

“Don’t Forget to say ‘I Love You’”

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St. John, the beloved disciple of Jesus was known by his own description as “the disciple who Jesus loved.” It was John who recorded Jesus’ act of love and servanthood in chapter 13 of his Gospel, when He demonstrated love and admonished each of His disciples to do likewise and especially to love one another. “By this shall all men know you are my disciples,” He said, “If you love one another.”

Later at the end of the first century, John was imprisoned on the Isle of Patmos, where he would record his Gospel and epistles. He would continue to admonish the church: “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone who loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. Beloved, let us love one another” –1 John 4:7-8. Tradition tells us as the ravages of old age overtook John and his faculties began to fail him, he still would nod a greeting to brethren repeating over and over, “Beloved, love one another!”



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Quotes from Rev. Charles Svoboda:

The five most dangerous words in the English language: “*Maybe it will go away.*” But it doesn’t go away – it festers and spreads. Better to heed the advice of Proverbs 10:8 “*The wise in heart will receive commandments, but a chattering fool shall fall.*”

Be the kind of church member who brings glory to God. Many conflicts can be avoided if we as church members do our part in the local church.

I’m a pessimistic optimistic preacher: Pessimistic in that I believe that church conditions everywhere will experience the onslaughts of Satan as never before (in this modern day). And I am Optimistic in the sense that the conditions warn us to be alert as to our Lord’s return for His own is near. This is confirmed in the Scriptures –2 Timothy 3:1-7.

Read the Bible more and worry less; or read the Bible less and worry more. “*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee*” –Isaiah 26:3.

The sustaining grace of God is that which God gives you to put up with others who can’t put up with you. See 2 Corinthians 12:9.



Bean & Beef Skillet

- 1 Pound Ground Beef
- 1 Medium Onion, chopped
- 1 Can (28 oz.) Baked Beans
- ¼ Cup Barbeque Sauce or Ketchup
- 1 Cup shredded Cheddar Cheese

In a large skillet, cook Beef and Onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Drain, then stir in Beans and Barbeque Sauce. Heat mixture through. Sprinkle Cheese on top; cover and cook on low until cheese is melted.

Yield: 4 servings. Yummy and easy!

It really matters. This is still the most effective way to win our world to a knowledge of our Savior. Authentic love is what we all crave. The late Howard Hendricks, Dallas Theological Seminary professor once wrote:

My home knew little of God’s love, and I can still remember coming out of it. Entering into my own marriage, I prayed, “O God, I don’t know what my kids will ever remember me for. I don’t really care if they ever remember me as a well-known preacher, professor or writer. All I cry to you for, Lord, is that you will help them to remember me as a father who loved them.

Humanly speaking, I might never have been saved if someone hadn’t “said it with love” to me. I was nine years old, a little terror. I was out playing marbles one day, when a man named Walt came along and invited me to Sunday School. There was nothing appealing to me about anything with “school” in it, so he made me another proposition -- one I liked a lot better. “Wanna play a game of marbles with me?” he asked.

After he’d wiped me out in a couple games of marbles, he inquired, “Wanna learn how to play this game better?”

By the time he’d taught me how to play marbles over the next few days, he’d built such a relationship with me that I’d have gone anywhere he suggested. You know what that meant? I ended up in his Sunday school class with 13 other boys, most of whom he’d magnetized in very much the same way. Of those 14 boys in that class, nine were from broken homes, and five were absolute pagans. Yet eleven of those boys ended up in vocational Christian work.

Thank God for a man like Walt, who “said it with love.”

–“Say it With Love” –Howard Hendrix.

Often we are neglectful of those we should be the closest to in this life:

*If I knew it would be the last time that I’d see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.
If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.
For surely there’s always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,
And we always get a second chance to make everything just right.
There will always be another day to say “I love you,”
And certainly there’s another chance to say our “Anything I can do?”
But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,
It is best to say how much I love you today and hope I never forget.
Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike.
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.
So if you’re waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes, you’ll surely regret the day,
That you didn’t take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish. So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them and that you’ll always hold them dear.
Take time to say “I’m sorry,” “Please forgive me,” “Thank you,” or “It’s okay.”
And if tomorrow never comes, you’ll have no regrets about today. –Anonymous*

Life’s too short and unpredictable. Give your spouse, child, grandchild, any dear one or Christian friend a meaningful hug and say, “I love you!” Today!



Helpful Hints

A room will stay warmer in cold weather if curtains fit tightly against the window's frame so that warm air doesn't move across the cold window surface. A fixed valance at the top and sides of the curtains will help, as well as weighting or fastening the curtains at the bottom.

Reduce the thermostat setting before you go to bed at night. Cutting back for several hours will measurably decrease fuel consumption.

Loose-fitting windows can lose heat up to five times faster than windows that fit properly. To check windows for air leaks, feel around edges for air movement on a windy day. Or light a candle and move it around the sides to see where the flame flickers.

Put on clothes in layers, like a shirt, sweater, jacket, and coat. You can always take off a layer if you find you are too warm.

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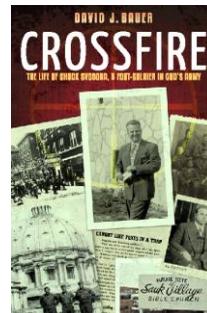
Rev. David J. Bauer's February Itinerary



- Feb. 4 10:30 a.m. Golden Fellowship, LaGrange Bible Church, La Grange, IL
- Feb. 16 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. Grace Bible Church, Berwyn, IL Sunday School & Worship Service
- Feb. 20 12:00 noon Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL
- March 9 10:00 a.m. NIR Meet, Lisle Bible Church, Lisle, IL

Lighter Side: HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

- >No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. -- Kristen, age 10
- >Twenty-three is the best age for marriage because you know the person FOREVER by then. -- Camille, age 10
- >It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. -- Anita, age 8 (love her!)
- >You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. -- Alan, age 10
- >When the other person is rich. -- Pam, age 7



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BRM Field Report #2

Well, 2020 is well underway and we have not had a break yet in dealing with a large variety of church related issues.

BRM Director and a couple of our BRM men were participants in a recent oral ordination exam. Congratulations go to the Rev Daniel Sexton, Minister of Worship, who passed his exam with flying colors and was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Oak Lawn Bible Church on January 19.

Two churches talking about a possible merge: one with an older but usable building, the other newer church with no building but a much larger congregation. Both churches are in the same town; but they have different distinctions which may hinder a merge? A gracious compromise is needed.

Church leaders are discouraged because a satellite of a mega church recently moved within blocks of their neighborhood church. Younger folks have been leaving the older established neighborhood church and attending the newer church.

Some churches in changing neighborhoods having problems adjusting to the dynamics and diversity of cultures. Welcome to our modern American cities!

Several aging pastors of 20 to 40+ years tenure in a smaller church wondering when is the appropriate time to leave or retire. Though reluctant to leave, members of these churches are recently calling BRM asking the same question!? Think on this...

A pastoral candidate contacted our office. He has only been a pastor in two churches. One he organized from a Bible study grew to over 500 people. He was wondering if another church would consider a pastor who is now 58 years old. Yes, we believe he can still be a desirable pastor.

On the opposite side, we have been talking with a young youth pastor who now wants to be considered as a Sr. Pastor in the church where he is doing ministry. They might look at him as too young! Seemingly there is a small window for ministry!

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Titus 2:11-13