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God's Love vs. Man's Love

This week, many of you will be celebrating a special holiday (Men, here is your reminder to get flowers and chocolates). Valentine's Day is a special day when we remember the love we have for our significant other. We spend the whole day showering our partners with gifts, flowers, candies, and maybe even a nice, candle-lit dinner. It's good to show the people closest to us that we love them and appreciate them. In fact, I think the strongest couples do so on a regular basis, not just on Valentine's Day.

As you are declaring your love for your spouse or significant other this Thursday, don't forget to remember the love that God has shown us. When I look at how much I love my wife, I know it doesn't even come close to the amount of love God has for His people. God's love is so much different than man's love.

God's love is eternal, man's is emotional. Since the beginning, God has loved His people and has proven that throughout the entire Bible. Paul tells us that because God loved us, he chose us to be adopted into the name of Jesus Christ before the foundations of the world were even set. (Eph. 1:4-5). He has always loved us and will continue to love us. However, we love based on emotion. We love whatever is making us feel good. Many people have left their spouse because the love "just went away." We need to learn to love like God loves. God looks at us even in our darkest times and continues to show His love for us.

God's love is selfless, man's is selfish. God's love for His people drove Him to send His only Son to die on earth as a criminal (John 3:16). He gave up everything so that you and I can have hope at eternal life. In most relationships, each side of the couple is in it for some sort of self-satisfaction. Maybe it's physical or emotional needs. Maybe it's the need to feel wanted or maybe it's the feeling of security. Whatever it is, we as humans look for love so that we can have our own wants fulfilled.

Let us learn to love like God loves. Go read 1 Corinthians 13 and see if it describes your marriage or your relationship with God. Love is the greatest gift that God has given us. Let us share it with those closest to us.

- Kevin Harrington

GATHERING TIMES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

GREENBANK FOOD PANTRY

Thursday Evenings—Doors are open 6:00-7:00 PM

Volunteer Schedule:

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
Thursdays 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Fridays 9:00 AM

To volunteer contact: Ed or Sue Maynard
302-994-3800

Order of Worship

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story—R165

Welcome

Count Your Many Blessings—R545

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less—R558

Scripture Reading & Prayer

I Am Thine, O Lord—R599

The Old Rugged Cross—R655

Communion

Offering

Wonderful Words of Life—R303

"Revolutionary Loving"

All to Jesus I Surrender—R604

Shepherd's Prayer



Welcome to Bobby Ross, chief correspondent with The Christian Chronicle, who is with us today.

If you would like to receive The Christian Chronicle at home, please write your name and mailing address on the list at the Welcome Center. The publication will be sent to you, free of charge, each month.



Help keep our prayer list current by providing regular updates on family and friends.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Greenbank Church of Christ: *As we begin this new journey together, may all that we do be to the glory of God.*

PRAYER: **Colie Mason:** illness; **Carl Martin family:** strengthen their faith; **Denny family:** illness; **Curt Hull:** eye surgery; **Janice Hull:** kidney stones; **Richard Murphy:** health concerns; **Anna Baluk:** health concerns; **Wyndi Walker:** had heart cath last week; **Bobby Crusco:** fell & cracked a rib; **Penny Price's husband:** in Christiana Hospital; **Lois Banner:** job search; **Unyime Ukit:** pray my faith with continue to grow; **Marquita Lloyd:** health concerns; **Loren Reed:** in CHOP with an injury to his back; **George Adair:** improving slowly; **Paul King:** awaiting lung transplant; **Brad Carman:** recovery from kidney transplant

SHUT-INS: Connie Dowds—hospice care; Agnes Ignudo; Joan Gaynor

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Marie Difilippo; Gladys Gerhart, John Arnold, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, Harry Schaeffer, Melissa Griffiths, Jerry Faraday, Ruth Pence, Janette McGowan, Mike Saylor, Peggy Wetzel, Nadine Henderson, Pam Dahlstrom, Riley Dennis, Sylvia Regester

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Rachel Johnson, Kyle Cox, Heather Abosch, Brent Tucker, Tatiana Vargas, Justin Walls, Kristal Moreta, Mackenzie Naseery, Ethan Reed, Prisilla Sanichar, Jesse Schuhart, Antonio Sanichar

MISSIONS: Ghana Bible College, Samuel Agbeta (Nkwanta, Ghana), Cape May Courthouse church; Blue Hens for Christ; Camp Manatawny; Chad & Amy Westerholm (Mozambique)

OUR COUNTRY: Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

GREENBANK NEWS

*WINTERFEST MEETING—TODAY

All who are attending Winterfest, and their parents, need to attend this meeting. We will talk about last minute details for the trip and answer any questions you have. We'll meet right after our morning service in the blue room.

*BARNABAS MINISTRY—FEBRUARY 16, 9:00 AM

We will meet this Saturday at the Reyes home (1303 Goldeneye Drive, New Castle). We will write birthday and encouragement cards and talk about how we can expand our ministry. Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

*SERVING AT GREENBANK—FEBRUARY 23, 8:30 AM

Our elders have scheduled a meeting for all who desire to put your talents to work for the Lord. This meeting is to identify those who are willing to lead our ministries. You recently received a list of ministry areas. If you are interested in leading a ministry, or would like to learn more about our ministries, this meeting is for you. If you are interested in a ministry area but cannot be at the meeting, please contact Doug Mattis.

***UPDATED FAMILY PHOTOS** All members and regular attendees need to see Yvette Curcio after our worship services over the next few weeks to have an updated photo taken for our picture board.

FOOD PANTRY—FEB 7 *We served 152 households (24 new) made up of 420 people providing 3,780 meals.* We anticipate another large group this week that will include those who still need to re-register for the new year. If you are available to help in the pantry this Thursday evening, please contact Sue Maynard at 302-545-6170 (call or text).

	<u>02/10/2019</u>	<u>In His Service</u>	<u>02/17/2019</u>
<u>Last Week</u>	R. Mickowski	Worship Leader	J. Clark
	W. Johnson	Scripture & Prayer	D. Regester
Sunday morning: 89*	C. Blue	Usher	B. Davis
*Incomplete data	D. Anderson	Communion	B. Reed
	E. Martin	Offering	M. Ray
Contribution: \$6345	D. Cox	Pass	R. Lewis
Year to Date: \$4484	G. Winder	"	M. Welsh
Budget: \$4500/week	G. Kirkland	"	J. Clark
	A. Davis	"	M. Brasefield
Wednesday evening: 24	Mason	Greeters	Lewis
	Brummett	"	Welsh
	E. Greenwood	Shepherd's Prayer	J. Friederichsen