

# The Love Connection



Christian Love Bible Baptist Church

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## Upcoming Events

Health and Wellness Challenge	March 21st
Grief Support Session	March 24th
Resurrection Program	March 25th
"I Am Redeemed" Play	March 28th
Vacation Bible School	June 1st-3rd

### Visit US Any Time

**Worship Service**  
10:00 am

**Sunday School**  
9:00 am

**Wednes. Bible Study**  
6:30 pm

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## You Are A Map

There were 80,000 people at the Florida classic and needless to say leaving the game was a traffic nightmare. The interstate back to the hotel was jammed packed so we attempted to find a better way. I stopped someone and asked if there was another way and he began to give me the directions. His directions were full of landmarks that I did not know. He said things like, "turn at the red house on the corner with the Cadillac. Then turn left at the stores that use to be a donut shop." I guess he could tell that I was confused by the look on my face so he said, "Just follow me, I am going that way." After he spoke those words, God begin to speak. Let me let you in on

a divine conversation that I had with God. He said just as the man became my map, we should be a map to one another. In 2 Corinthians 1:4, the Bible says, "Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we our-

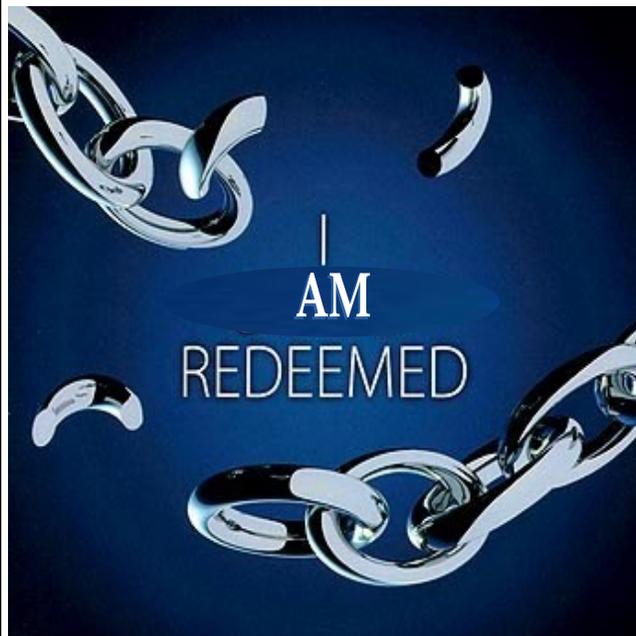


selves are comforted of God." He has allowed us to go through our problems to help somebody us. God has allowed us to go through unique experiences to become direction to someone



Jimmy R. Boyd, Senior Pastor

else. Harriet Tubman was a living example of a human map. When she discovered a way out of slavery, she went back and lead others out. As Christians, when we see someone in bondage not to slavery, but to sin, we should be able to show them the way out. We need to be a spiritual map. Your life may be the only Bible someone reads. Don't neglect to share testimonies especially the ones that tell of your deliverance. Apostle Paul says, Follow me as I follow Christ. Remember – You are a map!



## Inspirational Gospel Play

**MARCH 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

**@ Christian Love BBC**

**526 Griffin Ave. /**

**Valdosta Georgia**

**COST: FREE**

## AND LIFE BEGINS....

While engaged in a conversation with my 10 year old daughter about the Resurrection of Christ, she asked, "Mom, what if Jesus never died on the cross, what would have happened to us?" Wow. What if, I pondered..

*What if Resurrection never happened...*

*What if Calvary never occurred...*

*What if Jesus never walked the earth and healed the sick...*

*What if the Virgin Mary never conceived and gave birth to the King...*

*What if God never gave HIS only begotten Son...*

*What if Jesus had told His Heavenly Father, "NO, I won't go"...*

**WHAT IF...** If Jesus had not come, "the

unbroken song of peace on earth, good will toward men" would be a myth. No bright day, no sunny days just days filled with darkness and gloom. No Peace, No Love, No Forgiveness. No Victories. No Miracles. We would be "dead in our sins", living in a land full of diseases and feminine. But Glory to God, He gave His only begotten son (John 3:16-17). Jesus Christ walked the earth healing the sick and raising the dead (John 11). And they crucified our Lord (Matthew 27:30-44; Mark 15:22-



32; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:17-30.)

You know the true story: they placed a crown of thorns upon His head; the nailed him to the cross; they pierced his side and blood and water flowed.

They buried Him in a borrowed tomb. And on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day HE ROSE (Corinthians 15:3-4)! Descended into the Kingdom of Heaven, inheriting all it holds.

His Crucifixion is a bridge to the Resurrection and Resurrection is His victory over death. Jesus died for our sins so that we may live with peace, love, and joy. We shall rejoice in knowing the grave is not final and that God's word promised us everlasting eternal life.

## Evangelism at Christian Love Bible Baptist Church

"A call to love God is a call to love people." Love is an action word. Love is what it does! We're excited about the love CLBBC has begun to extend to the community through Meals in the Lord's Kitchen (MILK) and Soldiers Triumphant Reconciling and Encouraging Everyone To Salvation (STREETS)) ministries. The MILK ministry began providing care packages

to families in need at the beginning of the year. Every week this year we have provided food for five to twenty families. In an effort to let the community know CLBBC is here to help meet their needs the STREETS team goes out every other Saturday spreading the word about the food pantry while taking

prayer requests, praying the prayer of salvation, and inviting those who do not have a church home to attend services at Christian Love. During their first outing the STREETS ministry had seven people to give their life to Christ! Praise God!



## SELMA.....Action Speaks Louder than Words

The history and impact of Selma goes well beyond the movie, Selma. The events which happened leading up to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed by President Lyndon Johnson, still impacts us today. The historical 54 mile walk from Selma to Montgomery led to the eventual removal of the literacy test. A test that was not intended to merely see if you could read or write but rather a test designed to keep blacks from voting. Voting has and still does carry power because it carries a voice and that voice is that of the people, all people.

Selma is relevant today, because if we remain silent we will see history repeat itself. Voting laws and guidelines are usually set forth by states. Sometimes those state lawmakers are from opposing

parties of most people of color and many come with their own agendas. Be mindful of sudden changes in voting procedures such as sudden voting hour's changes, voting day's changes, and voting locations changing. With the emergence of a president of color, eyes were opened and voting patterns began to be studied and strategies



were put in place like never before after key elections. That is why the relevance of Selma is just as important today.

Don't let Selma and the historical event, Bloody Sunday, and the sacrifices of those that died in the struggle be in vain. Always remember the importance of what Selma taught us and put it into action by voting. It is your constitutional right, therefore exercise it to the fullest. If you have not seen the movie, it does an excellent job of telling the story and better yet, if you receive the opportunity to visit Selma, do so. The impact of those who endured speaks as you envision their struggle.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Sandra Tooley was born and raised in Valdosta, Georgia. She attended Valdosta City Schools and after graduation began working as a nurse's aide before returning to school (Valdosta Technical College) to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Before moving to Atlanta Sandra went back to school to receive her Associate Degree in Nursing.

While in Atlanta, Councilwoman Tooley traveled extensively in and out of the country. She returned to Valdosta in 2002. Since returning to Valdosta Councilwoman Tooley saw a need in her old neighborhood and desired to do something about it. She noticed young children waiting at the bus stop before six one morning and struck up a conversation with them. The children had not eaten. This concerned her so she began to provide breakfast for the children every morning. Eventually she began offering after school tutoring to the children along with an afternoon snack and then a summer program for children ages 7 to 18. All services provided

by Councilwoman Tooley are offered at a house she purchased and named the South Street Community Care House.

The South Street Community Care House is not limited to helping only the young but also assists the elderly in the community. Councilwoman Tooley helps the elderly fill out Social Security and Medicare forms. She has also helped elderly people obtain birth certificates. And today she provides lunch to people in the community at the South Street Community Care House every Tuesday along with groceries provided by the Second Harvest Food bank from 11:30 until 1:00.

In November 2013 she was elected to City Council to represent District 2. When asked about short and long term goals for District 2 as a member of City Council she said a primary goal is to get Troupe St. paved, ditches fixed, side-



**Councilwoman Sandra Tooley**

walks laid and a bike trail. She would like to see more industry in Miller Industrial Park and hopes the city can find someone to purchase the old Crackin Good building and bring jobs into the area.

## The Community is Digging Diggidees



Diggidees is an upstanding African American owned establishment located on 2117 Bemiss Road Valdosta Ga. The owners of the business are Ariel and Helen Lester and it was established in 2003. Diggidees has opened its Valdosta location in 2013. Diggidees started in the small town of Naylor Ga with a dream of providing the only restaurant in the area. Diggidees started out as a thought of being a hot dog stand but the owners quickly realized that the business could be much more and is known as the pork chop place. Diggidees commitment to severing high quality food at an affordable price has made it one of Valdosta finest restaurants .One of the key factors to the creation of the restaurant is Helens brother-in-law Tommy Lester. He inspired them to open the restaurant over 12 years ago. As Helen talked about Tommy, she went into deep thought and talked how he was a chef and helped developed their skills in kitchen. Diggidees short-term goal is to continue to strive to be an outstanding restaurant in the area. Its long-term goal is to eventually become a franchise. During Helen and Ariel time away from Diggidees they are heavily involved in the community doing various community service projects with teenagers throughout the community.

## Prophetic Word.... GOD WILL RESTORE ALL!!

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. (Joel 2:25) God Will Restore All in 2015!! Whatever the enemy has destroyed and taken away, God will bring it back to you double.

# THE FINAL PLAY

Super bowl 49 will go down in history as one of the most historic of super bowls. You would think the reason for its place in history would be because of the opposing teams stats. Maybe because of the rise of a dynasty and the end of a dynasty. None of the above reasons will solidify super bowl 49 as one of the most historic super bowls ever. The reason this super bowl will have a significant place in history is because of THE FINAL PLAY of the Seattle Seahawks offense. Every Monday Morning analyst have the original script of how this movie, I mean show, I mean play should have ended. Let's start with the facts. Just to name a few. You have the best running back in the league with yards after contact in your backfield.

You have the best running quarterback in the league under center. You have the best read option duo in your backfield.

You have the best offensive percentage of gaining three to four yards per play.

Not to mention on this final play that you are only one yard away from winning back-to-back super bowls. Then you allow the devil to get you, I'm talking about Pete Carroll, to THROW it away. Isn't that just like us church folk to be right on the verge of a breakthrough and then allow the enemy to cause us to throw it away. I forgot this is not a message. Back to the game. They could



have asked me what to do for their next play and throwing the ball would have been suggestion one million one. In other words, it never would have crossed my mind. Are you serious? Throw the ball! This play has been unofficially categorized as the worst play in super bowl history! After listening to Pete Carroll's explanation of the final play call, I still think it will go down as the worst play call he has ever made. This super bowl will not be remembered because of the outstanding play of the MVP of the game, or the relentless effort of Marshawn Lynch as a runner, nor the remarkable and unbelievable catch made by Jerome Kears. This super bowl will be forever remembered for the worst play call in super bowl history. THE FINAL PLAY.

## The VSU College Experience

Hi my name is Kasey Carter and I was born and raised in Valdosta Ga. I attended Valdosta High School and graduated in 2009. I always had dreams of attending college but I definitely did not want to stay in Valdosta to do so. I like many of you who are reading this thought going to Valdosta State University would be boring and not a true college experience. I couldn't have been more wrong about anything else in my life than the thought of VSU not being a true college experience. My first day on the campus of VSU was so exciting and different than any other thing that I experienced in my life. I was surrounded by a different culture and had a feeling that I was living in a city within a city. Valdosta State University is a very diverse campus with people from all walks of life and from around the world. It is truly a melting pot. College was the greatest time of my life from the social aspect to networking with various people. I was heavily involved with various groups and activities during my time as an undergraduate. I had the pleasure and honor of joining one of the greatest Fraternities ever known to man, which is none other than Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. This great organization taught me how to be a leader of men. I also had some crazy times with the fraternity from traveling, going to see other chapters of the fraternity, to step shows, to just having a great time with the brotherhood. I make a joke all the time about by saying while I was at VSU I got a degree. The lessons I learned while I was in college will carry me on through life. All of the late nights studying and writing papers and pulling all nighters was truly worth it once I walked across that stage with a B.A in Criminal Justice. Education truly opens doors for you that would otherwise be closed. I am so glad that I was able to attend and graduate from college because the job market is a very competitive place and you cannot even compete for a job with out a degree. I can truly say that the biggest reason for me graduating is the push that my parents gave me to keep going. My college experience was truly one that I will remember for the rest of my life!

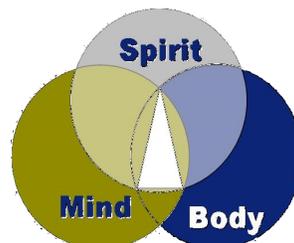


## Take Heart...Health Matters

The Bible admonishes us to, "guard our heart with all diligence because out of it flows the issues of life. This is true not only where spiritual matters are concerned, but also in the natural. Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is the nation's leading killer of both men and women across all racial and ethnic groups. One in five Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease. In fact, coronary heart disease is our country's single leading cause of death. Stroke is No 3.

Much of the death and disability from CVD is preventable. If we focus on realistic ways of reducing risk,

we can decrease the number of Georgians who die from cardiovascular disease. One way to reduce the risk of CVD is to advocate for healthier communities and following treatment recommendations.



- **Get Checked!** Get regular check-ups and take an active role in your

health. Also monitor your blood pressure and cholesterol.

- Maintain a body mass index (BMI) of less than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- **Be Active!** Incorporate physical activity into your daily routine.
- **Be Smoke Free!** Call the Georgia Tobacco Quit Line 1-800-QUIT-NOW or sign up for smoking cessation classes.
- Drink alcohol in moderation
- **Eat Healthy!** A diet consisting of high intakes of fruits and vegetables, cereal fiber, meat (chicken and fish), nuts, legumes, and low trans and saturated fats.