

Called to Wonder

Created by Erin Walton

A love story...

Every February we celebrate Valentine's Day by giving flowers, candy and cards to those we love. We do this in honour of Saint Valentine.



Legend has it that Valentine was a priest in third-century Rome. The emperor at that time, Claudius II, outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailer's daughter. Before he died he sent the first 'Valentine' himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it 'Your Valentine', words still used on cards today.

Perhaps we'll never know the true story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure, February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages.

There are many different kinds of love to celebrate.

Look up the following Bible verses to hear stories of amazing love.

- o Ruth & Naomi, Ruth 1:14-22
- o Jonathan & David, 1 Samuel 18: 1-4, 19:1-7
- o Jacob & Rachel, Genesis 29
- o Hannah & Samuel, 1 Samuel 1:19-25
- o The Prodigal Son, Luke 15:20-32

But the best love story of all is found in John 3:16. Read it to discover who loves you the most!

Share your love...

Make a Valentine's card for the people you love: mother, father, sister, brother, friend, neighbour.

Dear Lord

Thank you for loving me so much that you sent your Son to

die for me. Please be with those people who don't feel very much love today. Surround them with the warmth of your loving arms.

[© 2006 PRESBYTERIAN RECORD INC.]