

A Servant's Heart with a Love Story

By Becky Brown

This month, I am getting away from my "Meet Your" series. Since this is the February issue and the "love" month, I wanted to bring you a love story. It is not your typical love story. It's a story that combines love and compassion. I hope you enjoy getting to know her.

Rose Broyles serves the Warren Community as the Director of the Bread of Life Food Pantry Distribution Center. When I first met Rose, I knew she was special. I could feel it, but I wasn't sure why. She is in my Bible study group on Monday mornings. She is quiet and reserved until you ask about the food pantry or the community. Then, she smiles, and her eyes light up and sparkle. I was intrigued and wanted to know why. What in her life had brought this love of community about? Rose is not one to talk about herself much. She is more about lifting others. It was a

joy and honor for me to have her share a little about her life. She is a remarkable woman.

Rose grew up on the South side of Fort Wayne. Neighbors who took her and her siblings to church every Sunday were three doors down from her. The church also held many events which they attended. She laughed and said they had a Desoto. She marveled at how they could get five kids in the backseat. In 1967, she went to an event where she met her husband. In 1968, they were married. They were married for 50 years. They lived on a farm.

She worked for Richard's Restaurant when her children were in high school, retiring in 2005. After that, she worked in the Huntington hospice program, United in Love. Rose's compassion for people is seen here as she talks about how shocking it was to see how people were treated in their last days. She did this for five years when the company decided to move to computers. She did not want to get involved, so she moved on.

She met three important people who mentored her. She worked as a client assistant. She would receive calls from people asking how to get a bill paid or if they needed

clothing for their children. She would put them in touch with people who could help them. Norma, Dorothy, and Bill mentored her on how to meet people where they were on their walk in life. They taught her that no matter how big the pile of work needed to be done, each piece needed to be done with excellence.

In 2010, she and her husband left the farm and moved to Warren. In July 2010, Phyllis and Harold Harness quit the food pantry here in Warren. She mentioned it to Art, her husband, who encouraged her. She told the Knight Bergman Center she would like to be the coordinator. At that time, there were seven churches in Warren. She told the Board that the churches should take over the Food Pantry. She suggested that each week, a different church would come and participate. That was fifteen years ago this July. She is amazed at how far they have come.

Rose sees the food pantry as a wheel with hubs, each person having their area of responsibility. She expects excellence from each hub and wants the volunteers to meet

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Children's Sunday School

The Children's Sunday school class has been learning about the Lord's Prayer during January and February. On February 23, we will be starting a new series. The units in this series are: Jesus Teaches Through Parables, The Miracles of Jesus, and Celebrate and Remember God's love.



The Sunday school team would like to invite all kids ages 4 and up to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00. They will be learning Bible verses each month,

along with games and lessons to help grow in their faith. Our first memory verse will be Matthew 7:24: "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock."

Join us on Sunday mornings as we help your child learn about God and build a strong foundation in the teachings of Jesus.

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the clients where they are on their journey in life. As a coordinator, she values open communication with each one. Her commitment to the Food Bank for another three to four years is a testament to her dedication and future plans. She remains steadfast in her mission to feed the children, knowing that they are the ones who need her compassion the most.

When asked where her love for community came from, she suggested it came from Richard's, where she served others. She said working out in public helped her have compassion and love for the community. She is a loner by choice, but I can see her love of people. When I asked her about this, she said one of the things she loves the most is seeing people succeed. "There is nothing better than to see somebody excel." Another statement that is good advice for all of us is this one, "You listen more than you talk." She suggests we meet people where they are and have patience with them.

When asked about her faith, she told me the neighbors getting her into church started the journey. Then, when she was 13, she took confirmation. That was the beginning of her faith's journey. She said that sometimes, you have obstacles in life, but they are good. She went on to add that sometimes you look back and you know why those obstacles were there. She is thankful for God being with her and knows He has blessed her life. "He Leadth Me" is the song that comes to mind when things go "squirrely." The 23rd Psalm is the other staple that helps her when things go awry.

She gave me information about the food pantry in the last few minutes. Rose is not one to talk about herself. She

is a humble servant who loves God and wants to see others excel. She is compassionate about her Community and loves God. She is doing what she can to make this world better for others.

What does it mean to have a servant's heart? Service is not just about the big things. It's the little acts of thoughtfulness, such as listening to what people say or doing necessary tasks without grumbling, that often make the most significant impact. Having a servant's heart means no job is too small to be beneath us; any way we can help is excellent. One of the key characteristics of a servant's heart is empathy. People with a servant's heart see the world through other people's eyes. They see things some people miss. They tend to their hurts or needs differently because they cut to the heart of what is happening. This is the essence of Rose's service. I was sitting in the presence of one with a servant's heart. My time with her reminded me of what Christ calls us to be and how to serve Him.

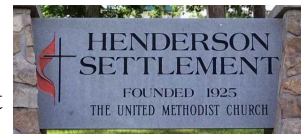
Compassion is often considered a form of love; some say it's loving-kindness in action. Rose acts on her compassion and love for the community.

Love is not a feeling; love is an action. Thank you, Rose, for getting out of your comfort zone and teaching me the true meaning of a servant's heart.

From the Mission Team

Please be in prayer for the mission trip that will be happening March 23rd through the 28th. The team is not formed yet, but God knows who is going. Prayers for safety as they travel back and forth and while they are there, the work that is to be done, and the people they encounter. May those they encounter feel God's love.

Solid Rock will gladly accept monetary donations toward this mission project.



Giving Statements

Please let the office know if you would like your giving statement for 2024. Thanks

Online Giving 

December Financial Update

General Fund Contributions.....	\$19,025
General Fund Budgeted Disbursements.....	\$12,987

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becoming too complacent in our faith, we justify our reasons for the lack of church attendance, lack of studying the Scriptures, taking time to pray, fellowship, and listening to God's voice. Yes, we might *think* we are doing these things, and, indeed, church attendance isn't *needed to be a believer*; however, it makes our spiritual journey very difficult AND it impacts many more around us if we simply look to see with open eyes.

As I recently shared in a sermon, *all of us are mentoring someone who is looking at us from a distance; wanting what we have or wanting to be like us in some aspect or another*. Those who are engaged in this take their cues from us. When they see something is important to us, it becomes important to them – in most cases. I say most cases because we will see and hear stories of people who have lived godly lives, attended church faithfully, served God in many ways, and were/are VERY faithful in serving God and have been praying for family members and loved ones to come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord that never desired our example. We have prayed for their souls, pleading with God to rescue them from their sinful lives and to mend their brokenness. And when we don't see the transformation happen in their lives as it did in our lives, we sometimes become downhearted, and we might even question God.

I have even heard of some who began their faith journey, devoted themselves to God, and became faithful believers/followers of Christ. They were "on fire" in their faith until something happened in their lives and they felt that God had left them to perish alone. When God didn't answer their prayers like *they expected Him to*, they lost faith and slowly they drifted away. OR, they gave up on the family/loved one, thinking that "they'll never desire God..." I know because I was once one of these believers. How wrong I was!

The moment I gave up on them and their coming to God, God reminded me that I was once one of the lost and broken. When I began to see that my brother David began to take his relationship with God seriously, it became important to me. In the passage provided, we see Jesus weeping because He knew that as He entered the city, Jerusalem was not only a lost city but also one doomed to destruction because they would soon fall into the hands of their enemies. Jesus knew the people were lost and refused to listen to Him and His message of salvation. He continues His love and compassion towards them; they continue to not make it personal.

This is a very different outcome from the passage of John Chapter 4 with the woman at the well. She returned to her city and shared with them all that Jesus had shared. When they saw how passionate she was about Jesus Christ, *they went to Him and discovered what she was sharing was truth and believed*. I want my life to be like

that woman at the well: I want it to speak the truth of Christ and for it to draw others to search for Jesus themselves. I want the members of Solid Rock, the Warren community, and all my family and friends to be drawn closer to God, not because of me, but because of what Jesus Christ is doing for me, with me, and through me. I never want to experience what Jesus did and to weep for those whom I love being lost because of something I did/didn't do. *It's important for me to live a life for God regardless of how broken I am or how many struggles I face. I need to show others the beauty of my soul in the hands of God and not in my own hands*. I want people to see that I am striving to become all that Christ wants me to be because of my love for Him.

If you show others that your faith in God/Jesus Christ/Holy Spirit is important to you, they will see how blessed you are and may one day discover for themselves how important it should be for them. Remain the example God has called you to be and never give up on those you love. Jesus never did.

God's Gifts to Us

By Becky Brown

In this month's article, Rose showed us what it is to have a servant's heart.

We should all ask ourselves, "What gift has God given me, and how and where am I supposed to use it?" Rose's gift is compassion. What gift has God laid on your heart? Where are you willing to serve God with the gift He has given you? We are all given gifts and talents from God. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Let Rose's story encourage you to become a servant of God and use the gifts He has given to become faithful stewards of God.

Kid's Praise Team Schedule

- February 2: Singing with the adult praise team during worship
- February 9: Singing with the adult praise team during worship
- April 13: Palm Sunday — Singing during worship (not with the adult praise team)
- April 27: Singing with the adult praise team during worship



We practice at 5:30 before Kid's Club each month (third Thursday) and also during Sunday school each Sunday.



Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

If It's Important to Us...

And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation." (Lk 19:41-44)

You have often heard me say, write these words, and preach and teach this phrase, "It isn't personal until it's personal," meaning that things don't have a *personal* impact until they affect us personally. It's a very true statement. We tend to maybe talk about something that we know very little about, but it isn't until something happens to us personally that we begin to understand the gravity of the situations around us.

Recently, we have been watching the wildfires in California from a distance and the devastating impact they are having on so many people. Fire doesn't respect one group over another; it simply destroys all in its path. And as spectators, we might say things like "how sad..." or "so sorry for their loss." We might donate blood, finances, or (for some) might even volunteer in some capacity. Then we return to our everyday tasks or turn the channel to something more "uplifting" to turn a blind eye to the situation. After all, it's happening so far away and it's not in my backyard, so why should I care? Some people actually follow this form of "logic." Only those who have been through a fire and experienced the loss can truly understand the devastation of the incident and how it causes all things to come to a grinding halt in the lives of those afflicted with this tragedy.



Looking to the reason for bringing this up, spiritually speaking, is that we have a fire raging around us that threatens to devastate people spiritually. We never expect it to impact us or our families, so we never look for the warning signs of this apocalypse... complacency. We are

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FEBRUARY

Events

**3rd Thursday each month
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Light meal served.
Bring a friend
Pre-K thru 4th grade.**



Kids Praise Team
practice prior to Kids Club
5:30 - 6 p.m.



Women's Widows Care & Share
Meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month at 2 p.m.



Super Bowl Pizza
made by our Youth on Feb. 9th

Find the order form within this Newsletter.

All orders due by 4:30 p.m.
Monday February 3rd.
Call the church at 260-375-3873
or talk to one of our youth
to place your order.

Men's Fellowship
2nd Saturday each month at 8 a.m.
at Solid Rock Church
All men welcome!

Women's Breakfast
Last Saturday of each month 9 a.m.
Feb. 22 at SonRise Bakery
All ladies welcome!



Weekly Bible Study
Monday mornings at 10 a.m.

NOTE: Check the calendar
for any changes.

**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

February Helpers

Liturgists

- 2 Debb Smitley
- 9 Marg Bentley
- 16 Mindy Rider
- 23 Marsha Boyanowski



Greeter

- 2 Cindy Boxell
- 9 Deb Shaw & Jessica Boxell
- 16 Greg-Becky Brown
- 23 Ted-Sharon Williams

Nursery 10 a.m.

- 2 Libby Wiley
- 9 LeAnn Buzzard
- 16 Jane Hitzfield
- 23 Stacy Wiley

Children's S. S. Teachers

- 2 Brenda Conner
- 9 Jazmine Plummer
- 16 LeAnn Buzzard
- 23 Jazmine Plummer

Snacks

- 2 Marg Bentley & John-Susan Mills
- 9 Ted-Sharon Williams & Jane Hitzfield
- 16 Jon-Allison Voght
- 23 Shirley-Charles Ternet & Dave-Wanda Spahr

Acolytes

- 2 Kaidyn Bolinger & Paizley Nightenhelser
- 9 Kalin Elliot & Kinley Goodspeed
- 16 Kerrigan Goodspeed & Kaley Campbell
- 23 Malcolm Voght & Kalin Elliot

Please contact the church office at 375-3873 by Thursday prior to Sunday, if you are unable to do any above activities. Thank you!

Weekly offerings not only feed our church, but also our community and much more. In return souls are fed. Give as you can and may your hearts and minds be filled with the love of God in all you do.

February



- Cereal - Peanut Butter
- Canned Spaghetti - Snack Bars
- Jello Snacks - Cocoa Mix
- Kleenex - Small Bags of Chips

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Thank you for all you do!

Monetary gifts through Solid Rock are always appreciated.

Card Ministry

February Special
All occasion cards 3 for \$1.00

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Does not include hand crafted cards.



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| 2/2 Kinley Goodspeed | 2/12 Brenda Conner |
| 2/4 Bonnie Meyers | 2/23 Rita Bolinger |
| | 2/24 Cindy Boxell |
| 2/5 Scout Schweikhardt | Brady Booher |
| 2/7 Jay Shaw | 2/25 Donna Benefiel |
| 2/9 Jon Bordeaux | 2/27 Kaley Campbell |

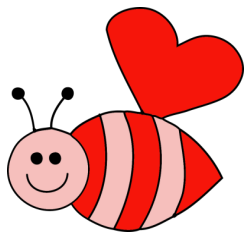


2/20 Jim & Jackie Blinn

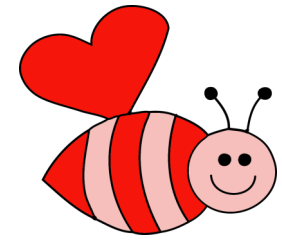
HOTCAKES FOR HENDERSON
7 A.M. TO 10 A.M.
LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH




All proceeds go toward the Henderson Mission Trip
March 23rd thru 28th



February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.	3 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	4 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m.	5	6	7 Office Closed	8 Men's Fellowship 8 a.m. church kitchen
9 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 - 7:30 p.m.	10 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	11 Sign Language 10 a.m.	12	13 S.O.S. 7:30 p.m.	14 Office Closed <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 	15 HotCakes for Henderson 7 - 10 a.m. Liberty Ctr Community Church
16 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 - 7:30 p.m. Newsletter due to Gary Walter	17 Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	18 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m.	19	20 Kids Praise Team practice 5:30-6 p.m. Kids Club 6 -7:30 p.m.	21 Office Closed Card Ministry 5:30 p.m.	22 Women's Breakfast 9 a.m. SonRise Bakery
23 Sunday School 9 a.m. March Birthdays-Anniversaries Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 - 7:30 p.m.	24 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	25 Sign Language 10 a.m.	26	27	28 Office Closed	

SOLID ROCK PRAYER REQUESTS

Other

Abortion - Addiction - All Missions - Bargain Basement - Our Nation & Leaders - Missionaries - Local Churches - Solid Rock Ministries
Bread of Life Food Pantry - WAMA - Healthcare Providers & First Responders - Schools and Educational Leaders - Our Service Men & Women

Well Spring Cluster Churches and Pastors

Liberty Center Community/Rev. Diane Samuels - Bluffton First UMC/Rev. Sherrie Drake - Markle Riverside 316/Pastor Dan First
Epworth UMC Bluffton/Pastor Marlene Ellis - Ossian UMC/Rev. David Herr - Lancaster Chapel UMC/Pastor Dewey Miller - Boehmer UMC/Pastor Steve Neviu
Petroleum Community/Rev. Greg Andrews - Poneto Faith Community/Pastor Roy Nevil - Solid Rock/Pastor John Boyanowski

Prayers for Health & Healing

Jean Bentley	Judy Long
Robbie Bolinger	Iris Perez
Tiffany Booher	Beverly Smitley
Tracy Geotz	Eric Snively
Ben Herr	Wanda Spahr
LaTishia Horrell	

****As we start a new look for "Prayers for Health & Healing", please call the office or let us know if there is anyone you want added.**

****If someone is better please let us know and we will move from above to the "Prayers Answered" below. Thank you.**

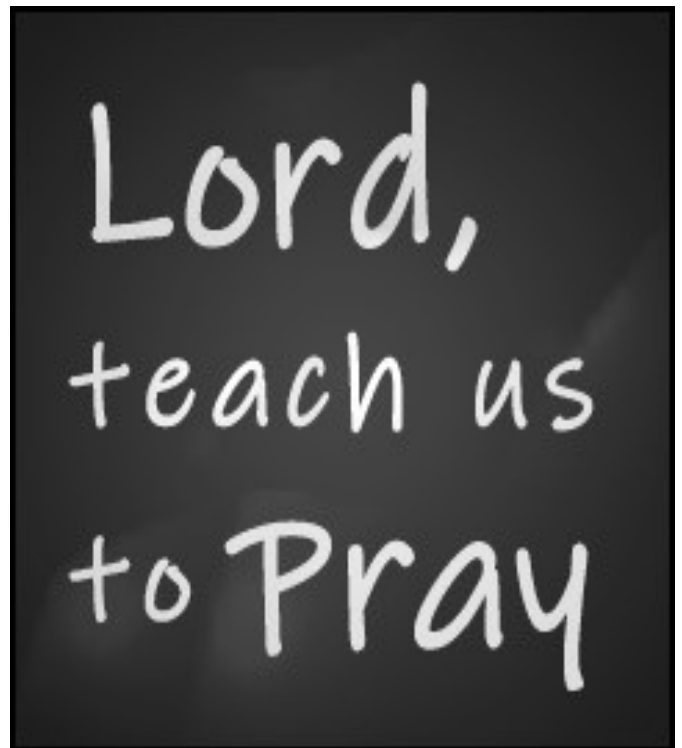
****Our goal is not to leave anyone out but bring all those who need prayers to God and to give thanks to God for those who have been healed or doing better.**

Prayers Answered

Marge Blair
Jane Hitzfield
Mike Roberts
Dan Spahr
Ted Williams

Heritage Pointe

Darrell Blair	Ann Miles-McCammon
Jim & Jackie Blinn	Dee Pattison
Bill Boxell	Dale & Norma Smith
Curly & Pat Boxell	Doris Souers
Mary Ann Jackson	Alyce Tinkle



Please let the office know if someone listed above is doing better and can be removed or someone needs added for prayers of healing.

Solid Rock Youth Group Super Bowl Pizzas

February 9, 2025

Pick-up or Delivery (with-in town limits)

Cheese - 14 inch \$12 - 7 inch \$6

1 Topping - 14 inch \$13 - 7 inch \$7

2 Toppings - 14 inch \$14 - 7 inch \$8

3 Toppings - 14 inch \$15 - 7 inch \$9

4 Toppings - \$16

5-7 Toppings - \$17

4 Meat Lovers - \$17

Supreme - \$18

Toppings

Sausage

Pepperoni

Green Pepper

Beef

Mushroom

Black Olives

Ham

Onion

Extra Cheese

Breadsticks 6 @ \$5.00

Deadline for turning in order(s) - Monday February 3rd

Call the church between 9-4:30 Mon.-Thurs. at 260-375-3873

All proceeds benefit the Youth Group activities.

Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for February 2025

Prayer is the greatest, simplest privilege of our lives as believers.

Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:



- Father God, We thank You for Your continued grace and mercy. We sometimes take for granted that our needs are great and we always expect You to deliver us from ourselves. Sometimes, **we** want to be in control instead of allowing You to completely reign over us. Please teach us to rely more on You and less on our understanding. Lead us in the ways Psalm 23 shares and help us to find our rest in You alone. In Your Holy Name, we pray, Amen.
- Sweet Jesus, we need You to be the great Teacher, Physician, the Good Shepherd, the Living Water, and the Bread of Life for us. We admit our need of You, our Savior, and the surrendering of ourselves and we declare You as our LORD. Please help us to have Your heart, Your eyes, Your compassion, and Your strength to accomplish whatever You ask of us. Send us wherever You desire and help us to joyfully go and serve You with glad hearts. Help our efforts to be a fragrant offering unto You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
- Holy Spirit, guide us into a deeper relationship with God. Open our hearts to be more receptive to Your leading and to minister to those around us. May our example reflect a complete surrender of our wills to the glory that God grants us each day. Lead us to understand that You haven't called us to be believers who only receive but also serve and are called to serve others as we serve You. Teach us to be more like the people You know us to be; only we haven't fully relied on You. Set our hearts on fire with Your Spirit. In the Name Above all names, Jesus we pray, Amen.
- Blessed Trinity, blessings to You! May we seek Your face every morning and may we hear Your voice in the evening. Please be with those who struggle, who have lost a loved one, and those who struggle with addictions, depression, and loneliness. Help us to show others Your ways, so that they may desire You more. Deliver us from not only temptations but also the sin that we continue to engage with. Let our lives be the example of those who have devoted their all into Your hands. In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

And Jesus answered them, saying,
The hour is come, that the Son of man should be
glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn
of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone:
but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth
his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in
this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

- JOHN 12:23-25, KJV

