



Nuggets of Treasure



February 2023

God's Love

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February is known as the month of love, but it promotes our sentimental notions of love. It is the type of love portrayed on Television or in movies, romantic love. The world's love is self-centered.

God's love is more significant than what the world has to offer. God's love is unconditional. The word unconditional is not mentioned in the Bible, but He demonstrates unconditional love. His love is absolute. There are no qualifications that have to be met. You do not have to do anything to deserve His love. The Greek word "Agape" is described as selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love. "Agape love" gives and loves because it wants to. We could say it is a decision to love. It does not demand or expect payment for love given. It does not expect repayment or something in return. Do we see others as valuable and desire what is best for them? Are we willing to lay aside what we believe we need to do for the sake of others?

If we look to I Corinthians 13:1-13, we will find the Bible's description of love. We first find out that love is superior to spiritual gifts. Everything apart from love is useless. A sign of the Holy Spirit operating in our lives is that we walk in love. I Corinthians 13:1-10 (Message Bible) "If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but

don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, believe, and do, I'm bankrupt without love. Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always. Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over someday; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled."

Love is not just words, but actions demonstrate it. When we are walking in love, we will patiently endure offense and those who annoy and hurt us. Too often, people today avenge themselves as soon as they have the opportunity. As we walk in the love of God, we will be kind and show kindness all the time.

Corinthians tells us what love is but also what love is not. Love does not envy, so we are willing that others should be preferred before us. Envy can be seen in jealousy, grudges, and resentment. Indeed they find fault with all; none can please them. Think of some of the people in the Bible whose envy caused significant issues. Cain envied, and he murdered Abel. Joseph's brothers envied Joseph and sold him into slavery. When we walk in love, we are not concerned about getting attention for our actions. Being arrogant, having a big head, or being self-focused is not walking in love. When we walk by the Holy Spirit, we will focus on the needs of others, be other-centered, and definitely will not be rude or discourteous. We are not just concerned about ourselves and our needs.

As we walk in love with the Holy Spirit, we will not become irritated or provoked by others. In addition, as we walk in love with the Spirit,

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Upcoming Events 2023

February 14 Valentine's Day



February 20 President's Day

March 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins



March 17 St. Patrick's Day



March 20 First Day of Spring

April 1 April Fool's Day

April 2 Palm Sunday

April 7 Good Friday

April 9 Easter

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"I still believe that standing up for the truth of God is the greatest thing in the world. This is the end of life. The end of life is not to be happy. The end of life is not to achieve pleasure and avoid pain. The end of life is to do the will of God, come what may."—Martin Luther King Jr.

"The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts."—A. W. Tozer

"I need Christ, not something that resembles Him."—C. S. Lewis

"Not now becomes never."—Martin Luther

"God raises the level of the impossible."—Corrie ten Boom

"Don't Quit. Someone is praying for you and you will make it through this."—Toby Mac

Birthday Blessings

2/3 Matt Dibben

2/12 Jacob McHenry

2/23 Megan McHenry



Happy Anniversary

2/22 Pastors Royce & Carol



Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

VOLUNTEER



Oasis Food Center Update

January 2023 (as of 1/25/23)

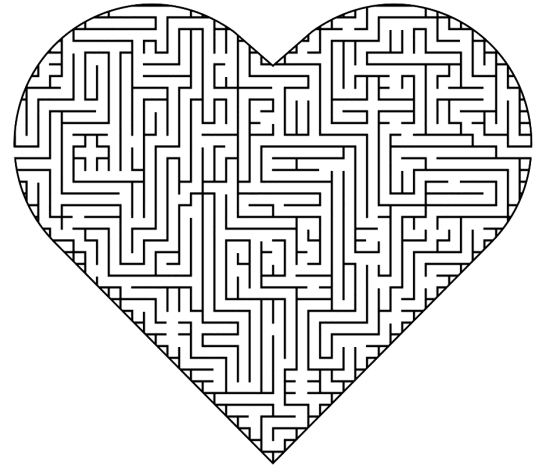
Families: 953
New Families: 57
Total People: 3,794

Year to Date 2023 (as of 1/25/23)

Families: 953
New Families: 57
Total People: 3,794

Year to Date 2022

Families: 15,288
New Families: 766
Total People: 60,604



Valentine's Day Word Search

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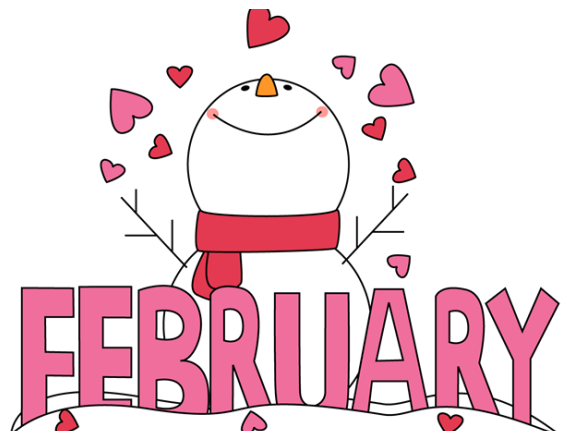
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Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





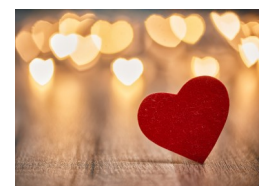
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we will not hold grudges. Store up in the memory wrongs that we have received. Love puts away the past instead of holding on to it. Love always wants the best for others and does not rejoice when someone falls short. Love always rejoices in the truth.

By the Holy Spirit, we can bear all things. We often think we can handle some things but not all things. We must realize we all need agape love and that none of us is perfect. We all have shortcomings. I Peter 4:8: And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Spurgeon writes, "I would, my brothers and sisters, that we could all imitate the pearl oyster. A hurtful particle intrudes itself into its shell, and this vexes and grieves it. It cannot eject the evil, and what does it do but cover it with a precious substance extracted from its own life, which turns the intruder into a pearl. Oh, we could do so with the provocations we receive from our fellow Christians so that pearls of patience, gentleness, long-suffering, and forgiveness might be bred within us by what has harmed us."

Some people always believe the worst, but the Lord calls us to believe the best of others. Love hopes for all things and endures all things. We should always expect and believe in the best. As Spirit-led believers, we should stand fast in love. Love is the measure of maturity.



Chicken Parmesan

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh Italian parsley leaves
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Eight 3-ounce chicken cutlets
- 1 1/2 cups Simple Tomato Sauce, recipe follows, or purchased marinara sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella
- 16 teaspoons grated Parmesan
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces



Simple Tomato Sauce:

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Two 32-ounce cans crushed tomatoes
- 4 to 6 fresh basil leaves
- 2 dried bay leaves
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, optional

Directions

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F.

Stir the oil and herbs in a small bowl to blend. Season with salt and pepper. Brush both sides of the cutlets with the herb oil. Heat a large heavy oven-proof skillet over high heat. Add the cutlets and cook just until brown, about 2 minutes per side. Remove the skillet from the heat. Spoon the marinara sauce over and around the cutlets. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of the mozzarella over each cutlet, then sprinkle 2 teaspoons of the Parmesan over each. Sprinkle the butter pieces atop the cutlets. Bake until the cheese melts and the chicken is cooked through, about 3 to 5 minutes.;

Simple Tomato Sauce:

In a large casserole pot, heat the oil over medium high heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté until soft and translucent, about 2 minutes. Add the celery and carrots and season with salt and pepper. Sauté until all the vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes, basil, and bay leaves and simmer covered on low heat for 1 hour or until thick. Remove the bay leaves and check for seasoning. If the sauce still tastes acidic, add unsalted butter, 1 tablespoon at a time to round out the flavors. Add half the tomato sauce into the bowl of a food processor. Process until smooth. Continue with the remaining tomato sauce.

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Often, as believers, we neglect the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Without the Holy Spirit working we could never become a child of God. That is not the end of the Holy Spirit's role or ministry in our lives. The secret to progress in our new life in God is through the Holy Spirit. He is the active agent in our walk as a child of God and development.

The Holy Spirit is here to impart daily strength to us. We can receive from the ministry of the Holy Spirit as we yield to Him and believe God's Word. The Holy Spirit transforms us into the image of Christ. Romans 8:5-6 (AMP) "For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. As we continue to read Romans Chapter 8, we find it is the Holy Spirit who helps with our carnal fleshly selves. It is by the Holy Spirit; we can live victoriously. It is the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in the inner man.

Everyday Godly Living

We are to be led or guided by the Holy Spirit. Think about this the Holy Spirit is an infallible guide. He is all-knowing, all-wise, and all-seeing. He is dependable. Each day is new to us and uncharted, we have never been this way before. We could be passing through the road of life, that has obstacles and enemies but we have the one who knows all that lies ahead, our special guide, the Holy Spirit. He gives us personal attention as He guides us through life. Not only does He lead us He enables and empowers us to walk the path that He is guiding us on. Zechariah 4:6 "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" It is by the Holy Spirit that we need to live each day.

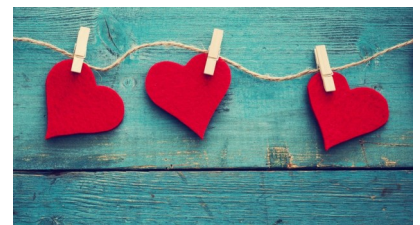
The Holy Spirit gives us an understanding of the Word of God. It makes it real and alive to us. He guides us into all truth. The Holy Spirit is also here to help us pray. We can look to Jude 20, Ephesians 6:18, and Romans 8:26-27. It is difficult to pray for things that are beyond our understanding, but we can pray in the Spirit.

Acts 1:8 "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of

the earth." The Holy Spirit gives us the power to serve and witness. He also gives us gifts to help others.

The Holy Spirit in the Book of John is called the Comforter which means Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, and Standby. These all describe what He can be for us if we only call on Him. The Holy Spirit is here to abide with us forever to empower us and help us live a life of obedience to the Word. John 14:16 (AMP) "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—" Think about a standby. It is a person who is ready to do what is needed they are just waiting for us to reach out and say we need help. What is a helper? An assistant, partner one who gives us aid. They work together with us. An advocate is a supporter, one believes in us and campaigns for us.

There is no way to cover all that the Holy Spirit has done or will do, or how He will enable us. We just need to be wise enough to yield to His leading and ask Him to help us in all that we do.





FEBRUARY 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	2 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	3	4
5 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	6	7	8 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	9 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	10	11
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26 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	27	28				

