



## “A Mother’s Love”

Rev. David J. Bauer

*Several weeks ago, I was making a hospital call to a pastor friend who was in for a surgical procedure. As the nurse inserted an IV needle into the back of his hand, my friend winced and bounced forward at the sudden sensation of pain.*

*“He is not too good with pain,” His wife explained. “Women deal with pain a lot better.”*

*“Boy, do they ever!” I agreed, “Just think of the pain of childbirth!”*

*I do believe that if it were possible for men to bear children instead of women, there would certainly be a lot less children in this world. Of those courageous men who experienced the pain of childbirth once, certainly there would lack those who would do it a second time! But God creates that longing in most women, to carry children for nine months and to endure the intense labor of childbirth. Jesus explained to His disciples: “A woman when she is in travail has sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world” –John 16:21.*

*Indeed, the love of a mother toward her newborn baby can give us an understanding of God’s love toward the helpless, sinful residents of this planet. A mother’s musings on the marvel of her own maternal love:*

The doctor walked in with a twinkle in his eye. “Well, Linda, you’re pregnant.”

My nine-month-old son, Rob, squirmed in my lap in an effort to get on the office floor.

Another baby?

After making an appointment for the next month I went home to give the good news to my husband and three-year-old daughter. Since I still had a baby boy, I secretly hoped for another girl so I could dress her in bows and lace. For nine months, I nurtured this hope.

But God’s plan is always higher than mine, and this child would come with a message.

In the delivery room, the doctor announced, “It’s a boy!” My heart sank a little. But when they placed Charles in my arms, I regretted every second I had wasted wanting a girl.

All too soon, he was whisked away to the nursery, with the promise that he’d be back for his next feeding. That evening, I heard him wailing in the hall as the nurse brought him to me. I took my crying, red-faced son, and soon he calmed down enough to nurse. We studied each other’s faces.

You know that feeling when love wells up so big inside you that it makes it hard to breathe? That’s what I felt.



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He finished and burped all over my shoulder, then made a dirty diaper. I changed and swaddled him, and then watched my newborn drift off to sleep. His face was now a peaceful pink.

Guilt still nagged at me. Oh, how could I have ever been disappointed? At that moment, I sensed the Lord asking me, “Do you love Charles?”

My answer was immediate. “Oh, yes. I love him so much it hurts.”

“Why do you love him? What has he done to earn your love?”

Actually, he hadn’t done anything to earn my love. He couldn’t. He came into the room demanding to be fed. Then he made a mess. And he didn’t even muster up a gas smile of appreciation for his meal before he fell asleep.

Still, I loved him so much it almost took my breath away.

“Lord, he hasn’t done anything to earn my love. But I love him because he’s my son. He doesn’t have to earn it.”

“That, my child, is how I love you -- without conditions. I love you even when you are demanding, messy, and ungrateful.”

All of a sudden, I realized the kind of relationship God wanted to have with all His children. Holding my sleeping babe, I wept at the enormity of this message. He loved me because I was His.

In fact, He loved me so much it hurt.

*“...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” -Ephesians 3:17-19*

“Without Conditions” by Linda Apple

## Words of Wisdom Dr. Charles Svoboda



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### “God’s Measure of a Man”

God says, Listen, when you measure a man, do you run the the tape measure around his heart? Or do you run it around his wallet? That’s a good question.

When God measures a man, He runs the tape measure around the man’s heart. “I the Lord search the heart...”–Jer. 17:10a. You have it again in the book of Matt. 15:8. Looking out at a sea of faces, the Lord saw many, many people out there and He said, “This people, they honor me with their lips and their mouth, but their hearts are far from Me.” He was looking in the inward recesses of their heart. What does God see in your heart? Seek the Lord and call upon Him while there is time. See Isaiah 55:6-7



### Snickers Doodle Cake

- 1 German Chocolate Cake Mix
- 1 ¼ oz Pkg Caramels
- 1 Stick Margarine
- 1/3 Cup Milk
- ¾ Cup Chocolate Chips
- 1 Cup Walnuts Chopped

Prepare Cake Mix, following Pkg directions. Pour half of the batter into a greased 9X13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 min. Melt Caramels with Margarine and Milk in a saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently. Pour over the baked cake. Sprinkle with Chocolate Chips and Chopped Nuts. Spoon remaining batter on top layer. Bake at 250 degrees for 20 min. Increase temperature to 350 degrees and bake an additional 10 minutes.

## Helpful Hints

Want to give a twist to ordinary foods? Make them special! When making Sloppy Joes add two Teaspoons of Pickle Relish for every one to two pounds of ground beef. Good!

For delicious Second-Time-Around Servings of Mashed Potatoes – Add one EGG to each cup of Potatoes and shape into Patties. Fry in Butter or Margarine until brown on both sides. Yummy!

Making stew and need to thicken it? Stir in a few teaspoons of Breadcrumbs or Instant Potato Flakes.

To keep Cottage Cheese, Yogurt, Sour Cream, and Cream Cheese fresh almost *indefinitely*, turn the carton Upside Down in the refrigerator while storing. Be sure to tap the top a couple times before opening – *to settle things down again!*

Bubble Gum in the Kids Hair? A mess! Just a dab of Jiff Peanut Butter is all you need to loosen it up and remove the gum.

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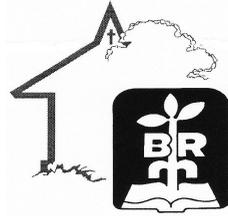
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*"That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven: for he makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." –Matthew 5:45*

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&  
Dr. Jim Rodgers'  
May Itinerary



May 7, 14, Mt. Prospect Bible Church, Mt. Prospect, IL  
21, & 28 10:30 a.m. Dr. Jim Rodgers

May 8 Elim Christian School, Palos Heights, IL  
8:00 a.m. Dr. Jim Rodgers

May 18 Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL  
12:00 noon Rev. David J. Bauer

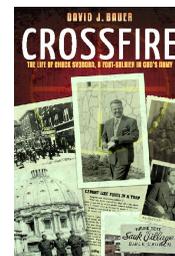
May 21 Moraine Valley Community Church, Palos Hills, IL  
10:45 a.m. Rev. David J. Bauer

On The Lighter Side: A Kansas State Trooper made a traffic stop on an elderly lady for speeding on U.S.166. He asked her for her driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance, the lady also produced a "concealed carry" weapon permit. The officer gave her a puzzled look and asked if she had a weapon in her possession at this time.

She replied that there was a 45 Automatic in the glove box, and a 9 mm Glock in her center console. She further responded that she had a long barrel 38 in her purse and a 30-06 rifle in her trunk.

The surprised officer then asked her, "Lady, just what is it that an 85 year-old gal so afraid of?"

"Not a single thing in the world!" she calmly replied.



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## BRM Field Report #Five

Congratulations Nortonville Gospel Chapel, Spring Lake, MI on your new Pastor, Joe O'Neill. The arrival of Joe and Elaine is an answer to prayer and the thankful end of a one year pastoral search.

In light of recent shootings and threats of terrorist attacks on our churches, questions are coming into our office as to what to do to minimize the danger. Church insurance companies can be a great help in giving common sense policy advice toward protecting our people. Some simple checkpoints:

1) Lock all doors except for one entrance door 15 minutes after the worship service begins. It is easier to guard or watch one door than multiple doors.

2) During Awana, Venture, Pioneer Clubs, etc. keep all the church doors locked. Appoint a responsible person on the inside to open the door allowing children, parents and workers in and out of the building.

3) Ushers and board members keep the phone number of the local police department on speed dial. Never allow church people or ushers to remove an unruly person. If there is a threat of trouble, notify local police so they can appoint an officer to the area or on the premises during the service.

Understand our times and act sensibly. 1 Chron. 12:32 Another of our loyal BRMers is gone home with the Lord: Amy Strubing. Amy and her husband Bob were partners with Rev Chuck Svoboda and friends of BRM for many years.

Audra Gray, the mother of Pam Gray has passed on to glory. Pam has remained faithful to BRM through our friendship of many years.

Ray Moore, a life-long friend of pastor Bauer also had a recent departure to be with Christ.

Pray for comfort, encouragement and strength for these families who have been loyal BRM friends.

Congratulations to Timothy Rodgers, son of Dr. Jim and Mary Ann Rodgers, upon graduation this month from Trinity Christian College.

Thank you for your faithfulness to our ongoing ministry to the local churches all across America. As prayer supporters you are with us as we travel! We cannot do this without our Lord's mighty strength –John 15:5.

Sincerely,

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