

## Loving God and Others

When Jesus lived on earth, the religious leaders were jealous that the people were listening to Him because He spoke with great authority. And so they seized every opportunity they could to trip Him up. In Matthew 22:35–36 we read that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, but then one of the Pharisees, “which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law?”

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:37–40).

What does it look like to love God so completely, and to love our neighbor as ourselves? The answer is found in the ten commandments God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai in Exodus 20. The first four commandments—no other gods, no idols, not taking God’s name in vain, keeping the Lord’s Day holy—show us how to acknowledge God’s holiness and sovereignty in our lives.

The last six commandments—honor your parents, do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie, do not covet—show us how to treat others as we would like them to treat us, as Jesus taught in Luke 6:31 and Matthew 7:12. It’s impossible to love God and others of course, without the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Acts of love are borne out of hearts of love, and “This commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also” (1 John 4:21).

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*There is*  
**no fear in love;**

*but perfect love*  
**casteth out fear.**

*1 John 4:18a*



# Covenant Church

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February 9, 2025

**Call to Worship**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Invocation**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Sing Unto the Lord**

Hymn # 92 O' How I Love Jesus

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Ron Marks*

**Recognition of Guests**

**Mission Moment**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Worship in Song**

Hymn # 495 Jesus Loves Even Me

**Offertory Prayer**

*Craig Alexander*

**Offertory**

*Rose Morgan*

**Special Music**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Covenant Choir*

**Sermon:**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Hymn of Benediction**

***Shine, Shine, Shine!***

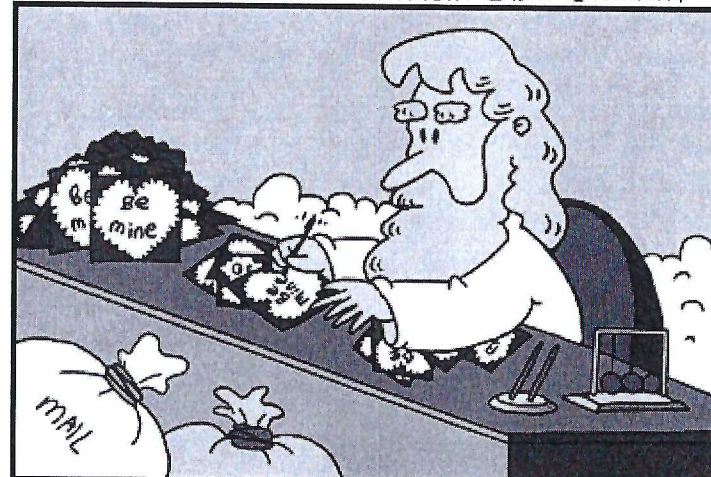
# Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for February is the Gainesville Community Ministry. They provide compassionate emergency care for those who cannot help themselves. They provide, through education and support, the kind of assistance that will encourage those who can be helped to end a cycle of poverty and despair. They specifically offer support with food, clothing, medical care, some financial support, and education.

## ***Happy Valentine's Day!***

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

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