

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Saturday, March 4th

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)

There was a time when you couldn't watch a college or a professional football game without seeing someone in the endzone seats, usually in the center of the field posts, holding up a sign declaring John 3:16. The cameras couldn't scan away from the sign, because if they wanted to follow the football through the uprights, the sign was right there in the middle. It was a wonderful witness to those in the stadium and the television audience. I don't think anyone had to look up the verse, since it so well known and a favorite of many. Yet, it was a wonderful reminder of the good news of God's love, even whether or not your team won or loss. That's when we need some good news isn't it, when we hoped something in our live was going to go our way and suddenly there was disappointment instead of joy. I presided at a funeral of a loved grandma, mother, friend, who was a nurse and was truly an angel of mercy all her life. During the service the grandchildren sang, "Jesus loves me, this I know." It was a testament of the woman's faith passed on to her children and grandchildren. No matter what disappointment or brokenness we find ourselves in, this is the good news that cannot be shaken. Jesus loves me, this I know. God's love so deep for you that he gave his only Son, so you and the Lord could spend all eternity in an intimate relationship of love.