“Love Came in a Person, Not A Package”
1 John 1:1-3
Our Fascination With Packages, Big and Little!

Curiosity – “what’s inside?”

VS.
God’s Love = Personal!
“See and Feel Love”

John 1:14 – “Word became Flesh and dwelt among us!”

“What we have heard, seen with our eyes, beheld, our hands have handled” …. 1 John 1:1-2

**Purpose**: answer the Gnostics + Docetics confusing the early church

“eternal life was manifested to us” vs. 3
“Love By Person” @ Flat Creek

2 fold challenge:  Loving the body of Christ
Loving a lost community

At Flat Creek = a tangible expressions of love

* praying for vs. praying with
* practical helps for widows
* meals prepped and served on Wed

Difference tween ordinary + extraordinary
But We’re Also Called to Love
The Lost, Broken, Hurting:
People Created In His Image

Matthew 4:23-25 – “He went into the villages, teaching, proclaiming, healing....”

Golden Chorale – Smoky Springs, Waterford, shut-ins – little town of Maxeys

Backpack ministries = week after week with Flowery Branch, Oakwood children
Sew-and-So Ladies + AWANA = outreach to children and their families in NEGAMC
Awana Gift Bags
From Some Group Ministries to ALL Group Ministries

What if our SS classes took on mission projects?

Or, since some members overlap, what if classes supported mission projects already in motion?

Why bother? B/C “health” in the Body of Christ means 100% involvement!

The Lord is worthy of 100% of our effort!
Our Ministry Partners

Cooperative Program (8%)
Chattahoochee Association (2%)
Good News at Noon (men’s homeless shelter)
Good Samaritan (food pantry)
New Work Foundation (new churches)
Choices Pregnancy Center (crisis pregnancy/health)
My Sister’s Place (women’s homeless shelter)
Gateway House (domestic abuse shelter)
Jon Huebner Apartment Ministries
(Harrison Sq; Melrose; Atlanta St.; Tower Heights; Park Hill Apts.)
The Late Billy Mays:

What’s Beyond Just Sending Money??

What if we take the next step and get involved??

Tired of sex trafficking in NEGA??

What can we do?
Philippians 2:12b – 13
“...work out salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure...”

What’s in your wallet?
What’s in your “package” ???

TAKE NOTE OF WHAT IS OVERFLOWING