

Outside The Pulpit..

By Dr. Patrick F. Hunt

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Berea, Ohio

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February
2012

Loving vs. Being in Love

Is there a significant difference between loving and being in love? That is a classic question that could lead to a major discussion. Since February is the month in which we focus more on love than any other month, let us examine this crucial question. The bible certainly makes a distinction between the two and so shall we. Loving is an active process while being in love is mostly passive.

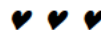
*Let's look at a few scriptures that demonstrate what I am saying. First, look at John 3:16. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** The emphasis is on the giving as a result of the loving. God gave because he is loving not because he is in love. Following is another action taken based upon a loving proactive God. 1 John 3:16 (NIV) **"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."** It is hard not to notice the connection between loving and a resultant action that comes about because of that love. Loving requires active participation and is something that is extended from one being to another. The love is identified on the part of the actor and not upon the receiver of the action. The receiver can be "in love" because he/she has received "love".*

Also, the kind of love that is extended by God is not dependent upon a reciprocal action. The lover's action is still love whether or not the one being loved accepts it. God's love was extended even to those who would actively reject the notion of God's love.

*The love that we extend to others is to be no less godlike. Paul outlines this for us in 1 Corinthians 13. **"⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."** There is absolutely nothing passive about this love expectation. In fact, it is a demanding and rigorous activity that is not dependent upon reciprocal action on the part of the loved. My natural inclination is to react to unloving people with impatience, unkindness, and rudeness. Paul is calling for us to do that which is unnatural. That can only come from the Holy Spirit being resident within me. He gives the ability to love in an extraordinary way.*

Being in love is a wonderful thing. It feels right and it filled with warmth. However, being in love is only the beginning of the journey. Being in love must be transferred to a loving action else the feeling of being in love will fade rather quickly.

***Being in love is not the thing that makes the world go 'round.
It is the act of loving that is required of us.***



"Celebrating 50 Years"



Bob & Marie Kraft
Celebrating their
"50th" Wedding Anniversary
on February 17, 2012

Record of Our Faithfulness
(Attendance Records)

November 2011

November 22 – 9 *(Prayer/Praise Svc.)*
November 27 – 52

December 2011

December 4 – 58
December 11 – 57
December 18 – 65
December 24 – 87 *(Christmas Eve)*
December 25 – 47 *(Christmas Day)*

January 2012

January 1 – 43 *(New Year's Day)*
January 8 – 58
January 15 – 40
January 22 – 65 *(Annual Meeting)*
"Sunrise Concert" – 26



Our prayers and sympathy
To
The Holda family on the passing of
Lynn's father, Winston W. Hasel
on January 2, 2012.
He was a member of Heritage
and we will miss him!



Heritage News...

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, February 4th

At 9:00 a.m. at Dr. Vincent Blake's Home.

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, February 4th & February 18th

At 10:00 a.m. in the library

Mayflower Guild Meeting

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Wednesday, February 8th

At 10:00 a.m.

Hostesses: Lois Tuttle & Joann Veroche

Meeting followed by lunch. Bring your own sandwich/salad. Beverage and dessert provided.

Laura's Home Dinner

Saturday, February 11th

We will be serving the women/children at Laura's Home dinner at 5:00 p.m. Meet at Laura's Home at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to help serve the meal, sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

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Berea Care Nursing Home Service

Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 p.m.

See Nadia Kozar if you would like to help out.

Ash Wednesday Communion Service

Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday, February 29th - March 28th.

There is a signup sheet to sign up which weeks you would like to attend. They start at 6:00 p.m. with Bible Study following at 7:00 p.m.

Heritage 2nd Annual



Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Time: 6:00 — 8:30 p.m.

Come and beat the cold and enjoy food, fellowship and Praise.

The Chili Cook-Off will be from 6-7 p.m.

The "Praise Band" will open the concert

Featuring "Jim Schafer"

Sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall if you would like to participate in the Chili Cook-Off Contest or would like to come and enjoy the evening.

Easter Flower Order Forms

There is a purple insert included in your newsletter.

*Please mail them to Attn: Lois Tuttle
at Heritage Church*

or turn them in to the church office by,

Sunday, March 4th.





Boards/Committees 2012



Listed below is a listing of the Boards/Committees, their Chairperson/Vice-Chair and Secretary if they have one, the date of their meetings and times.

If you ever have a concern about an area of the church,
feel free to contact the chairperson listed to share your thoughts.

Moderator: Ron Thomas

<u>Committee/Board</u>	<u>Chair/Vice Chair</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>
Audio Visual/Sound Committee	(Chair) Dale Matthias (Vice Chair) Ron Thomas	As needed	
Cabinet	(Chair) Ron Thomas (Vice Chair) (Church Clerk) Jan Gyorgak	4 th Monday	7:30 p.m.
Christian Education Board	(Chair) Bev Thomas (Vice-Chair) Jan Gyorgak	Sundays/Every other Month	11:45 a.m.
Community Relations Committee	(Chair) Ron Thomas (Vice Chair) Bev Thomas	As needed	
Diaconate Board	(Chair) Roberta Carpenter (Vice-Chair) Shirley Coy (Secretary) Alice Weeda	Once a month	Time varies
Growth Committee Group	(Chair) Ron Thomas (Vice-Chair) Bev Thomas	Sundays as needed	11:45 a.m.
Library Committee	(Chair) Bill Chown (Vice Chair)	As needed	
Mayflower Guild	(President) Committee (Secretary) Sue Waldron	2 nd Wednesday of month	10:00 a.m.
Music Committee	(Chair) Bev Thomas (Vice Chair) Ron Thomas	Thursday/Sundays as needed	
Missions Board	(Chair) Sharon Miner (Vice-Chair) Lois Tuttle	Sundays as needed	11:45 a.m.
Nominating Committee	(Chair) Shirley Coy (Vice-Chair) Betty Yahraus	Sundays as needed	
Publications Committee	(Chair) Betty Yahraus (Vice Chair) Jan Cogley	3 rd /4 th Friday (Friday before last Sunday of Month)	9:00 a.m.
Trustee Board	(Chair) John Haight (Vice-Chair) Dave Brenneis (Secretary) Lois Tuttle	3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.

“The Deacon’s Bench”

“Let Me Not Wander from Thy Commandments”



Greetings to you in this new year. By the time you read this our Annual Meeting has been held and our new Officers, Boards and Committees elected for 2012. Our first music concert and first pot- luck are now behind us. If you missed out on these, we have the chili cook off coming this month, followed by the Lenten Soup Suppers. We urge you to avail yourselves of the opportunities to receive nourishment while deepening the family ties within the flock.

Are you hungry yet? Jesus said, “man does not live by bread alone” “Give me understanding, Teach me Thy statues.” Psalm 119: This is not an easy or quick read menu. The longest chapter in the Bible, there are 176 verses and with four exceptions, everyone mentions The Word of God under one of these categories; Commandments, Judgments, Law, Ordinances, Precepts, Statues, Testimonies, Ways or Word. **What is missing in your diet?**

Pastor Pat can only give us but small appetizers in the short time we allot him on Sunday morning. Your deacons are still struggling to find the means for you to obtain the desired food for your soul. We have visualized small groups of like minded people coming together to seek, discuss and satisfied their hunger. We need to find those common ingredients that will quicken your appetites. We’d really like to put together some meaty, soul energy, sustenance for you to come sink your teeth into. **Our goal is that all get to share in that Choice Dessert of Eternal Life in the heavenly Kingdom. Won’t you send us your shopping list? We can be reached in person, on the phone, via the Internet, drop off in our hallway box, or find one of us around the church.**

Deacons Bench,
Shirley Coy



Congratulations & Best Wishes

To

Nathaniel Gyorgak

& Hannah Seletzky

who will be married on

Sunday, February 12, 2012



*Heritage Congregational Church
485 West Street
Berea, OH 44017*

Time Sensitive Mail



Happy Valentines Day!

Heritage Congregational Church

485 West Street, Berea, OH 44017

Dr. Patrick F. Hunt, Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule:

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Heritage Church Office: (440) 826-1641 or 826-1648 (Fax)

Secretary's Hours: 9:00 -12:00 Noon M-F

Pastor's e-mail: pastor.heritage@att.net Secretary's email: heritage.sec44017@att.net

Call for more information about weekly Bible Studies and activities

Our Internet Website: <http://www.heritagechurchberea.org>



February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Sunday this month: 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service 11:30 a.m.-Fellowship Hour</p>			<p>1 Messenger Articles Due</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p.m. - Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at Dr. Vincent Blake’s Home</p> <p>10 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study Group</p>
<p>5 Communion Sunday Membership Class Htg. Growth Committee Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 p.m.–AA Mtg. Htg.</p>	<p>6 1:00-2:20 p.m. – BW Class</p>	<p>7 10:00-11:35 a.m. - BW Class 1:00-2:20 p.m. – BW Class 2:40-4:00 p.m. – BW Class</p>	<p>8 10 a.m. – Mayflower Guild Meeting</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p.m. - Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 5 p.m. – Laura’s Home Dinner</p> <p>6-10 p.m. Gyorgak Rehearsal Dinner at Heritage</p>
<p>12 “Bring a Friend Sunday” Membership Class</p> <p>3 p.m. Berea Care Nursing Home Service</p> <p>6:30 p.m.–AA Mtg. Htg.</p>	<p>13 1:00-2:20 p.m. – BW Class</p>	<p>14 10:00-11:35 a.m. - BW Class 1:00-2:20 p.m. – BW Class 2:40-4:00 p.m. – BW Class</p> <p>Valentine’s Day</p>	<p>15 12 Noon – Diaconate Mtg.</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p.m. – Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 10 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study Group</p>
<p>19 Membership Class</p> <p>6:30 p.m.–AA Mtg. Htg.</p>	<p>20 President’s Day Church Office Closed</p> <p>No BW Classes due to holiday.</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trustee Mtg.</p>	<p>21 10:00-11:35 a.m. - BW Class 1:00-2:20 p.m. – BW Class 2:40-4:00 p.m. – BW Class</p>	<p>22 Ash Wednesday 7 p.m. Communion Svc.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p.m. - Choir</p>	<p>24 Messenger Assembled</p>	<p>25 6-8:30 p.m. “2nd Annual Heritage Chili Cook-off” “Praise Band” & Jim Schafer in concert.</p>
<p>26 <i>Lent I</i> Membership Class</p> <p>Pick up your Messenger</p> <p>6:30 p.m.–AA Mtg. Htg.</p>	<p>27 1:00-2:20 p.m. – BW Class</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - Cabinet</p>	<p>28 10:00-11:35 a.m. - BW Class 1:00-2:20 p.m. – BW Class 2:40-4:00 p.m. – BW Class</p>	<p>29 6 p.m. – Soup Supper 7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>			