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Annual Valentine's Dinner

All Proceeds go to the Junior & Senior High Youth

Cost: \$20 per person payable after your meal.
February 17th 6:00 p.m.

Entrée choice of A) tender chicken breast in a champagne sauce
B) beef tenderloin in a burgundy mushroom glaze or C) vegetable lasagna made with alfredo. Appetizers, salad, dessert and after-dinner entertainment is also provided!

Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, Feb 11 to Diane Barton at diane.barton@perrigo.com or call (269)355-5170. Please indicate how many people wish to have each entrée as everything is made to order.

Note: We are not providing child care this year.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
12:15 Bible Study
6:00 Bible Studies
Impact Youth
6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA
6:30 Bible Study

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study– G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer



“Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God”

February is traditionally a month associated with love. How many single dating women hope for ring that proclaims the love of a special young man on Valentine's day. In fact, Valentine's Day is the second most popular day for engagements (Christmas is first). Valentine's Day and Valentine's Eve account for two of the top most popular dates for couples to become engaged. Consequently, we often associate February with love. To commemorate this, Cupid is frequently featured on the month's calendars.

When Jesus was asked which commandment was the greatest; His response: ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:27-40) All love begins with God. (1 John 4:19) and it is because of this love for us that we are able to love others. It is only through the love of God that we can love people. God shows us what love really looks like. God sent Jesus to die in our place, before we deserved—for we never could deserve it—we learn first to love God, then our fellow man.

Look at 1 Corinthians 13 for a picture of what true love looks like. This passage (often used at weddings) gives us a picture of what true love looks like. The greatest example of this love is that God sent His Son Jesus Christ to take the penalty for our sin (1 John 4:8-12).

It is only after God's love has affected our own lives that we can begin to love God. When we love God we can begin to love our fellow man. This is our ultimate goal as Christians. One demonstration of this love is that we share with our fellow man God's love for them.

Have you experienced God's love yourself? How is your love for God? Do you love as you should? Do we love our fellow man? Do we show that love by sharing the love of God?

Jim Hawkins—editor



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

ANGELS
LIFE depth
FUTURE present demons
HEIGHT

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)
 at the church. Potluck. Phone
 649-0656 (every other week)
 Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);
 Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;
 Dana and Terrie Schwartz – 6:00 –
 8:00 PM at their house -13643
 East R Ave., call – 929-6242
 (every other week)

Mondays:

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Pat Clarey led study-for AWANA par-
 ents—6:15 in Church library

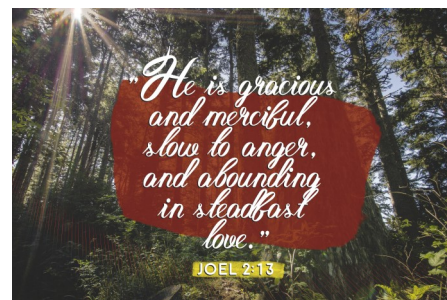
Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
 – 626-9764.



**Birthdays &
 Anniversaries
 This Month!**

1-Ron & Bev VanDyken
 5-Jonah Fleck
 6-Chase Audette
 8-Kaylyn Bartholomew
 8-Brendan Clarey
 8-Reed Steele
 9-Kris Fleck
 11-MacKenzie Vincent
 16-Herb Goodwin
 18-Kevin Dunlap
 23-Walter Dubbeld
 23-Payge Steele
 26-Troy Gray
 28-Madison Vincent

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or check with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgment before venturing out.

Shopping Fundraisers

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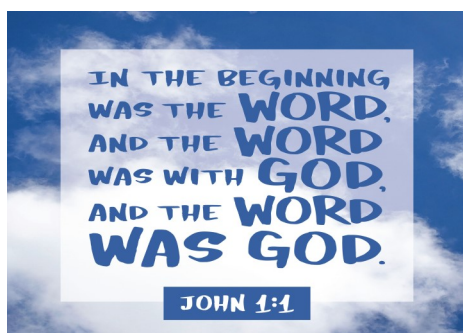
It's Coming

The 2018 Church Ministries Conference in Grand Rapids is March 9 and 10. This year's theme is "For the Sake of the Gospel... Building Bridges in a Wall Building World"

A number of sessions are offered to encourage you in your life and ministry. Other sessions will help build skills to be more effective in your ministry in the church and community. Country Christian has been attending this conference for the past few years and has benefited from the conference. This is not just a children's ministry conference.

Brochures are available that detail each of the work sessions and cover areas such as general ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry, leadership, discipleship, evangelism, counseling, and other areas. See a Christian Ed board member for a brochure or go to the conference website <http://www.churchministriesconference.com>

The conference is Friday evening and all day Saturday. The church will provide transportation on Saturday. The church will cover the cost of the conference; however there is a savings for registrations made prior February 23. Please see a Christian Ed



GM Korner

2018 will be my 2nd year serving as a Board Member of the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. I am grateful and blessed beyond words with this Mission – praise God...my cup runneth over! Going into 2018, I've committed to doing a better job of keeping my church family and community apprised of the happenings and needs taking place at the Mission.

The KGM is always hopping this time of year due to the weather and the critical need for services that winter brings. The KGM's three main categories are: emergency shelter, food service, and long-term shelter with programming. Unfortunately, homelessness continues to grow in our area, but also throughout the United States. The sad news at KGM: 310+ average beds needed nightly; of those, 170+ are women and children. The common reasons are always present – mental illness, addiction, loss of job, abusive relationship. Now add unaffordable housing/rents to the mix. The numbers and needs continue to climb. The good news: we praise God for His Faithfulness and Abundant Blessings! With His guidance, the Kalamazoo Community as a whole has supported this Mission since it was inception back in 1933. I also want you to know the KGM offers SO much more than shelter and food...they offer God's Word with the love of Christ in their heart. The phenomenal staff at the Mission truly make the difference in KGM's long-term programming (life skills, education, employment training, housing assistance, etc.

...). The staff love those they serve when no one else will.

I challenge anyone who has never taken a tour of the Mission to do so in 2018. We are in the beginning stages of a Capital Campaign fundraiser for a new Women's and Children's shelter. Many improvements have been made to the daycare area, however, the women sleep in the oldest part of the building and all one needs to do is look up to see the ceiling caving in around them. More to come on this...we're working on a Community Day of Giving with other local area churches.

Please go to KGM's website – www.kzoogospel.org – to keep up with the latest happenings and needs. Donations are always needed: cash, vehicles, housewares, etc. The list is endless. If they don't give it away to those getting back on their feet, they attempt to sell it for a profit. If you are more interested in a hands-on volunteer experience, KGM is looking for people to come and hang out with the residents at meal times...to listen, to care. If you were to ask a homeless person how they feel, the most common word to describe their feelings is – **forgotten**. Most homeless feel completely uncared about and forgotten. A little of Christ's love goes A VERY LONG WAY. The volunteer coordinator's contact information is: Britnee Brewer, 345-2974 (x-203).

Please prayerfully consider if you too would like to be a part of this most amazing, local ministry. So many opportunities to make a difference: Breakfast With Jesus (3rd Thursday of each month @ 8:00 am); monthly Celebration of Accomplishments (for residents); Volunteer; Donate; join the KGM Association; Board Membership, etc.

Walking with you toward Christ daily ~



Pat Answers

Why is Love the Greatest?

1 Corinthians 13:13 says "so now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Why is love the greatest of these three classic Christian qualities? One answer is that love is supreme because it is eternal. Faith will be sight in heaven and hope will be fulfilled in heaven, but love will continue to deepen for the Lord and for His people for all eternity. As Jonathan Edwards preached in the 1700's - "Heaven is a world of love." The believer's love for Christ which begins in this life will become even more joyous, delightful, pure, and satisfying in eternity when we see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). Love never ends - 1 Corinthians 13:8.

Love is greater than anything now too. It is greater than any spiritual gifts because gifts exercised without love are worthless. For example, speaking in the language of angels without love is like a noisy gong - verse 1. Love is greater than prophecy and a faith that moves mountains because without love it is all nothing. Even giving up everything, including our lives in martyrdom, without love as the motive is pointless.

So what is love? Love is not just a feeling, but includes action and commitment- 1 John 3:18. If we truly love Christ we will obey Him in our actions! Love is unselfishness. It is seeking the good of the other person for the glory of God. Love is defined in 1 Corinthians 13 as being patient, kind, not envious, not prideful boasting or arrogance. Love is not rude, does not insist on its own selfish way, it is not irritable or resentful

and it does not hold grudges. It is based on the love of God and flows out of His love for us in Christ. Only those who know the love of Christ can truly begin to love like Christ - Ephesians 5:1,2, 25 (of husbands loving their wives like Christ who gave Himself up for us self-sacrificially) ; 1 John 4. God's love was seen in action when He sent Jesus His own Son to save us from His wrath and our sin. We can now meet the needs of others out of the overflow of His love in our hearts.

Love then is the motive for serving and obeying Christ. Love is the source of all other Christian character qualities. It is the first of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22. Is love demonstrated in your life? In our church? Is love seen in your attitudes, words, and even with your family? To truly love and be loved is a foretaste of heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit working in us, may the love of God overflow in our hearts and lead to great things being done for the glory of God. May we at CCEFC be even more loving as we grasp "what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."- Ephesians 3:18,19. Because of His great love,

Pastor Pat

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