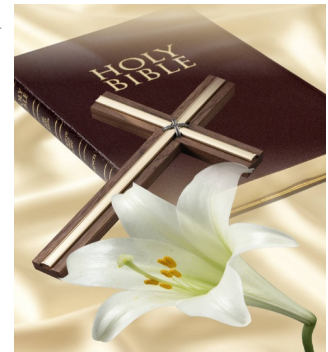


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EDITORIAL

The Communications Committee is one of the newest committees of the church. It was set up with a view to increase fellowship, nurture and mission between members of the church and the wider community through effective communication.

To this end, one of the main activities of this committee is to provide a medium through which to communicate with members both at home and abroad, and with the wider community. We have chosen to do this through the publication of a quarterly newsletter.

The members of this committee commit ourselves to do the best we can in this area of service. We are therefore grateful to God for giving us this opportunity to serve you through

this medium .

We look forward to your suggestions and ideas that will help to make this publication informative and interesting for you.

May God continue to bless you.

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**Remember to pray for
the sick and shut –in
members of the church.**



PICTURE THIS!!

During this quarter January—March 2005, the Communications Committee will start the process of publishing a membership booklet. During the months of February and March we will announce dates for pictures to be taken. Make sure your picture gets taken!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

- 9th— Ash Wednesday (Prayer Conference)
- 23rd-25th—JBU Assembly Meetings
- 27th—JBU Assembly Service (National Arena)

MARCH

- 13th—Circuit Sunday School Day
- 20th-25th—Holy Week Services & Midday Meditation
- 27th—Easter Sunday Special Event (Music & Arts Dept.)

Did you know that each Sunday sermons are tape recorded? You can order a copy of a sermon from the Music & Arts Department.

VALENTINE TIPS FOR SINGLES

- * Attitude counts: avoid being negative
- * Share the love: enjoy family and friends
- * TLC Time: pamper yourself
- * Keep working on yourself
- * Read the oldest and best love letter - Psalm 139

PAINKILLER FOR A KING? : WHAT EASTER REALLY MEANS

He was thirsty--but more than that, He was in agony of body, soul, mind and spirit. Pain we know nothing about, pain deeper than any medication could ever reach. "I thirst," He cried--surely a cool drink would bring some comfort. But it wasn't just a cool drink they brought Him--it was a drugged drink, and he refused. Why?

Because He was not just a

king...He was THE King of Kings and Lord of Lords, with willing and broken heart, dying for the sins of the world. Were He to accept the drugged drink offered Him, He would not fully know the pain we experience; He would never be able to totally identify with the subjects over whom He would reign. No, He would become one of us. He would bear the pain that we might know His peace. He would languish that we

might know His love. He would sorrow that we would know His joy.

Are you hurting today? He knows the pain--He experienced it fully for you. Whether you're down in mind, body, spirit or soul, He's been there--He can help and He can heal. Believe it--and walk closely by your awesome, all-knowing King today!

GOD'S VALENTINE: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON VALENTINE'S DAY



The Marriage Prayer

Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us.

To work that love into practical things so nothing can divide us.

We ask for words both kind and loving

And hearts always ready to ask forgiveness as well as forgive.

Dear Lord, we put our marriage into your hands.

Amen.

For Christians in the past this holiday was a day to remember and celebrate the life and death of a Christian martyr.

St. Valentine was a priest near Rome in about the year 270 A.D. At that time the Roman Emperor was imprisoning Christians for not worshipping the Roman gods. During this persecution Valentine was arrested. Some say he was arrested because he was performing Christian marriages, but others say it was for helping Christians escape prison.

While in prison Valentine continued to minister. He witnessed to the guards. He asked Valentine if his God could help his blind daughter. Valentine prayed and the girl was given her sight. The guard and his whole family, 46 people, believed in Jesus and were baptized. Because of this, Valentine praised God right there in his prison cell. When the emperor heard about this he was furious, so he had Valentine beheaded.

Valentine knew the risks associated with his Christian activities, but he continued,

because he loved the Lord and his fellow humans. He was willing to risk his life to free the prisoners and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who needed to hear it.

The Bible Says: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13) God showed us this love by coming in Christ to die for our sins. And St. Valentine demonstrated this love when he died for his friends. This is the kind of love that Valentine's Day is really about.

COMPETITION



What should we name the Newsletter?

*Who can apply? Any person who attends Emmanuel Baptist Church - visitor, member, old, young, from the Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Group, Brotherhood - just anybody.

*Send your suggestions to NEWSLETTER, with your name & contact information and leave it at the church office.

VALENTINE WORD SEARCH

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- VALENTINE

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Be My Valentine

THE SPENCE'S 50TH VALENTINE'S DAY

The Spence's (Joslyn and Gladys) celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in fine style on Saturday, December 11, 2004 at the Port Maria Civic Centre among family and friends. The couple who got married on December 12, 1954, renewed their vows and exchanged new rings for their 50th. This Valentine's Day

will be an extra special one for them. What do you think?



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- Cordella Morgridge, Maureen Cunningham