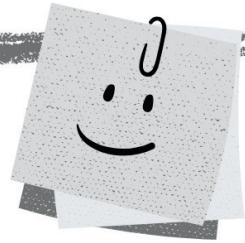


# Faith and Funnies

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## Very Funny Valentines

What flowers get the most kisses on Valentine's Day?

*Tulips!*

What did the squirrel give for Valentine's Day?



*Forget-me-nuts!*

What did the light bulb say to his girlfriend?

*I love you a whole watt.*

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?



*Sure, they're very scent-imental.*

Do you have a date for Valentine's day?

*Yes, February 14th.*



*How many hearts can you find in this newsletter?*

## This Month in History

- **February 3, 1870** - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.
- **February 8, 1910** - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.
- **February 14, 1929** - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.



## Superbowl Jesus

*written by Marla Carter*

Did you watch the Superbowl? (Or as I like to say, the “Super Duper Bowl?”) I don’t really care for football, but I do enjoy the spirit and fanfare of the event, as well as the commercials and the half-time show (usually). I wasn’t very impressed with the commercials this year. When companies pay eight million dollars for a 30 second commercial, I have high expectations.

One of the commercials was another one of the “Jesus Gets Us” commercials. Perhaps you’ve seen them? There are several of them, and they run on regular tv periodically. I suppose that the purpose of these commercials is to make Jesus seem relatable so that people want to check out Christianity and re-think religion. I have several concerns about this. Most obviously, why would anyone want to spend eight million dollars for 30 seconds to tell people about Jesus? I’m fairly certain our Lord would want that amount of money to be used for things like feeding the poor, helping the homeless, clothing the naked, and visiting the lonely and oppressed. The Bible is full of imperatives to care for those less fortunate. “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16) And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” (Luke 3:10-11) Eight million dollars could do a lot of good for a lot of people. It could buy a lot of food, clothing, and shelter.

The next concern I have is about the effectiveness of such a commercial. Now of course God can use any means He wants as a way to reach someone’s heart, but how many people are

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going to watch a commercial and say, “Wow! I want to follow Jesus!” There’s a famous quote, sometimes attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, that says, “Preach the gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words.” I believe that the message of the gospel is best preached by the way we live our lives and in relationships with others. I think people are far more likely to be convinced that Jesus loves them if they know that I love them faithfully and that I will sacrifice my own desires to honor and serve them. This is what Jesus meant when He said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

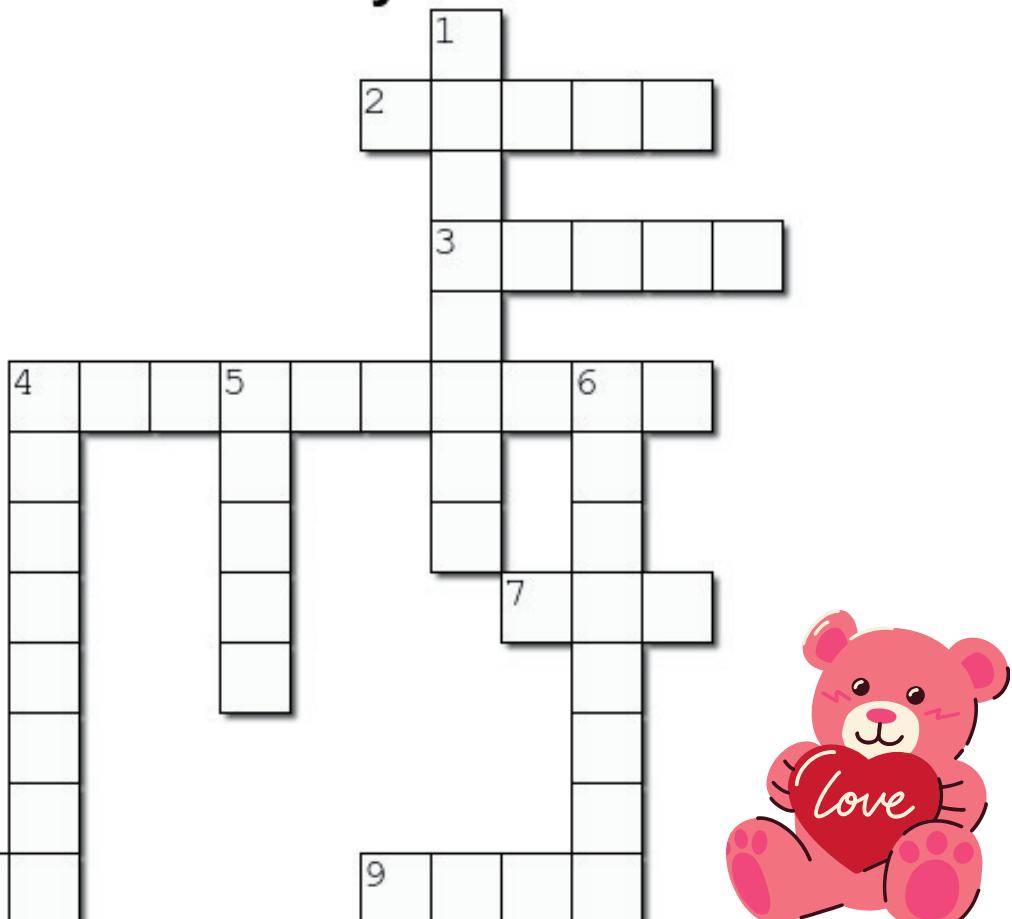
In other words, if we want to tell the world about Jesus, we need not make a Superbowl commercial; we just need to love like Jesus loves. It’s really that simple. Each one of us has the opportunity to be a billboard for Jesus every single day in every single encounter we have with the people around us. This Valentine’s Day, love people like Jesus. That’s worth more than eight million dollars and will do a lot more good.

**"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself". Galatians 5:14**

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34**



# Valentine's Day Puzzle



Created using the Crossword Maker on [TheTeachersCorner.net](http://TheTeachersCorner.net)

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## Across

- the organ in your body that pumps your blood
- traditional flowers to send your special someone
- a box of these candies is a traditional gift for Valentine's Day
- the main color associated with Valentine's Day
- use your lips to give this to your sweetheart
- Valentine's Day celebrates this emotion



## Down

- the second month of the year
- little cakes you might take to a party
- tiny flying cherub that shoots love arrows
- put your card in this to mail it

HAPPY  
Valentines  
DAY

Did you find them all?

Number of hearts in this edition: 14.