

In this series, "Jesus' Words To The World", we have been focusing upon Jesus' command to love. Paul's wrestlings with the church in Corinth necessitated that he go back to the basics. To do this, he appeals to the most basic characteristics that describe the children of God because they are not only the recipients of their Father's love, they also, like Him, seek to perpetuate His love in the hearts and lives of other people. And so, Paul describes this holy love in the most beautiful of terms:

1 Corinthians 13 - New International Version (NIV)

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails.

Celebrate!

Birthdays

2/15 Elise Kubvaruno
2/15 Jake Batson
2/16 Steve Parsons
2/17 Kim Batson

Anniversaries

2/14 Scott & Robin Freeman

Attendance & Giving

February 5, 2017

Worship Attendance: 29

Contribution: \$1,343.00



Welcome!

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To make Christ known through acts of loving service.

We hope you have been encouraged in your daily walk with Christ today. If this is your first time with us please complete an attendance card and place it in the collection plate. While we will respect your privacy, our prayer is that this will be a first step towards a relationship that will lift up Christ as we strive together to follow Him.

February 12, 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

#3 Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

#100-101 Holy Ground Medley

#144 O Worship the King

Opening Prayer

In Christ Alone

Just As I Am (I Come Broken)

How Deep the Father's Love

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation

Sermon – Love Your Enemies and Pray For Those

Who Persecute You

#719 Love One Another

Prayer Requests and Testimony

Closing Prayer

#797 Lord We Come Before Thee Now

#794 Unto Thee O Lord

Services

Sunday

Worship 10:00 am
Sunday School 11:15 am
Caretel Service: 10:00 am
Willows Service: 11:00 am
Evening Bible Study 5:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class 9 am
Friday Men's Breakfast 6:45 am

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Upcoming Events

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

- Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Ladies' Bible Class, Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- NEW - John's Gospel @ Alexander Lyles' Home – Wednesday, 2/15 – 7:00 pm
- Men's Breakfast, Fridays at 6:45-7:45 am at @ Joe's Cafe

Prayer Requests

Barb Conkin, Vanessa Matthews, Ken Weatherford, Dewayne and Debra Shannon.

- Ken Weatherford's condition is now terminal as he convalesces at home under the care of Hospice. He continues to lose weight as the cancer progresses. His daughters are rotating with 24/7 care and his pain is more under control.
- Timmy Dibble (4 years old) of Coloma is fighting leukemia. Prayers for successful chemo treatment and strength for him and his family.
- Greg Ives mother (Brenda Ives mother-in-law) is very ill and has stopped eating.
- Gloria Bradley's daughter, Takishia Knox, is still recovering from back surgery
- Ben Alexander's grandfather is dealing with the effects of long term and ongoing cancer treatments.

Announcements

The January budget reports are prepared and the congregational information sheets are available in the foyer

This afternoon Harvest Bible Chapel will be having their Fresh Encounter event in our auditorium. This is a great time for singing, prayer, a lesson, and baptisms of new believers. Everything starts at 5:30 and we are all invited to join in!

Be sure to plan to stay next Sunday following services for our potluck and communication meeting.

Timeline For Deciding Future Course of the Church of Christ of St. Joseph.

A time of prayer and fasting

- **February 19 – Pot Luck Communication**
 - **40 Days of Prayer**
 - **Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 18**
- **March 19 – Pot Luck Communication**
- **September 17 – Implement Plan**