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THE LOVE OF GOD

The story starts out where she, Beth, is sitting at an airport terminal, waiting to board a plane. She was sitting there with several other people who were also waiting, whom she did not know.

As she waited, she pulled out her Bible and started reading. All of a sudden she felt as if the people sitting there around her, were looking at her. She looked up, but realized that they were looking just over her head, in the direction right behind her.

She turned around to see what everyone was looking at, and when she did, she saw a stewardess pushing a wheelchair, with the ugliest old man sitting in it, that she had ever seen before. She said he had this long white hair that was all tangled and such a mess. His face was really, really wrinkled, and he didn't look friendly at all. She said she didn't know why, but she felt drawn to the man, and thought at first that God wanted her to witness to him. In her mind she said she was thinking, "Oh, God, please, not now, not here."

No matter what she did, she couldn't get the man off of her mind, and all of a sudden she knew what God wanted her to do. She was supposed to brush this old man's hair.

She went and knelt down in front of the old man, and said "Sir, may I have the honor of brushing your hair for you?"

He said "What?"

She thought, "Oh great, he's hard of hearing." Again, a little louder, she said, "Sir, may I have the honor of brushing your hair for you?"

He answered, "If you are going to talk to me, you are going to have to speak up, I am practically deaf."

So this time, she was almost yelling, "Sir may I please have the honor of brushing your hair for you?"

Everyone was watching to see what his response would be. The old man just looked at her confused, and said "Well, I guess if you really want to."

She said, "I don't even have a brush, but I thought I would ask anyway."

He said, "Look in the bag hanging on the back of my chair, there is a brush in there."

So she got the brush out and started brushing his hair. She has a little girl with long hair, so she has had lots of practice getting tangles out, and knew how to be gentle with him. She worked for a long time, until every last tangle was out.

Just as she was finishing up, she heard the old man crying, and she went and put her hands on his knees, kneeling in front of him again looking directly into his eyes, and said "Sir, do you know Jesus?"

He answered, "Yes, of course I know Jesus. You see, my bride told me she couldn't marry me unless I

knew Jesus, so I learned all about Jesus, and asked Him to come into my heart many years ago, before I married my bride."

He continued, "You know, I am on my way home to go and see my wife. I have been in the hospital for a long time, and had to have a special surgery in this town far from my home. My wife couldn't come with me, because she is so frail herself."

He said, "I was so worried about how terrible my hair looked, and I didn't want her to see me looking so awful, but I couldn't brush my hair, all by myself."

Tears were rolling down his cheeks, as he thanked Beth for brushing his hair. He thanked her over and over again.

She was crying, people all around witnessing this were crying, and as they were all boarding the plane, the stewardess, who was also crying, stopped her, and asked, "Why did you do that?"

And right there was the opportunity, the door that had been opened to share with someone else, the love of God. We don't always understand God's ways, but be ready, He may use us to meet the need of someone else, like He met the need of this old man, and in that moment, also calling out to a lost soul who needed to know about His love.

Author Unknown



February 3rd

Communion Sunday

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
 Scripture: Anne Greco
 Offering: Valerie Bandemer
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Marti Spaker
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Pot Luck

February 10th

Scout Sunday

Invocation: Betty Heisig
 Scripture: Dan Scurlock
 Offering: Betty Heisig
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Leanna Shirley
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Scurlock's

February 17th

Women's Sunday

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
 Scripture: Kathy Gosnell
 Offering: Loretta Hirschman
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Leanna Shirley
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Anne Greco and Joyce Shutts

February 24th

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell
 Scripture: Joanne Wilbert
 Offering: Kathy Gosnell
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Marti Spaker
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Gretchen Young



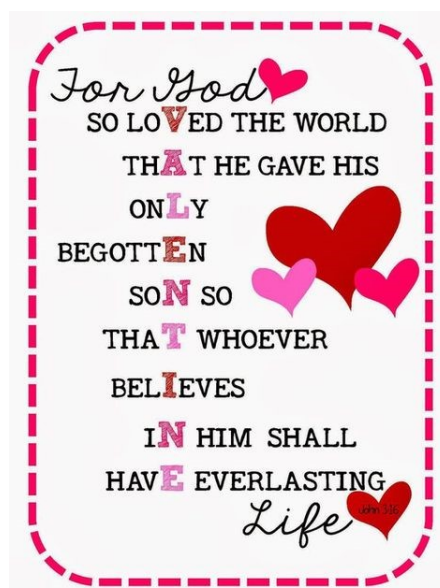
Donald J. "Don" Van Doren
 1923—2019

Love Eternal

*The Love Don showed
 His precious Della
 Was from God's eternal heart
 They will ever be together,
 For God's Love will not depart.*

*May the comfort Father gives her,
 Fill her soul with warm embrace,
 All God's blessings will continue,
 Evermore through Jesus' grace.*

*With loving prayers,
 "Mom" Evelyn Shoots
 Psalm 23*



Prayer Meeting
 9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice
 6 p.m. Wednesdays

Unity and Installation
 of Officers and
 Pot Luck
 Sunday, Feb. 3

Cabinet Meeting
 Tuesday, Feb. 12

LINK articles due to
 Joyce Shutts Feb. 18



Feb. 5 ~ Amy Sugrue
 Feb. 14 ~ Della VanDoren
 Feb. 16 ~ Jessica Tasciotti
 Feb. 19 ~ Kathleen Serianni
 Feb. 19 ~ Jacob Teeter
 Feb. 21 ~ Lee Covill
 Feb. 23 ~ Andrew Gress
 Feb. 23 ~ Joanne Wilbert
 Feb. 27 ~ John Miller

"Living Love"

*Love shined in creation
When Father God made man.*

*God's heart filled with elation
For beauty was His plan ---*

*He smiled through Garden Eden
Where loveliness began.*

*God made sure His planting there
Could benefit earth's man.*

*Love remains God's pleasure
With giving unsurpassed ---*

*To share His precious Son with us
Proves Love will ever last!*

*Let God's radiating care
Fill your soul with peace ---*

*The treasure of God's grace is rare---
Our praises never cease!*

Amen

Psalms 8

By: E.M. Shoots



New Mission and Vision Statements were adopted at the Church's Annual Meeting on January 27, 2019 as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT

West Henrietta Baptist Church is a loving community that spiritually equips, inspires, and connects people to Jesus and one another.

VISION STATEMENT

West Henrietta Baptist Church will be known as a diverse Christian community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, provides families and individuals with Christ-centered ministries through biblical preaching, dedicated pastoral care, Sunday School, missions, and Christian education.

"Spreading God's Love"

As believers, we are called to actively spread God's words and His love to make a positive difference in the world, whether it be our loved ones or strangers from another country. Our task is to spread God's love all over the world.

The Love Gift began in 1932 during the depression to help offset a shortage in the budget for the American Baptist Missions, and was collected in Small boxes.

The Love Gift today is given out of a sense of LOVE, FAITH and Gratitude to GOD for all of His blessings to each one of us. In our desire to share our blessings with others, Our faith grows and our gift giving grows as well. During the months of January and February, our noisy offerings will go to the Love Gift. This is a gift from the heart and it is an extra gift for God's people. Please focus on the love that we have for one another.

Again, the mission committee thanks you for your gifts.

With God's unchanging love,
Patricia A. Floyd
Mission Committee



SCOUT SUNDAY

February 3, 2019 is recognized as “Scout Sunday” throughout the United States. However, a particular religious organization may set aside any calendar date to celebrate the “scouts” within their organization. In fact WHBC will be celebrating “Scout Sunday” on February 10, 2019. Over 100 world countries celebrate their country’s scouts.

Most U. S. scouting units celebrate the origin of Scouting by attending local places of religious worship each year. Whether it be “en masse” or as individuals; scouts, scouters (adult leaders), and parents acknowledge their Scout Oath phrase “Duty to God” and their Scout Law tenet “A scout is...Reverent!” by their worship attendance.

Please note that due to recent changes within the “Boy Scouts of America” organization, male “Boy Scouts”, along with their female “Troop” scouts, are called “Scouts” and belong to “Scouts BSA” Troops. Cub Scouts now include both males and females as “Cub Scouts” in “Packs” and “Venturers” have always contained males and females within “Crews”. It may be simpler to just refer to these young people as “scouts”.

WHBC is pleased to recognize Scout BSA Troop 7, and Venture Crew 7, both sponsored by the Genesee Valley Fire Department in Henrietta. Troop 7 was organized approximately 68 years ago, while Crew 7 was organized approximately 15 years ago. Both scouting units will have uniformed scouts, leaders and parents attending our Sunday morning worship. The Scurlock family are longtime members of WHBC, and invited the “Scouts” to worship with us.

Ryan Scurlock is an Eagle Scout from Troop 7, and continues to serve as an adult leader, as time permits. Dan has served the Boy Scouts of America as a longtime active leader of Troop 7 and Crew 7, while also serving scouting locally in numerous leader and adult trainer roles. Sharon previously served scouts as a Cub Scout Den Leader and continues to actively support her two “boys” in their scouting activities.

As a matter of record, Karl and Paul Hirschman are also Eagle Scouts from Troop 7. In fact, Karl’s son Ryan has also received his Eagle Scout Award. For those not aware, “Eagle Scout” is the highest award a young person may earn as a “Scout BSA”. “Pathfinder” is the highest award a young person may earn as a “Venture” scout. “Arrow of Light” is the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

Our Fellowship Hour will also focus on the scouting movement.

Please note the “Girl Scouts of America” organization is separate from the “Boy Scouts of America” organization, which does accept females into most of its programs.

LINK Editors Schedule

Articles, Calendar Items and Pictures

- For March LINK—due February 18th to Joyce Shutts
- For April LINK—due March 18th to Sharon Scurlock
- For May LINK—due April 18th to Joyce Shutts
- For June LINK—due May 18th to Sharon Scurlock
- For July LINK—due June 18th to Joyce Shutts
- For August LINK—due July 18 to Sharon Scurlock
- For September LINK—due August 18 to Joyce Shutts
- For October LINK—due September 18 to Sharon Scurlock
- For November LINK—due October 18th to Joyce Shutts
- For December LINK—due November 18 to Sharon Scurlock

