

# The Loco Newsletter

FEBRUARY- THE MONTH OF LOVE



*One God, One Savior, One Family*

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Jeremiah 31:3

*The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying:  
"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.*

1 John 3:1

*Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God; Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*



## VALENTINE'S DAY- WORDLY LOVE OR GODLY LOVE

Do you know worldly love, or do you know Godly love? This month, many flowers, cards and gifts will be given in the name of love. Worldly love and Godly love are completely different experiences.

Though hearts and roses are red, retailers and business owners see the green of MONEY when it comes to celebrating the holiday. Below are some fast facts about the Valentine's holiday. The celebrating of Valentine's Day ranks number in the United States in chocolate candy sales. Annual spending in 2014 for the holiday was more than 13 billion dollars. U.S. consumers spend an average of around \$116 on gifts and merchandise. Teachers receive the most Valentine's cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then sweethearts. Children ages 6 to 10 exchange more than 650 million cards with teachers, classmates, and family members. Additionally, 196 million roses are produced to celebrate the holiday.

Many people will give flowers, cards and other items to someone in the name of "love". The world tells us that love is an intense feeling of deep affection; a person or thing that one loves; or having a sexual attachment to someone. But this kind of love comes and is defined by conditions.

A relationship with God is like no other relationship you may have experienced. God has a unique kind of love for you. It is *unconditional* (not based upon meeting certain conditions). God loves you because He loves you. "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us..." (1 John 4:9,10)

He does not love you based upon your performance. There is nothing you can do to cause God to love you any more than He already does—and there is nothing that will cause God to love you any less. He loves you, even more than you love yourself.

Until now you have probably only experienced conditional love. Conditional love is based upon what you do. Perform well on the job, on the team, or in the relationship, and you are "loved."

In opening your life to Christ, you have found that total "unconditional" love and acceptance- a love that is celebrated eternally, not just on one day of the year.

Excerpts from "God's Unique Love".

### Upcoming Events

FEB 10<sup>TH</sup>: SENIOR OUTING    FEB 11<sup>TH</sup>: VALENTINE'S BANQUET    FEB 24<sup>TH</sup>: YOUTH OUTING

**BIRTHDAYS:** CARRIE CROOK 2/3, AARON PARTON 2/4. MAGGIE DEKERON 2/9. TANNER KATTEGAT 2/10. GEORGE REMSEN 2/17. JACKSON PARADISE 2/28.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** TODD/LINDA WILLGUS 2/3. BILLY JO/DIANA PARADISE 2/24

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