

His Place

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Love: What the world ^{has} needs now

A 1965 Hal David/Burt Bacharach song asserts that: *“What the world needs now, is love, sweet love./Love’s the only thing that there’s just too little of.”*

But it’s not true that there’s too little love. Love already reaches from the highest heavens to the core of the God-created Earth.

That’s because “God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him” (1 John 4:16).

God “fearfully and wonderfully” made us (Psalm 139:14). He molded us with His hands and breathed life into us (Genesis 2:7). And when we fell far short of what our Creator

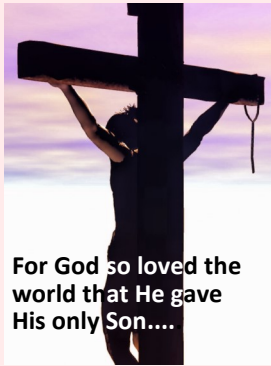
Intended, He gave His life for us. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

As the time for His death approached, Jesus instructed His disciples, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:13). And He continued, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends” (John 15:13) – an act Jesus was about to perform.

In addition, shortly before His arrest, Jesus prayed, “Father, the hour

has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him” (John 17:1-3).

Valentine flowers or chocolate are nothing compared with this gift of love!





CHURCH EVENTS

- The Holy Spirit is scheduled to appear each Sunday during our worship services. Worship begins at 10:30 am.
- “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path” (Psalm 119:105). We study the Bible together each Sunday at 9:30 am, and have classes for children and adults.



And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands!

Chris had risen, on January 29, to share a few songs from the “sonic” church of his youth. “Kelly, I just need a solid beat on 1-2-3-4,” he asserted. Soon the entire church was clapping and sprinting around the church, to the strains of “Can’t Nobody Do it Like Jesus,” “Jesus on the Main Line,” and “Power from on High.” “When the saints walk out of here, they’re triumphant,” Chris declared.



Children's Ministry

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. Psalm 127:3-5

Our children study Jesus's parables: repentance, joy, humility, and prayer

We can bring joy to heaven

New Year's Day and snow hindered Sunday School on the first two Sundays of January. However, the children plunged back into action January 15 with a lesson on the joy God feels when sinners repent. The kids learned that, just as the woman rejoiced when she found her lost coin, "there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents" (Luke 15:10).



The children decorated two-sided Greek coins inscribed with Luke 15:9 on one side and Luke 15:10 on the other. They also took turns digging up 10 card stock coins buried in salt. Then they unscrambled the letters printed on the coins to reveal how God feels when a sinner repents: "He is joyful."

Pop goes the pride



On January 22, the children took turns reading, out loud, a series of boasts. As each boast was read, one child puffed into a balloon, until the balloon's inevitable **POP**

This activity introduced the children to the boastful Pharisee and the repentant tax collector described in Luke 18:9-14.



The children also applied markers, jeweled stickers, and creativity to "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord" posters.

The radiance of prayer

The following Sunday, January 29, the children blended corn syrup, water, beads, and metallic confetti in plastic bottles. These "prayer bottles," when shaken, demonstrated how the radiance of prayer infuses our lives.



The children learned that unlike the unjust judge in Luke 18:1-8, God listens when we pray. "So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night?" (Luke 18:7)

From The Pastor's Desk

Thoughts from Pastors Paul and Marion

Dear Church Family and Friends,

It seems as if it were only yesterday that we sent out our last post. Time is moving so fast that we can hardly keep up with it!

Forgive us for being so late in getting out our February Newsletter. We both have been so very busy, as all of us seem to be these days. We just finished a major renovation project on our house, and feel very blessed with the results.

We want to invite everyone to our "Saturday Night Alive," this Saturday night, beginning at 6:30 p.m., for a time of food, fellowship, praise and worship, and prayer. We hope everyone will come out to worship the only One worthy of our praise, Jesus our Savior. There will be no teaching, or preaching, just praise, worship, and prayer.

This is one of my favorite times of the month, where we just get together to fellowship and visit with no time restrictions.

We want each of you to know how special you are to us, and what an important part you are to the Kingdom of God. You all have God-given giftings and callings, and we want to encourage you to step out in them. That is our desire for the Body of Jesus, and one of the reasons God called each one of us to edify one another and build one another up.

Time is growing short. We believe Jesus could return for His Bride any day. That is why we must be doing all we can to grow, and to speak into other's lives, that others may know our precious Savior, Lord, and King, Jesus.



Please know that if there is anything we can do for you, we are always here for you. Always. So remain strong in the Lord and in the power of HIS might! He loves you and so do we!

Blessings in Jesus,
Your Pastors

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