maybe six years old) as he laid down his bags. They gave each other a long, loving hug. As they separated enough to look in each other's face, I heard the father say, "It's so good to see you, son. I missed you so much!" His son smiled somewhat shyly, averted his eyes and replied softly, "Me, too, Dad!" Then the man stood up, gazed in the eyes of his oldest son (maybe nine or ten) and while cupping his son's face in his hands said, "You're already quite the young man. I love you very much, Zach!" They too hugged a most loving, tender hug.

While this was happening, a baby girl (perhaps one or one-and-a-half) was squirming excitedly in her mother's arms, never once taking her little eyes off the wonderful sight of her returning father. The man said, "Hi, baby girl!" as he gently took the child from her mother. He quickly kissed her face all over and then held her close to his chest while rocking her from side to side. The little girl instantly relaxed and simply laid her head on his shoulder, motionless in pure contentment.

After several moments, he handed his daughter to his oldest son and declared, "I've saved the best for last!" and proceeded to give his wife the longest, most passionate kiss I ever remember seeing. He gazed into her eyes for several seconds and then silently mouthed, "I love you so much!" They stared at each other's eyes, beaming big smiles at one another, while holding both hands.

For an instant they reminded me of newlyweds, but I knew by the age of their kids that they couldn't possibly be. I puzzled about it for a moment then realized how totally engrossed I was in the wonderful display of unconditional love not more than an arm's length away from me. I suddenly felt uncomfortable, as if I was invading something sacred, but was amazed to hear my own voice nervously ask, "Wow! How long have you two been married?"

"Been together fourteen years total, married twelve of those," he replied, without breaking his gaze from his lovely wife's face. "Well then, how long have you been away?" I asked. The man finally turned and looked at me, still beaming his joyous smile. "Two whole days!"

Two days? I was stunned. By the intensity of the greeting, I had assumed he'd been gone for at least several weeks — if not months. I know my expression betrayed me. I said almost off-handedly, hoping to end my intrusion with some semblance of grace (and to get back to searching for my friend), "I hope my marriage is still that passionate after twelve years!"

The man suddenly stopped smiling. He looked me straight in the eye, and with forcefulness that burned right into my soul, he told me something that left me a different person. He told me, "Don't hope, friend... decide!" Then he flashed me his wonderful smile again, shook my hand and said, "God bless!"

- By Michael D. Hargrove and Bottom Line Underwriters, Inc.





# Did You Know...

- An average person spends two weeks of his or her life kissing
- Two out of every three couples turn their heads to the right when they kiss
- Eskimos, Polynesians and Malaysians rub noses instead of kissing

*Only the USA, Canada, Mexico, France, Australia and the UK, celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th*

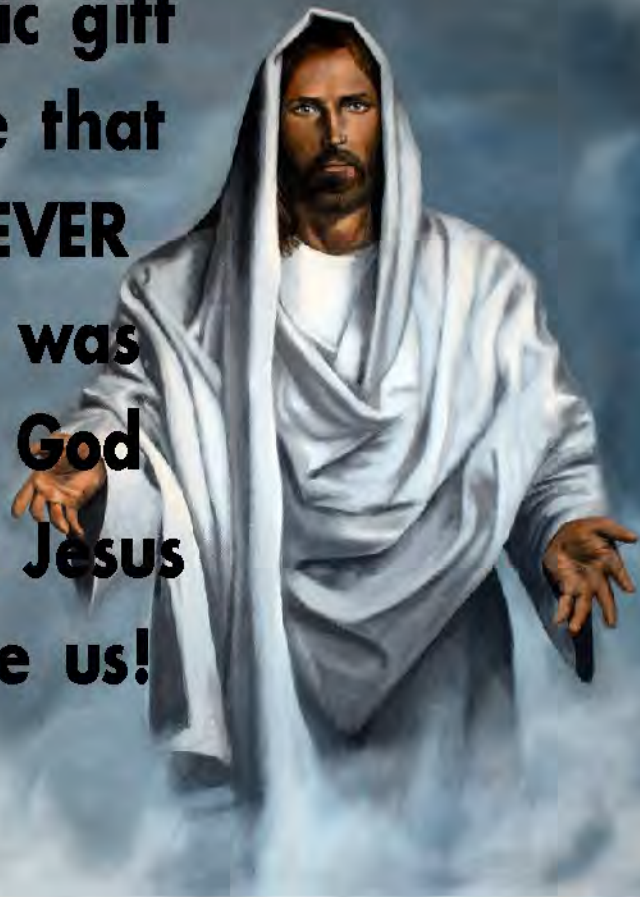
## Valentine's Day Card Trivia

- Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then, sweethearts. Children ages 6 to 10 exchange more than 650 million Valentine's cards with teachers, classmates, and family members.
- Approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged on February 14th each year - the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.
- According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion Valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. [An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas].
- Hallmark has over 1330 different cards specifically for Valentine's Day.

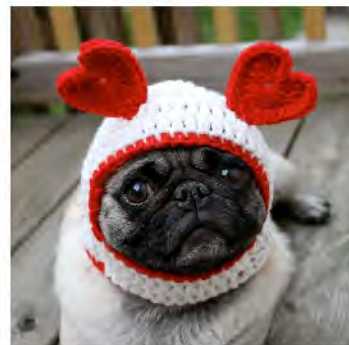
## Valentine's Trivia about Flowers and Chocolates

- 110 million roses, the majority colour red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.
- California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America.
- 15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- 73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.
- More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.

**The most fantastic gift of love that was EVER given was when God sent us Jesus to save us!**



**Over \$1 billion USD worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day.**



About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets. Probably chocolate.



One famous gift of love is the Taj Mahal. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan as a memorial to his wife.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Sat, Feb 14 at 7:00 pm here at Gospel Chapel

**Sweetheart Soiree**

for couples married or dating.

Please sign-up or RSVP by Feb 8th.

\$5 per couple

- for more info contact Pastor Ernie or Lynne -

\*\*please send Lynne a pic of you both in your "earlier days" together

**Sunday, Feb 8**

Following our service:

Deacon Election

Soup Lunch

with our

Annual Congregational

Meeting following

Join us as we continue with the series on

**End Times**

presented by Pastor Gerry

each Sunday morning at 10:30 am.

What an important time we are in...



God so loved  
the world  
that He gave  
His only Son,  
so that whoever will  
believe in Him  
**WILL BE SAVED!!**



# Oh You Two "Lovebirds!"



(Our friend Jeannine B will love this article!)

Take your choice.  
Would you rather have

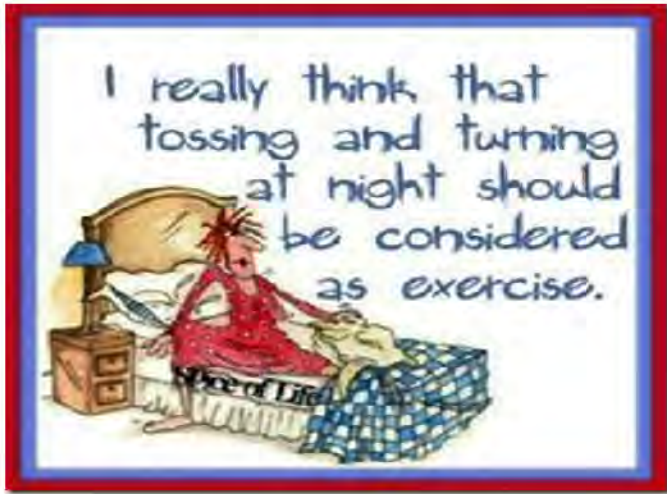
laugh wrinkles or worry warts?

No animal represents the sentiment of Valentine's Day more than the lovebird. The petite, brightly plumed parrot is a favorite among bird enthusiasts and a popular pet. Lovebirds have inspired scientists and poets alike. Here are 14 fun facts about lovebirds.

- 1. Lovebirds mate for life**, and can continue throughout their roughly 15-year lifespans.
- 2. Lovebirds pine for each other.** If a mate dies or is separated, its companion can seem to be depressed. Pets often don't like being alone and will exhibit similar behavior in captivity.
- 3. Like overly affectionate couples in restaurants on Valentine's Day, lovebirds feed each other.** After a long separation or stress, breeding pairs of lovebirds feed each other to re-establish their bond. One bird transfers food to the mouth of its mate, a feeding technique reminiscent of affection in humans—hence the inspiration for the parrots' name.
- 4. There's more than one species of lovebird.** There are 9 species of lovebirds. Most have a green body and sport different head feather coloration. Their closest relatives are hanging parrots.
- 5. Lovebirds are from Africa**, native to the forests and savannas of Sub-Saharan Africa & Madagascar.
- 6. But you might see a lovebird at your backyard birdfeeder** if you live in the American southwest, San Francisco or cities in Africa. They've either escaped aviaries or are from abandoned aviaries!
- 7. Lovebirds live in holes** in rocks, etc. Some nest in groups, while others pair off to build their nests away from the flock. Peach-faced lovebirds in Phoenix, Arizona, often make their homes in cacti.
- 8. Different lovebird species build their nests in different ways.** Fisher's carry single strips of tree bark in their beaks. Peach-faced lovebirds, on the other hand, hide bark in their feathers.
- 9. Some lovebirds are androgynous.** In three species of lovebirds, the males and females have defining characteristics that allow you to tell them apart. For example, among Black-winged lovebirds, males have a crown of red feathers, while females have entirely green plumage. In some species, males may be slightly larger than females, but a DNA test is necessary to provide conclusive results.
- 10. Lovebirds don't eat chocolate** so save your chocolate and give it to a human. Lovebirds survive on a healthy diet of seeds, berries, fruit, and occasionally insect larva in the wild.
- 11. Lovebirds can be mean.** Aggression isn't uncommon in lovebirds. They're territorial, and are known to get along poorly with birds of another species. Lovebirds can also become jealous or hormonal during mating season among other lovebirds. Peach-faced lovebirds are the most notorious for aggressive behavior.
- 12. Lovebirds can carry zoonotic diseases that infect humans.** Lovebirds can carry yeast bacteria that can infect humans, but they only pick up the bacterial spores if they come into contact with pigeon feces. Other reports find evidence of a parasite in Fishers, peach-faced, and masked lovebirds.
- 13. Some lovebirds might become endangered in the next decade.**
- 14. Lovebirds (sort of) inspired Valentine's Day.** Scholars typically cite a poem by Geoffrey Chaucer as the first evidence of the connection between the celebration of Valentine's day and romantic love. The poem, "Parliament of Fowls," happens to feature two birds which exhibit all the markings of human love.



# sign on a church: Running low on faith? Step in for a fill-up.



Teacher: Last night I had a dream that I ate a huge marshmallow.

Student: And what happened next?

Teacher: I woke up in the morning and found my pillow gone!!!



## chocolate souffle for two

1oz (28 g) unsweetened chocolate, chopped      1tbsp butter  
2 eggs, separated      1 pinch cream of tartar  
1/4 c granulated sugar  
1 tbsp frozen raspberry cocktail concentrate, thawed

Fold 14" long piece of foil in half lengthwise; generously butter 3" wide border along 1 long edge. With buttered side above rim and facing inward, wrap strip around outside of 4x2" souffle dish; secure with string. Set aside. In bowl over saucepan of hot (not boiling) water, melt chocolate with butter. In separate bowl, beat egg whites with cream of tartar until soft peaks form; beat in 3 tbsp of the sugar, 1 tbsp at a time, until stiff peaks form. In another bowl, beat egg yolks with remaining sugar for 5 minutes or until mixture falls in ribbons when beaters are lifted; beat in chocolate mixture and raspberry concentrate. Fold in one-quarter of the egg whites; gently fold in remaining whites. Scrape into prepared dish. *(Can be prepared to this point and refrigerated for up to 4 hours.)*



Place dish on baking sheet. Bake in lower third of 375°F oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until puffed and almost firm to the touch. Remove string and foil. Serve immediately.

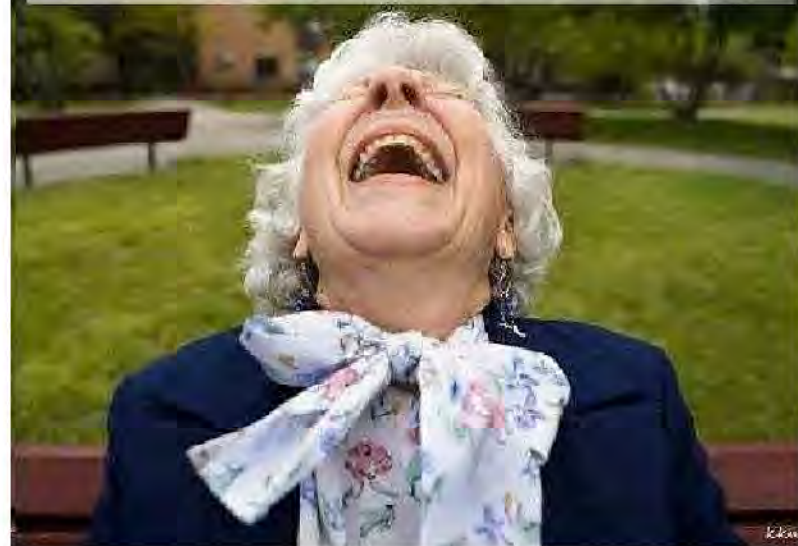
**Variation: Individual Chocolate Souffle:** Use two 3 1/2 x 1-1/2" ramekins and 12" pieces of foil; reduce baking time to 20 minutes.

### Nutritional Information Per serving: about cal 308

total fat 18g	sat. fat 10g	carb 33g
fibre 2g	chol 230mg	sodium 122mg
protein 8g		

Why do birds fly south in the winter?  
Because it's too far to walk!

When I die I want my last words to be, "I left a million dollars under the....."





# The Lighter Side of Valentine's

**\* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.**

Q: What did the valentine card say to the stamp?

A: Stick with me and we'll go places!

Q: Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

No, but they had an Apple.

Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

A: Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?

*A strained voice called out through the darkened theater, "Please, is there a doctor in the house?!" Several men stood up as the lights came on.*

*An older lady pulled her daughter to stand next to her, "Good, are any of you doctors single and interested in a date with a nice, Christian girl?"*

Q: What did one snake say to the other snake?

A: Give me a little hug and a hiss, honey.

Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune?

A: Because it couldn't get a date.

Q: What is a ram's favourite song on February 14th?

A: I only have eyes for ewe, dear

**Knock, Knock,  
Who's there?  
Olive  
Olive who?  
Olive you!**

Q: What travels around the world but stays in one corner?

A: A stamp.

Q: What happens when you fall in love with a French chef? A:

You get buttered up.

Q: What is a vampire's sweetheart called?

A: His ghoulish friend.

Q: If your aunt ran off to get married, what would you call her?

A: Antelope.

## Be My Valentine

It was Valentine's day and Jim and Danielle's first date. They sat in the darkened cinema waiting for the film to start. The screen finally lit up with a flashy advertisement for the cinema's concession stand. Jim and Danielle realised that there was no sound. The film began but the silence continued.

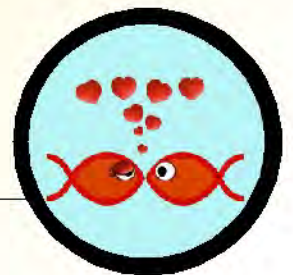
Suddenly, out of the darkness, an irritated voice in the crowd loudly shouted, 'Okay, who's got the remote control?'

Jeremy visited a florist's shop which showed a large sign that read, 'Say It With Flowers.'

'Wrap up one rose, please' Jeremy demanded of the florist's assistant.

'Only one?' she enquired frowning.

'Ah yes just the one', Jeremy replied. 'I'm a man of very few words.'

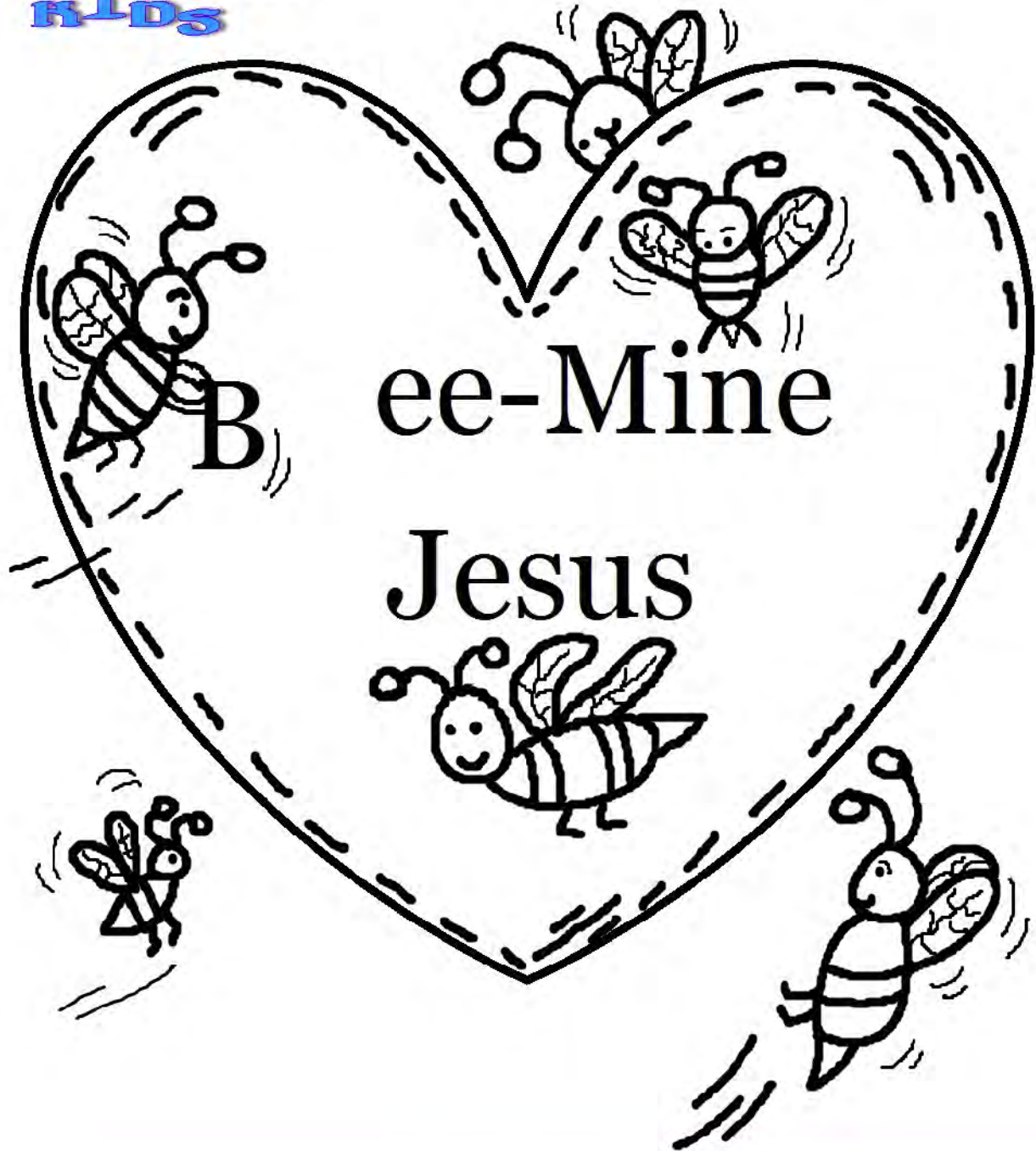




RAISING GODS



KIDS



1 Corinthians 2:9

*"But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him."*





It's a **BOY!**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Marc & Christine

on the birth of your new son

**Brendan Cole**

born Thur, Jan 22

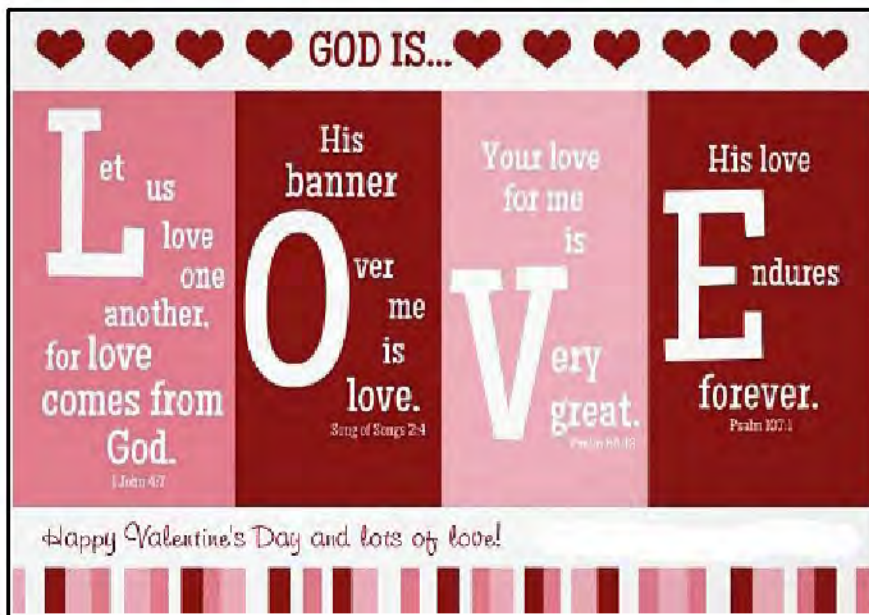
9lbs 7oz

What a blessing to be brother

to:

Casey, Deegan, Ashley,

Tyler & Ryder!



♥♥♥♥♥ GOD IS...♥♥♥♥♥

**L**et us love one another, for love comes from God.  
1 John 4:7

His banner **O**ver me is love.  
Song of Songs 2:4

Your love for me is **V**ery great.  
Psalm 68:10

His love **E**ndures forever.  
Psalm 107:1

Happy Valentine's Day and lots of love!

## ROMANCE IN A JAR

Fill a jar with homemade "romance coupons" for: a candlelight dinner, an

evening alone at home together,

a picnic for two, a night at the movies,

or watching the sunset together.

Have your sweetie close his or her eyes and pick a coupon from the jar each week.

A mother decided to stop worrying about her teenage son's driving and take advantage of it. She got one of those bumper stickers that say, "How's my driving?" and put a 900 number on it, and stuck it on the car bumper. "At 50 cents a call, I've been making \$38 a week!"



# MY HEART IS YOURS

This song, written and sung by Kristian Stanfill is one that will surely make you want to silence your heart, raise your hands and praise our KING!

Are you willing to surrender all to Jesus as the song says? I sure am!

**I give you my life  
I give you my trust  
Jesus  
You are my God  
You are enough  
Jesus, Jesus**

*Chorus:*

**My heart is Yours  
My heart is Yours  
Take it all, take it all  
My life in your hands**

**I lay down my life  
I take up my cross  
Jesus  
You are my God  
Whatever the cost  
Jesus, whoa Jesus**

**Bridge: (I Surrender All)**

**All to Jesus I surrender  
All to You I freely give  
Oh I will ever love and trust You  
In Your presence I will live**





Happy  
Birthday to  
you!!

2	Moses	Christopher
4	Marc t	
6	Dr James	Dave
8	Tina	
10	Pastor Ernie	Alexander
12	Sharon	
16	Bradley	
17	Tessa	
23	Susana	
27	Arnie	Nevada

### A Miracle Transformation

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked his father, "What is this, Father?" The father responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed, an old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched small circles of lights with numbers above the walls light up. They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction. The walls opened up again and a beautiful 24 year old woman stepped out.

The father said to his son, "Go get your Mother."

and  
Anniversary  
Blessings  
to:

Roger & Sim  
Feb 2/74!!!

I told you  
not to use  
bleach

Shut up!

