



“THE CALL”

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

February, 2020

February! It feels like I haven't gotten over New Year's Day and the month of January is almost gone. One cannot think of February without thinking of Valentine's Day. There is much talk about cards, candy, flowers, and the other traditions of Valentine's day. That caused me to think about "traditions."

Traditions are generally thought of as not being a very good thing. "We've always done it this way. It a tradition."

The apostle Paul tells us that sometimes tradition isn't a good thing. In Colossian 2:8 Paul, writing with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, writes:

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the traditions of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

And in I Peter 1:18 he writes: *"...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers."*

Philosophy and empty deceit according to the traditions of men. Aimless conduct received by tradition.

However, Paul also sometimes writes it's a good thing. He writes in II Thessalonians 2:15: *"Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle."* And in II Thessalonians 3:6: *"But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us."*

Stand fast, hold the traditions which you were taught. Walk according to the tradition which you received from us.

So Scripture tells us that some traditions can be good, and some not good. I'm sure if one does some research, they will find that there are good, and quite likely some not so good traditions connected with Valentine's Day.

Where does that leave us concerning traditions in our spiritual life, our life as a body of believers? There are some we are to hold fast, and some we are to discard. How do we know the difference?

The answer is simple, and difficult. Read, study, and know the Word of God. We have some really great traditions. For example we have a Christmas Eve service every year. We are not commanded to do so, however it is a tradition we have. Traditions can truly enrich our lives, both as individuals and as the body of Christ, however every tradition we hold must be in agreement with the Word of God. We can only know that if we truly know the Word.

Make the commitment for 2020 to read, study, know, and share the Word of God. It will take some effort, some time, however, it will not just enrich you-it will enrich the body the Christ as well.

Have a great February, and Valentine's Day!

Pastor Bill





FEBRUARY
VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION.
Sunday, February 16

Potluck after worship service. Bring a dish to pass and your Valentine.

Enjoy fellowship over a noon dinner.



SLEDDING PARTY

A sledding party is being planned for all who love the snow (or want to sit inside by an open fire)

Saturday February 15th

1:00 p.m. at Sugar Springs

Hot dogs, chips, hot cocoa will be provided. Bring a sled and a snack to share if you would like.

What are your prayer requests?



gathering of friends

time for instruction

Join Us

prayer for each other

Sunday

February 2nd

7:00 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

***** **Outreach** cup offerings for January, February, March, April
are designated for Walk for Warmth

***** **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**, February 2, worship service

***** **Prayer group**, Sunday, Feb. 2, 7:00 p.m.

***** **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, Feb. 16, 6:00 p.m.



Women's Fellowship

Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. The next fellowship meeting is Wednesday, February 5th after Bible Study.

All women are welcome.....
a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!



FUNERAL DINNERS—a ministry of this church.

Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.

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