

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Service

- Song Leader Akel Marshall
- Scripture Reading Jim Tobias
- Opening Prayer Jim Tobias
- Lord's Supper Kelly Knepley
Philip Steele
- Closing Prayer Luke Collinsworth

Sunday Evening Service

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Opening Prayer Tom Haddox
- Closing Prayer Akel Marshall

Wednesday Evening Service – April 9th

- Song Leader Akel Marshall
- Opening Prayer Tom Haddox
- Closing Prayer Luke Collinsworth

Today's Sermons:

AM – Jesus' Teaching On Salvation

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 7:13-14**

PM – Dynamic Faith in a Deluded World: "When They Call for Truth" (Daniel 4)

Wednesday Adult Class Study: 2nd Samuel

"Let Brotherly Love Continue"

Hebrew 13:1

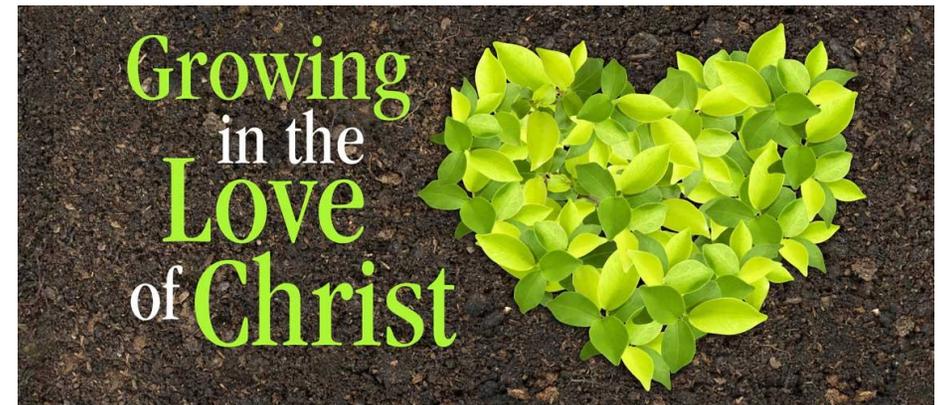
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SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday



Local Cable 18

@ 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM

Bible Class 9:30 AM

Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 6:30 PM

April 6, 2014

God Is Love

By Charles Cash

The Bible says, “*God is love.*” (1 John 4:8, 16) Love is much more than an attribute of God; it is the ultimate description of the Divine. God is “omnipotent;” He has all power! He is “omniscient;” having all knowledge! But nowhere does the Bible say, “God is power,” or “God is knowledge.”

These are attributes, wonderful and incomprehensible to be sure. What God is, is love. After all these centuries no better definition of God can be found than to say simply, with John, “*God is love.*”



Back of everything is the love of God. Nobody has ever been able to explain the life principle, the spark of life, apart from God. Our very existence, our very life, is due to God's infinite love and His “*breath of life.*” The atheist does not deny God so much as he denies himself. Life, itself, demands the God of heaven to explain it.

God's love is incomprehensible.

The apostle Paul prayed that we “*may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.*” (Ephesians 3:18-19) Yes, the love of God and Christ cannot be fully fathomed! Wouldn't you think that is because we don't have the kind of love God has? It is difficult to understand how God could do what He did. Would you die to save the worst sinner you have ever known? Christ did! Would you die to save the man who masterminded 9-11? Christ did!

God's love is constant.

“*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” (Romans 8:37-39) Little wonder that one writer called Romans 8 “a lyrical outburst of the apostle Paul.” What a passage of scripture! “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning”

God's love is unconditional.

“*But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” (Romans 5:8) God's love predates any performance on our part. He will still love us even if we do not respond to that love in order to be saved. God waits.

God's love is sacrificial.

The greatest verse in the Bible on the subject of love is also the greatest verse on the subject of giving. It combines the loftiest of all gifts with the most sublime example of love. “*For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son.....*” (John 3:16)

God's love is compelling.

Paul was no doubt giving his own personal testimony as well as instructing us when he said, “*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all.*” (2 Corinthians 5:14) “*We love Him because He first loved us.*” (1 John 4:19) This is the greatest reciprocal relationship of life. What a motivation!

No wonder John says, “*God is love.*”

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- **Potluck** – April 13th, immediately after the morning service.
- **Monthly Men's Business Meeting** – Immediately after the potluck.
- **Men's Breakfast** – Saturday, April 19th @ 7:30 AM at Big Boy's followed by Bible Study in the fellowship hall.
- **Church Family Night** – Our next Movie night is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th @ 6 p.m.

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Study (03/30) – 13
Sunday Morning Service (03/30) – 23
Sunday Evening Service (03/30) – 16
Mid-week (04/02) – 18

Statistics:

Contribution Last Week (03/30) - \$866
Average Contribution (per week, up to 03/30) – \$989
2014 Weekly Contribution Goal – \$1015

Remembrance in prayer:

- **Betty Navin** – ongoing health issues.
- **Kristine Haddox** – severe Bell's palsy
- **Melva French** – (Cheryl French's mother)
- **Karen** – (Mae's daughter)
- **Tim Brown** – (friend of Carl) diagnosed with liver cancer
- **Bob Engel** – (friend of Jim) has cancer and is in hospice care
- **Lesley Harrison** – (friend of Barb) is battling lung cancer.
- **Bobbi Ross** – (Tobias' daughter)