



## February Daily Scriptures

- 1—Deuteronomy 4:7-9
- 2—Deuteronomy 6:4-6
- 3—Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- 4—Psalm 7:8-10
- 5—Psalm 26:2-7
- 6—Psalm 73:26-28
- 7—Psalm 84:1-2
- 8—Psalm 86:11-13
- 9—Psalm 119:23-24
- 10—Psalm 139:23-24
- 11—Proverbs 3:3-6
- 12—Proverbs 4:23-24
- 13—Proverbs 16:23-24
- 14—Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- 15—Jeremiah 2 9:11-13
- 16—Joel 2:12-13
- 17—Matthew 6:19-21
- 18—Matthew 15:17-20
- 19—Matthew 22:37-40
- 20—Luke 6:45
- 21—Romans 8:27-28
- 22—Ephesians 3:14 –19
- 23—Colossians 3:14-17
- 24—1 Timothy 1:5
- 25—Hebrews 4:12-13
- 26—Hebrews 10:22-25
- 27—James 4:8-10

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## Pastor David's Corner

How is your love language?

February is an important month in our house. On the second we get to believe the lie Punxsutawney Phil tells us about whether we can expect Spring in a short 6 weeks or if we will have another month and a half of winter.

Oh, I must not forget my wife's birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup> and my daughter's birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Then the lovers' day arrives on the 14<sup>th</sup>, named after a person, called Saint Valentine. St.

Valentine is known as the patron saint of love, engaged couples, and happy marriages, largely due to legends of him defying Emperor Claudius II by secretly performing marriages for young soldiers, for which he was martyred on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ash Wednesday pops in on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer, and it is preceded by Shrove Tuesday [Mardi Gras = Fat Tuesday] and marks the first day of Lent. Lent is the seven weeks of prayer, fasting, etc. leading up to celebration of Christ's offering on Good Friday and the Resurrection Day remembrance of the empty tomb.

An important month in the Church's life this year. How will you worship?

**Blessings in Christ,**

**Pastor David**



# Finance

# Moment



The word, “GRACE” comes from a Greek word, “Charis.” It forms the root of our words, “Charismatic,” “character,” and “charity.” It literally means, “GIFT.” It specifically relates to God’s gift to you and me of love, salvation and eternal life. Because grace is a “gift,” it is free. It is without condition, and when we receive it we may not deserve it. How do we respond to a gift? Don’t we want to give in return? When we realize God’s incredible and eternal gift, how can we respond?

One way is by giving sacrificially and generously to God.

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If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life. **Billy Graham**<sub>0319</sub>

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## ***A Taste of Loving-Kindness***

A Sunday school teacher once asked her class, “What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving-kindness?”

A young boy thought for a moment and replied, “Well, if I were hungry and someone gave me a piece of bread with butter on it, that would be kindness. But if they added a spoonful of jam, that would be loving-kindness.”

## A Vision Rooted in Faith and Freedom

Washington's wisdom has been an inspiration for large numbers of our leading men and women in every decade since his time. He had the uncanny foresight of seeking to build a nation upon the bedrock of strong patriotism, unquestioned integrity, opportunities for all, high ideals and love of God.

May our great land, conceived in prayer for peace, bring new concepts of living to all the peoples of the world.

— James Francis Cook, in The Etude



## The Love God Desires

God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?

### **Quotes about Love**

"No matter what sin we have committed, no matter how terrible it may be, God loves us."  
—Billy Graham

"Love is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity."  
—Helen Hayes

"Love is the river of life in the world."  
—Henry Ward Beecher

"This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love; the more they give, the more they possess."  
—Rainer Maria Rilke

"A heart set on love will do no wrong."  
—Confucius

"There is a net of love by which you can catch souls."  
—Mother Teresa

### **Shine Without Wax**



*How sincere are you, really? How honest, dependable, and genuine? These are traits that shape our character and help others see Christ in us.*

*The word sincere comes from an old Latin phrase meaning "without wax." In ancient Rome, potters sometimes used wax to hide cracks in flawed pottery. Buyers would hold each piece up to the sunlight to see if it was truly solid and not hiding any imperfections.*

*When we allow the light of Christ to shine through our lives, it reveals both our rough spots and our strengths. The good news is that Jesus never shames us for the cracks; he restores us. As his light works within us, we grow into people of integrity who are whole, authentic, and sincerely his.*

| February 2026                                                                             |                              |                                                        |                                                   |           |           |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Sun                                                                                       | Mon                          | Tue                                                    | Wed                                               | Thu       | Fri       | Sat                          |
| <b>1</b><br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship<br><br>Black History Month<br>February 1—28 | <b>2</b><br>Groundhog Day    | <b>3</b><br>8:30am Women's 4th Day                     | <b>4</b><br>6pm Bible Study                       | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                     |
| <b>8</b><br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship                                             | <b>9</b>                     | <b>10</b><br>8:30am Women's 4th Day                    | <b>11</b><br>6pm Bible Study                      | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>Valentine's Day |
| <b>15</b><br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship                                            | <b>16</b><br>President's Day | <b>17</b><br>8:30am Women's 4th Day<br><br>Fat Tuesday | <b>18</b><br>6pm Bible Study<br><br>Ash Wednesday | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                    |
| <b>22</b><br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship                                            | <b>23</b>                    | <b>24</b><br>8:30am Women's 4th Day                    | <b>25</b><br>6pm Bible Study                      | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                    |

## A Note from Barb...

This has been a difficult transition for me these last couple of months. Even though God knew that I needed a "long goodbye", and prepared me for it gradually, it does not make it any easier. I am not a person who likes changes anyhow, as you know I have mentioned that in previous newsletters. But this change has been at times very difficult.

This year will be particularly difficult in that it would have been my husband's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>. He really wanted to make it to that landmark birthday. His favorite birthday meal was a family tradition his mom always made of homemade drop noodles and beef tips in a paprika gravy. It wasn't one of my favorite meals because I didn't grow up with it like he did. But I would make it special each year for his birthday. I must have improved over the years because the last several years he told me that I made it even better than his mom did. (or maybe he just wanted me to continue making it!). So, this year, my family and I have decided that to honor their dad (and grandpa), we will be having "clunkers" as it is called and will be celebrating his "almost 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

His spirit lives on in our hearts. We are very grateful that we had him and we will honor his memory and the joy he brought to our lives. Because this will ultimately be his very best birthday of all as he will be celebrating it with our Lord Jesus.



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