

# Georgia Nazarene News

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## Ministry Team

### RETREAT

Epworth-by-the-Sea  
St. Simons Island, Georgia  
March 1, 2, and 3, 2005  
Speaker: Dr. Bill and Jan Burch

All pastors and spouses are encouraged to attend since this is a vital time for renewal. Churches are urged to fund this event for their pastor and spouse and to make arrangements for child care where necessary.



*Calling All Seniors!*

### PRIME TIME RETREAT

APRIL 1-3, 2005  
ADRIAN CAMP & CONFERENCE  
CENTER

SPEAKER  
DR. R. E. ROGERS  
GEORGIA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

MUSIC - JOHN GILLESPIE



**Welcome  
New Members!**

Bloomington-Jennifer &  
Michael Vincent  
Columbus Grace - Crystal  
Strong  
New Life International-Debra  
Minor, Ann Pineshia Smith,  
Khadijaj Allen, Mylela Howard,

Justin Geiger, Kim Javon Smiley, Tikela Allen  
Sharpsburg-Nancy Lewis, Pam & Jason Wilson  
St. Mark-Robert Parsons  
Wilkes-Lisa Warnock



## District Meeting

Nazarene Missions  
International Convention -  
**JULY 6-7, 2005** - Dublin

District Assembly - **JULY 8-9, 2005** - Dublin

Family Camp Meeting -  
**JULY 10-17, 2005** - Adrian

Note these dates for your calendar planning:  
**2006 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
JUNE 2-3**  
**2007 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
JUNE 1-2**



February 14 is Valentine's Day. According to American Greetings, every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones. February has long been a month of romance. There are several legends as to the founding of Valentine's Day. According to one legend, Saint Valentine actually sent the first valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement.

Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today as a means to express love for someone.

Let's look at love Biblically. We are all familiar with 1 Corinthians 13. There is nothing more we

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need than a refreshing of the love of God in our lives.

Chapter 13 outlines the "ingredients of love". In these verses we see Jesus Christ and recognize His purpose that each one of us should be like Him in His character of love. Let's look at a few of the descriptions of love:

- **LOVE SUFFERS LONG.** This is the first quality of love. Love is patiently silent when one has been wronged. It refuses to give way to anger. It does not strike back. The Lord Jesus, when He was reviled, reviled not again. How about US?
- **LOVE IS KIND.** To be kind to the person who has done us wrong is a triumph of grace. The love of God is not only patient but kind. The greatest thing one can ever do is to be kind to God's children. Love shows positive grace and kindness. Are we like that?
- **LOVE ENVIES NOT.** It does not begrudge the privileges and gifts others have or seek out gain for itself. Only love can be content with its own place. Where there is no love, there will inevitably be envy. Love knows no jealousy. The Lord Jesus went about doing good and never desired good to be done to Himself. Are you envious and jealous with other's gifts, opportunities, abilities, possessions or position in life?
- **LOVE VAUNTETH NOT ITSELF.** Moffatt tells us, "Love makes no parade." Love never seeks to win the praise or applause of others. When a man begins to boast, he is advertising his emptiness and ignorance. The Lord Jesus laid aside His glory and humbled Himself for the sake of others. How about us? Are we boastful, proud or conceited?
- **LOVE IS NEVER PUFFED UP.** Love is never arrogant, but humble; is never contemptuous of others. Jesus showed no vanity or conceit or contempt of others. Do we?
- **LOVE DOES NOT BEHAVE ITSELF UNSEEMLY.** Love is not rude but courteous. The love of God is shown in the little, everyday things of life.
- **LOVE SEEKS NOT HER OWN.** Love is not selfish but is self-forgetful. Love does not seek its own rights but finds joy in serving others. Love does not seek out gain for self.
- **LOVE IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED.** Love is not bad-tempered. Love is never

- irritated but we become short-tempered so easily. A temper is often excused as something people can't help. A temper demonstrates a lack of love. Jesus hated sin, but He was never angry at wrong done to Himself. Love is not easily provoked.
- **LOVE THINKS NO EVIL.** Love will always keep a record of the kindnesses it receives and be thankful for them but it will not keep a record of wrongs. Love has an amazing power to forget. May we work at never remembering a wrong done to us and never forget kindnesses done.
- **LOVE REJOICES NOT IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH.** Love does not delight in exposing the sins of other people. It will weep over sin and be brokenhearted over failure; it will condemn the sin, but love will always yearn to cover and protect the one who has fallen.
- **LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS.** Love gets under the load of life and bears it to the limit. Love patiently endures suffering; is not shaken by ingratitude. Think of what Jesus bore and yet asked the Father to forgive. How about us?
- **LOVE BELIEVES ALL THINGS.** Love is not basically suspicious. It takes the kindest view of others in every circumstance. Love considers the motives and makes allowance for failure.
- **LOVE HOPES ALL THINGS.** When love is disappointed, it will hope for better things. Love never despairs of anybody. God is not willing that any should perish.
- **LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS.** Love cannot be conquered. It bears, believes, hopes and endures.



Go and love others as our Lord Jesus Christ did!

Dr. R. E. Rogers  
District Superintendent