

Pastor Randy's short devotion for February 15th:

“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Valentines Day is a celebration of love and a time to tell and show people you love and care about that you do in fact love them. I remember when I was in elementary school, everybody in class handed out a valentine with some kind of candy. We would walk around placing the valentine in a basket on the person's desk until they were all handed out. When we got home, we read the valentine and enjoy some of the candy. It was a fun day with little red cards with pictures of puppies or kittens. Valentines day for adults is also taking time out of the regular busy schedule to say the other, “I love you. You are special to me.” Flowers, chocolates and maybe a special dinner at a restaurant or a favorite meal is cooked at home. It is good to celebrate love. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he talks about love and so chapter 13 is often read at weddings. I think Paul did write one of the best definitions of love. After Paul describes love, he invites us to abide in faith, hope and love, with the greatest being love. Paul's words reminds me of Jesus' invitation to abide in his love. As we abide in Jesus' love, a love that is unconditional, a love that forgives and reconciles, a love that lifts us up as a person of worth, Jesus' love will empower and season our love for one another. Seasoned with Jesus' love, we will love as we are loved, celebrated as we are celebrated. Abide in his love.