

**THE VALENTINE'S DAY
TEN COMMANDMENTS**

- I. I am thy Main Squeeze; thou shalt have no other squeeze before me.
- II. Thou shalt not take the name of thy Squeeze in vain, nor bad mouth him/her behind his/her back.
- III. Remember our Anniversary, and keep it holy--or else.
- IV. Honor MY mother and father. THINE are just too weird.
- V. Thou shalt not kill my love by behaving tackily or cause undo embarrassment when I am with thee.
- VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery, nor shalt thou even THINK about it least you be smitten from the earth.
- VII. Thou shalt not steal from my wallet/purse while I am at my shower, nor use my credit cards, nor make long-distance calls from my cell phone.
- VIII. Thou shalt not talk about our personal problems to our friends.
- IX. Thou shalt not covet the higher market price of thy neighbor's house without first puttin' down the remote and learnin' how to use a paintbrush!
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's main Squeeze, nor his son, nor his daughter, nor his stereo, nor his BMW, nor anything else that belongs to thy neighbor.

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You're Invited!

Valentine Supper
February 12, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Yes, this is for everyone! Join us for a retro 60's get together! We will provide the hamburgers and drinks and you are asked to supply the rest of the meal. Following our meal we will have some love songs from the 60's by the Eubanks Brothers [Lee and Neal] and then we will have some extra-special entertainment! Don't miss this fun time together! By the way, 60's style clothes are optional!

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FYI

James, Lisa, and Zack Melton have a new phone number. It is 662-701-5888. Please make a note of it.

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A Quotable Quote...

"Christianity is not about building an absolutely secure little niche in the world where you can live with your perfect little wife and your perfect little children in your beautiful little house where you have no gays or minority groups anywhere near you. Christianity is about learning to love like Jesus loved and Jesus loved the poor and Jesus loved the broken."

Rich Mullins



You've Got Mail!

Our tradition of celebrating February as "Love Month" will continue this February here at First Christian Church! We are asking you to do something different this year. Instead of having the Love Mail Box here at the church you are encouraged to use the USPS, or e-mail to deliver your message. Don't feel obliged to send numerous love notes. How about sending four? Each week of February we are asking you to concentrate on one group of people and sending a love note to someone in that group. I know some of you will not be able to limit your cards to one a week, but it is a suggestion. Here are the groups we are suggesting:

- Week of February 5: *An Inactive church member*
- Week of February 12: *A Young person*
- Week of February 19: *A Church leader*
[Elders / Deacons]
- Week of February 26: *A Senior Citizen*

You will be blessed as you write and the person who receives your note will be blessed as well. Join the campaign to spread Jesus' love to others!

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David's Dab...

Greetings to all of you in snail mail and e-mail land! The Water Valley Witness is back in your box! I hope you had a wonderful, Christ-centered Christmas and that your New Year has gotten off to a good start. It was so good hearing from and seeing so many of you during the holiday season. Mary and I have a tradition of keeping the Christmas cards we receive and then after the holiday is past we draw a couple each day and pray for that person or family. So, if you are among those people, please know that you are remembered often and appreciated much!

In recent weeks we have been dealing with the church in the Sunday morning messages. I love the Lord Jesus and I love His Church! It seems hard to believe that I have started my thirteenth year of ministry here at First Christian Church of Water Valley. Because I love the church and hope you do also, we should want to be the best church God can make us become. If you have been with us for the past several Sunday mornings you know that God does not want us to be a complacent church. He wants us to be a growing, going, and sending group of Jesus' Followers. Now, I am not suggesting that we buy something or build something; but I am proposing that we do something. Maintaining the status quo is not to be a part of the DNA of First Christian Church! Love, like faith, without works is dead. Our love for the church and for those outside of Christ is shown in action, not just words. As the Apostle John put it: "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" [1 John 3:18 NIV]. Our love for one another and for others will help lead men, women, boys, and girls to the One who loves them most: Jesus Christ! Will you step up and do something? Start with showing your love by being involved in His church. Because I care, I will be looking for you in Bible School and Worship this Sunday.

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A Word from the Word...

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV