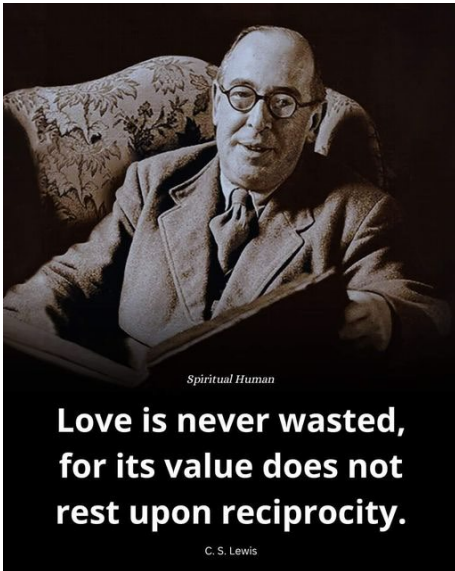


Weddings and Other Times



This past Saturday I had the joy of officiating the wedding of one of the youths who had been in my youth group over 19 years ago. It was actually a renewal of vows, but because it was their first religious ceremony, we treated it as a first-time ceremony. They had had a civil ceremony eleven years ago, before his deployment. As you can imagine, one of the scriptures I read was from 1 Corinthians 13.4-8a. **“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evils but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”**

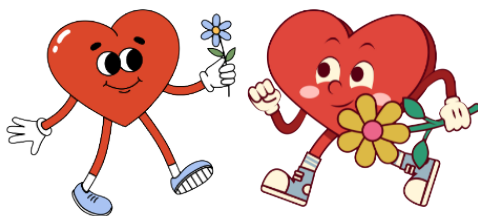
This is God's definition, if you will, of love. Of course, his definition of love is not just for married couples but is also the way we as Christ followers are to love everyone no matter what our relationship is with the other person, even if there is no relationship because we just met them.

The quote by C. S. Lewis is great because it reminds us that when we love others the way God calls us to love them, this expression of love is never wasted. His point is that the love that Paul wrote down in his first letter to the Corinthian church is not based upon the other person's response. It is not conditioned upon the other person loving us in return. Rather it is given to the other person simply because, “that is what we are to do.”

Today's culture and probably all cultures from those first days after the Fall, finds it hard not to seek reciprocity for any action toward others, but especially love. We love if they love us. We are kind, if they are kind to us. We help if they are willing to help us. We even become upset when someone does not say, “Thank you.” But all of that is not the Biblical way. We are to do all of those things, especially love, without condition, without expecting reciprocity. Remember our example is Christ. He loved and died for people who did not love Him and for people who never will (which breaks His heart and should break ours).

Therefore, let us love as Christ loved. Love never fails.

In Christ Alone



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it is not proud

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

Prayer & Praises

- Ruth Cook is in the Brethren Home receiving physical therapy/rehab.
- Joe Martin requested prayer for Chris Althouse who was just diagnosed with lung cancer that has spread to his spine.
- Mel Lehr wants to thank everyone who has been praying for him and especially for the cards and visits. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pray for Gerald Cook who was recently in the UPMC hospital with dehydration.



Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

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| *Kathy McWilliams | *Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer) | *Ken Warren | *Mary Fisher |
| *Alyssa Leakway | *Gloria Gerber | *Missy Braden | *Bryce Baublitz |
| *Julie Waggoner | *Bill Barley | *Brandon Little | *Derek Meck |
| *Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) | *Ruth Cook | *Victor Riddle | *Mark Lipsitz |

Cancer Special Prayers

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| *Julia McCartney | *Greg & Sandy George | *Butch Warren's brother | *Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) |
| *Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip | *Tom Kimmel | *Sandy Harlacker | |
| *Ellie Basko | *Mark Yonker | *Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) | |
| *Jean Beck | *Donald Moore | *Butch Warren | |

CBC Weekly Prayer Point

Please pray for Brother Scott Kinnick, Vice Chair of the CBC Executive Board who will be traveling to Africa in early June to meet with several leaders of the CBC congregations in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Cristo El Señor Congregation in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico and Pastor Jose Calleja Otero
- Cristo Nuestra Paz Congregation in Castañer, Puerto Rico and Pastor Norma Medina Aviles



VBS --- Vacation Bible School

July 28-August 1st

Volunteers Needed!!!

Story Tellers, Craft Leader & **2-3-year-old Teacher, Decorator Leader & Herders**

See Sue Mayle for more info and to sign up to help!
Registration is open on the website.

Bermudianchurch.org, paper forms in the library.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Wednesday 5/29

- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Women's/Men's Choir Practice 7:45 pm

Thursday 5/30

- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm
- ***Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday 6/2

- *9 am - Come Worship

Monday 6/3

- *Newsletter Prep

Next Week

Thursday 6/6

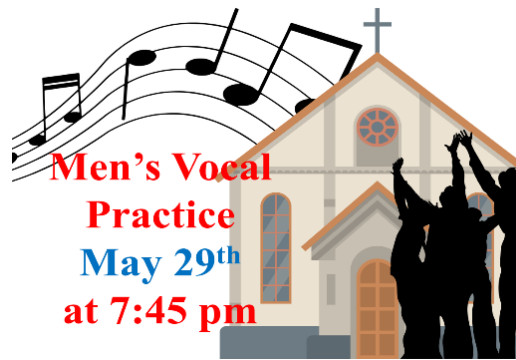
- *Walking with Jesus Study 1:30 pm
- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Sunday 6/9

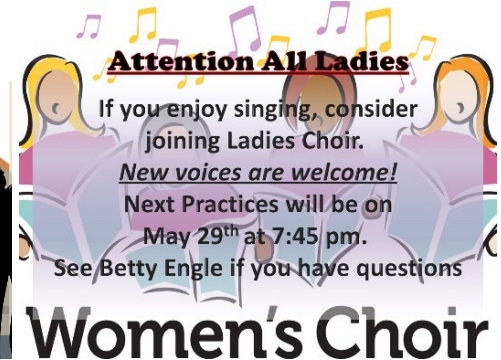
- *9 am - Come Worship
- *Widows/Widowers Luncheon 12 pm

Tuesday 6/11

- *Commissions Meeting 6 pm
- *Board Meeting 7 pm



**Men's Vocal
Practice
May 29th
at 7:45 pm**



Attention All Ladies

If you enjoy singing, consider joining Ladies Choir.

New voices are welcome!

Next Practices will be on
May 29th at 7:45 pm.

See Betty Engle if you have questions

Women's Choir

Newsletter

THE LAST DAY TO SEND ITEMS
IN TO BE PLACED IN THE
APRIL NEWSLETTER
IS MAY 30TH
BY 10:30 AM

**Wednesdays
May 29th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
with Pastor Gary**

Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Revelation

"The Great Disappearance"
By Dr. David Jeremiah

Small group study

Thursday evenings
May 30th, June 6th,
through June 13
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
The Gathering Place

celebrate
May
birthdays!

31 - Kathy McWilliams
31 - Christian Hoke

**Walking with Jesus
Thursday Afternoon Life Group
with Louise Julius
June 6th & June 20th
at 1:30 pm**

**First & Third Thursdays of the month
through June 20th
at 1:30 pm
The Gathering Place**

June



Happy Anniversary

3 - Wayne & Pat Miller
5 - Harold & Lois Breneman

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
June 9th
At Noon
At
Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Happy JUNE Birthdays!



3 - Joan Shearer
4 - Cory Thompson
5 - Trudy Wagner
5 - Ronald Billet

Commission Meeting at 6 Pm Board Meeting at 7 Pm

JUNE 11TH



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Meeting
Thursday, June 27th, 2024
10 am - 2 pm



MEN'S BREAKFAST

3rd Saturday each month
NEXT MEETING
June 15th, 7 am
Dover Valley Restaurant



**THE LORD IS WITH ME;
I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT CAN
MERE MORTALS DO TO ME?**

Psalms 118:6

