

Dear NU Family,

I hope you are enjoying this long weekend of holidays! Yesterday, you might have had Valentine's Day on your mind. As we pass this holiday that has come to represent romance and declarations of undying love, I invite you to consider the deepest love you can ever receive: the love of God. Frederick Lehman's beautiful hymn captures the vastness of God's love for us:

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell...

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

If we could write about God's love on every part of nature, we still couldn't capture the depth and breadth and height and width of His love for us! This isn't just a beautiful thought. It's the truth. Furthermore, God put His boundless love into action, orchestrating all of history to lead to Jesus and His life, death, and resurrection so that He can redeem all things.

As much as I love a good romance story, I'm even *more* grateful for this unfailing, all-surrounding love God demonstrates to you and me every single moment. Let's be grateful for it again today!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon, Feb 15 | NO MONDAY DEVOS | University Closed for President's Day

Mon, Feb 15 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30PM

Wed, Feb 17 | Dr. Jim Marocco: Spiritual Warfare | Butterfield Chapel, 10 and 11:20AM

Wed, Feb 17 | Staff and Faculty Chapel: Dr. Jim Marocco | Butterfield Chapel, 3:40PM

Wed, Feb 17 | Live Dead Prayer Meeting | Butterfield Chapel, 7PM*

Thurs, Feb 18 | Last Lecture: Dr. Rowlanda Cawthon | Perks Lounge, 7PM*

Fri, Feb 19 | Dr. David Thomas: Baptism and Gifts of the Holy Spirit | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20AM

** Spiritual Life credit offered*

I look forward to growing with you in receiving and sharing the love of God this week,

Your friend,

Pastor Phil

NU Campus Pastor

