



American Heart
Month

FEBRUARY 2012

Thomas Village Baptist Church

Inclement Weather Policy

TVBC will cancel/reschedule church services when:

- * Temperature is 10 degrees or below by Weather Channel for local area at 8:30 a.m. or at 5:30 p.m.
- * Snowfall is 1 inch or greater on roads in Duffield at 8:30 a.m. or at 5:30 p.m.
- * Rescheduled Sunday Service:
 - Sunday afternoon service will begin at 2:00 p.m.
 - There will be no Sunday School.
- * Notification will be by the Web site, church answering machine, and email.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 p.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m. Bible Study	2 Groundhog Day	3 American Heart Assoc. National Wear Red Day to	4
5 Church Council after evening service 2-4 P.M. Baby Shower Natasha (Roach) Sweeney	6	7	8 6 p.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m. Bible Study	9	10 Seniors' Valentine Friends Social 5 p.m.	11 9 a.m. WMU
12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 6 p.m. Choir Practice 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal 7 p.m. Business Meeting	16	17	18
19 WoRM SS Teachers/ Workers Potluck Lunch Meeting	20 Presidents' Day	21	22 Ash Wednesday 6 p.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m. Bible Study	23	24	25 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
26	27	28	29 Leap Year!!	<p>“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Cor. 13:13</p>		

The History of Saint Valentine's Day

In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno, Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses, also known as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia, honoring this heathen god. On these occasions, amidst a variety of pagan ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed, and they would then be partners for the duration of the feasts.

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that roman men did not want to leave their loves or families so he cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples. For this kind deed, Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death and have his head cut off. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been allotted for the love lotteries.

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Over time, February 14 has become the date for exchanging love messages and celebrating St. Valentine, the patron saint of lovers. The date is marked by sending poems and simple gifts, such as flowers or candy, to loved ones and secret loves.

Church Calendar February 2012

Upcoming Activities

February 5	Church Council after P.M. Service WoRM Children's SS begins new rotation "Joseph in Egypt" Baby Shower for Natasha and Adam Sweeney—2-4 p.m.
February 10	Senior Valentine Friends Social 5 p.m.
February 11	9 a.m. WMU Meeting
February 15	Fellowship Meal 5 p.m. Business Meeting 7 p.m.
February 19	WoRM SS Teachers/Workers meeting
February 25	7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

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Heart Attack Warning Signs

- ♥ Discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- ♥ Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- ♥ Shortness of breath, with or without chest discomfort.
- ♥ Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If any of these signs are present, call 911 immediately.