

# NEW LIFE NEWS

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## Love in Action

### Some Fun Love Scriptures:

**1 John 3:1** *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

**Ephesians 4:2** *with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,*

**Song of Solomon 8:6-7** *Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.*

**1 John 3:18** *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

**Psalms 63:3** *Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.*

**Proverbs 10:12** *Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.*

What is love? All you need is love! Love hurts... How do I love thee? I will always love you.... If you are anything like me, just reading these simple phrases conjure up these songs and you might be humming them or following along with them in your head. There is an amazing assortment of ways to show love to others! In Romans 12:9, love is explained in clear and beautiful terms. Most of us have heard these verses repeated between the bride and groom at weddings. But what got me thinking was how about the love we should have for all of creation, not just the person we decide to spend our life with or with our children. That kind of love, what God

shows us through his son and through the Bible, is amazing beyond all measure. God loves each of us in such a full and complete way it is beyond our own un-

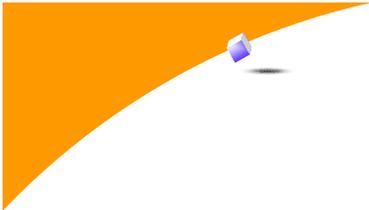


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derstanding. Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." How different would our world look if we worked on living this verse daily? To put others above ourselves, truly loving the person begging for our change on the corner or at the criminal that is

on the nightly news. Or even someone who wrongs us in a deep and painful way. That becomes scary territory for most of us. But God calls us to love everyone and to make our love an action, not just a statement. Love can be a kind word, a smile, some food, or going out of our way to compliment someone. Love is a light from within that shines stronger every time you use it. I hope that the next time I hear "Endless Love" on the radio, I will think more about the ways I can love what God loves.

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## New Life Calendar

- May 21 at FUMC New Braunfels – 7:00pm
- June 18 at Alamo UMC -7:00pm
- July – Greater San Antonio Gathering – still to be announced
- Greater San Antonio Chrysalis Boys' Flight #369 – July 10, 2013 @ Boerne UMC
- July 12 @ 8:00 pm Boerne UMC candlelight
- Greater San Antonio Chrysalis Girls' Flight #372 – July 24, 2013 @ AlamoHeights UMC
- July 26 @8:00pm AlamoHeights UMC candlelight
- August 21 at Schertz UMC – 7:00pm

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### Agape Ideas

- Rainbow mechanical pencils: Write this down: "Jesus Loves You!" or "Jesus has signed your heart with his blood."
- Lighters or matches and a candle: "You are the light of the World!"
- Mending kits: "God fixes everything."
- Soap bubbles: "Let God's love bubble over in you!"
- One-inch wooden disc with clothespin glued to front and a piece of magnet tape on back of clothespin. Decorate disc with a sticker or leave plain. "God can hold it all together!"
- Seed packages: "Grow in Christ."
- Life Savers: "Jesus is the real life saver!"
- Small rulers: "Measure your life in Christ." Or "Jesus Rules!"
- Emory board or small piece of sand paper on a card: "Jesus can smooth away all our rough edges!"
- Nail on a card. "Need an eternal fix? Try John 3:16."
- Butterfly anything: "God changes things."
- Diaper pin: "God can change even the worst of things."
- Earth magnet or pins or erasers: "Jesus: Don't leave earth without Him!"
- Small bars of soap: "God can make all things clean."
- Emergency rain ponchos: "When life gives you rain, God gives you rainbows!"