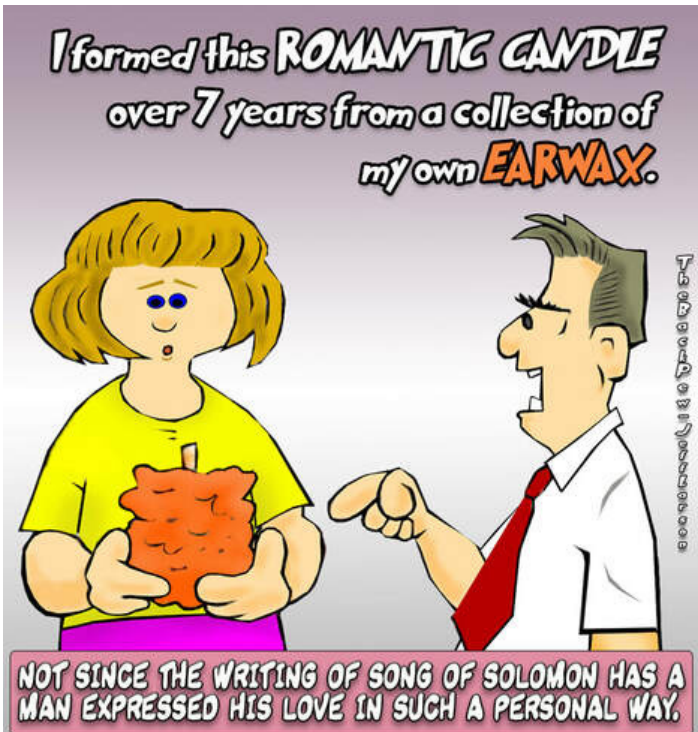


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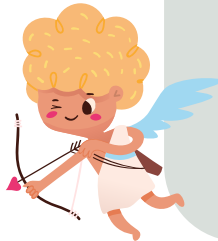
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## This Month in History

- **Feb. 12, 1809**- Abraham Lincoln the 16th U.S. President was born in Hardin County, Kentucky.
- **February 13, 1635** - Boston Latin School, the first taxpayer supported (public) school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.
- **February 14, 1849** - Photographer Mathew Brady took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, James Polk.

How does cupid deliver valentines all over the world?  
*On an arrow-plane!*



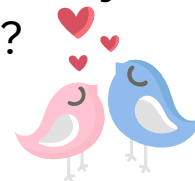
What did one light bulb say to the other light bulb?

*I love you a -watt!*

What did the painter say to her boyfriend?

*I love you with all my art!*

What do you call two birds in love?



*Tweet -hearts!*

What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentine's Day?

*Cauli-flowers!*



## **Love in Action**

*written by Marla Carter*



As Valentine's Day approaches, I've been thinking about how the holiday has changed for me as I've gotten older. I remember those mailboxes made from a shoe box, covered with red and pink paper and slathered with shiny heart stickers. During the Valentine's Day party at school, we'd place them on our desks and everyone would one walk desk to desk delivering our little valentines. The teacher gave us a box of conversation hearts, and we'd giggle as we took out each little pastel heart and read its message--"Be Mine," "Hugs and Kisses," "Cutie Pie," etc.

As I got older, Valentine's Day fun was replaced with nervousness and pressure. Will the boy I like ever notice me? Am I going to be the only girl in school who doesn't get asked on a date for Valentine's Day? Should I get a gift for my new boyfriend? Will he get me a gift? The pressure to find the perfect card or the perfect gift took the fun out of the holiday.

Now that I'm older and have been married for 25 years, the idea that I ever thought I needed flowers or jewelry and a fancy dinner to make a perfect Valentine's Day seems so ridiculous. Yes, in those early years of marriage, there was still the weight of making sure we marked the occasion with some romantic gesture. As the years passed, we settled into the comfort that comes with knowing you're loved forever. We don't need a date on the calendar to celebrate our love because we've learned to see it and appreciate it in the little moments of every day.

Love is my husband cleaning the kitchen for me because I'm sick, or washing my car for me, or making sure he blows the leaves off the porch before we have company. Love is me making sure my

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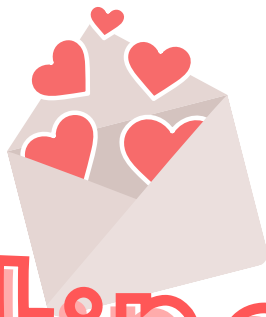
husband's softball jersey is clean before his next church softball game, or agreeing to eat at a restaurant that he loves but I don't, or buying ugly room darkening curtains for the bedroom because he likes to have total darkness when he sleeps and the ugly ones happen to be the best.

Contrary to what advertisers and movie producers would have us believe, love is less of a feeling and more of an action. Love is a choice. God tells us this over and over in His Word. "For God so loved the world, that he **gave** his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) "But God **shows** his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ **died** for us." (Romans 5:8) "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in **deed** and in truth." (1 John 3:18) Look at those action words!

God has proven His love for us by acting, by sending His Son to die for our sins. Conversely, He tells us that we too prove our love for Him in action- by obeying Him. 1 John 5:3 says, "In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands." That's not so hard to understand, is it? What if a husband told his wife he loved her, but he never talked to her or spent time with her? Actions always speak louder than words.

John 15: 13 says "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." For Christ, that was literal, but for most of us, that is going to be a figurative laying down of our lives. First we surrender our lives to God, laying aside our will for His. Then we do the same for others. Philippians 2:3 says, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

Now I enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day for ALL the gifts of love in my life--my children, my parents, my friends, my brothers and sisters in Christ. These are all good gifts from God, who gave us the greatest the gift of love in His Son.



# Valentines Day

Using the letters in 'Valentines Day' create as many words as you can. All words must be more than three letters long and must be spelled correctly.

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