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What Does Love Have to Do with It?

Love is patient. Love is kind. It doesn't envy or boast, isn't proud or rude, and refuses to cling to anger. Love celebrates truth, protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:4–8).

Scripture speaks of love hundreds of times, reminding us that God Himself is the very definition of love. From creation to His promises, His mercy, grace, and even His loving discipline, God shows us a love that is unconditional and perfect. It is the heartbeat of the gospel. In 1 Corinthians 13, we see a glimpse of the love God extends to us—and the love He invites us to share.



The Heart of 1 Corinthians 13

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth because their gatherings had become chaotic and self-focused. He reminded them that spiritual gifts are wonderful, but without love, they amount to nothing (1 Corinthians 13:2–3). His message still speaks to us today: if we are followers of Christ, our lives must reflect His love in everything we do.

What Christlike Love Looks Like

1. Love is patient and kind.

Patience is rarely easy—especially when daily frustrations rise. Yet Christ calls us to approach others gently, with a heart prepared to listen and respond with grace (2 Timothy 4:2).

2. Love does not boast.

Real love puts pride aside. Instead of seeking recognition, it points others to God's faithfulness, even in seasons of suffering (Romans 5:3–5).

3. Love keeps no record of wrongs.

Jesus forgave His disciples freely—without keeping score. We are invited to do the same: to forgive, release the offense, and let God tend to our hearts (Luke 6:35).

4. Love seeks the truth.

In a world filled with mixed messages, God's Word stands firm. Scripture tells one story—from Genesis to Revelation—of a God who pursues His people with redeeming love (John 8:23).

Why This Chapter Speaks So Deeply

Faith, hope, and love remain—but the greatest is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

This chapter captures the essence of God's heart: He created us in love, saved us through love, and calls us to live lives shaped by His love. Love never fails because God never fails.

Reflection Questions

1. Where do I see God's patience and kindness in my life right now?

How is He inviting me to extend that same patience and kindness to someone else today?

2. Are there areas where pride, comparison, or a desire for recognition affect the way I serve or love others?

What would it look like to release those to God?

3. Who might God be asking me to forgive—or forgive more fully?

What is keeping me from letting go of past hurts, and how can I invite God into that healing?

4. Am I seeking God's truth above the voices of culture, emotion, or fear?

What practice (Scripture, prayer, stillness, worship) helps me realign with His truth?

5. How is God calling me to love more deeply in this season?

Where can I choose patience, humility, forgiveness, or truth-seeking in a practical way this week?

6. Which aspect of Christlike love feels most difficult for me right now?

How might God want to grow me through that challenge?

7. How does knowing that "Love never fails" bring hope to the situation I'm facing today?



Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your steadfast love. As I reflect on 1 Corinthians 13, help me receive and show Your love more fully. Grant me patience, kindness, humility, and grace; remove pride and resentment from my heart. Teach me to forgive and trust You deeply. Guide me in truth and let my life reflect Christ's love. Make me more like Jesus today. Amen.

Pastor Visit

If you would like a visit from our pastor, please do not hesitate to call either Susan Capelouto (Administrative Assistant) or Rev. Kerry Foote so that a visit can be arranged.



We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.

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Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday Celebration

Date: February 17, 2026

Time: 6:00–7:30 pm

Place: Multi-Purpose Building

Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday, marks the final day before the Christian season of Lent begins. Traditionally observed on the day before Ash Wednesday, it is characterized by indulgence in rich foods—meats, dairy, and sugar—to prepare households for the upcoming period of fasting and abstinence.



To commemorate this occasion, we will host a pancake dinner featuring unlimited pancakes and a toppings bar with a variety of options. Guests are invited to enjoy an assortment of mixer games, where participants will have the opportunity to earn Mardi Gras beads in the spirit of celebration.

Ash Wednesday Service

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Place: Historic Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a solemn 40-day Christian period of fasting, prayer, and repentance leading to Easter, symbolizing mortality and renewal through receiving ashes, often in a cross, on the forehead with the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," as a reminder to turn to God.

This service kicks off our Lenten season and our sermon series titled: **Renewed in Mercy**. At this service we will have the imposition of ashes.



January Birthdays

Chaires, Frances 17
Lombardi, Jean 23
Grubb, Renee 24
Grubb, Dylan 29
Hall, Maggie 30

January Anniversaries

Mike & Terry Hatcher 1
Jon & Dot Berry 4
Sammy & Marion Lollie 23



Movies Under the Oaks

Please prepare for an outdoor movie screening on our 14-foot screen set beneath the oak trees. Guests are invited to bring their own chairs, while we will provide food, refreshments, and fire pits to ensure comfort and warmth.



February 20th (7:00 to 9:30) Episodes 1 & 2

(Episode 1) Entry

Jesus rides into the holy city as king, but finds that the rulers have turned His Father's house from a place of prayer to a corrupt market.

(Episode 2) House of Cards

Why kill Jesus when Rome can do it for you? As the Jewish High Priest schemes to bring Him down, Jesus strikes first: turning the tables.

February 27th (7:00 to 8:15) Episode 3

March 6th (7:00 to 8:15) Episode 4

March 13th (8:00 to 9:15) Episode 5

March 20th (8:15 to 9:30) Episode 6

March 27th (8:15 to 9:30) Episode 7

April 2nd (8:30 to 9:45) Episode 8



Members

Rick Davies / Fannin Family / Marion Lollie / Pat Alley / Diane Matthews / Gorden Phillips / Kerry and Tiffany Foote / Ken Hatcher / Russell Cark

Friends and Family

Shirley Harvey (Unknown) / Elsi Carter (Unknown) / Mrs Verlie (Rick and Paula Davies) / Nancy Fannin (Ed Fannin) / Glen Chaires (Francis Chaires) / Casandra Harbin (Francis Chaires) / Brooke Culverson (Francis Chaires) / Fay Shepard Family / Lisa Legette (Linda Minuichiello) / Sheena Forester / Ashley (Tiffany Foote) / Debbie Sosa (Edie Peters) /



April 2nd (8:30 to 9:45 pm) Outdoor under Oaks

Maundy Thursday The Chosen Viewing: This year we are substituting our normal Maundy Thursday in door service to watching Season 5 episode 8 (The Last Supper) of The Chosen outdoors under the oaks.

**April 3rd (7:00 to 8:00 pm) Historic Sanctuary
Good Friday Service**

**April 4th (9:00 am to 9:00 pm) Historic Sanctuary
Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil**

**April 5th: (7:00 am) Petrandis Home
Easter Sunrise Service**