

February 2024

LIBERTY RINGS

*Pastor's Paragraph***Special points of interest:**

- New Office Hours
- New Women's Ministry Kick-Off
- Sweetheart Luncheon

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Thinking About Our Love Life

Dear Church Family,

February 14 is Valentines Day, and with all the emphasis on love, it's a good time to think about our "love life" as believers. The Christian life is really very simple and basic—we are called to love God and love others. When Paul writes about "the fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5, he mentions love first of all because it is most important. Here are a few thoughts to consider about our Christian love:

1. A Christian is someone with a loving, caring heart because he is born again. In regeneration God gives us a new heart capable of loving Him and others.
2. A Christian should love God supremely. We love Him as our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Father. He is worthy of our full and constant love because of who He is and what He does.

3. A Christian worships and serves God out of love. Though we must confess there are times when we worship and serve God out of duty and responsibility, our best worship and service come from our deep love for Him.

Carefully read and meditate upon these Bible verses about love:

Deuteronomy 6:5

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Matthew 10:37

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

John 13:34

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 14:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1 Peter 1:22

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned (sincere) love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

1 John 2:15

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Dear brothers and sisters, how is your love life? May God help us all to love Him and one another more, and may this love be shown in our words and actions.

With love, Pastor Stan



THIS MONTH IN CHURCH HISTORY

0303 Great Persecution - 1st official Roman edict for persecution of Christians issued by Emperor Diocletian at Nicomedia, ordering all churches to be closed and scriptures burnt Roman Emperor Diocletian

1218 Jerusalem re-taken by the Christian Crusader kingdom in a peace treaty between Holy Roman Emperor Frederik II and Egyptian ruler Al-Kamil

1597 A group of early Japanese Christians, known as the 26 Martyrs, are killed by the new government of Japan for being seen as a threat to Japanese society

2016 Pope Francis questions US Presidential hopeful Donald Trump's Christianity over his call to build a wall on the Mexican border



Missions Spotlight: Update on Paul Washer

Paul Washer appreciates all the prayers received when he had his recent open heart surgery, and prayers for HeartCry. As 2023 ended, HeartCry celebrates all that God has helped us to accomplish. In the past year, we have added 54 missionary families, and our efforts now span 70 different countries. Please

pray that God will continue to bless this ministry through the coming year, and all those who work diligently in His name.

News from Canada Missions: Recently Ben Lane (HC Coordinator for North America) traveled to Canada to visit Grace Church Lethbridge, where HeartCry missionary Cliff Kriz serves as an elder. Here, Ben taught the fundamentals of preaching and how to rightly understand the Scriptures. These lessons were attended by men from Grace Church and surrounding congregations. Many of these men are answering a call to preach. Though they are not vocational pastors, they clearly see the need to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ where there are so few laborers in a vast harvest. Some of these men will preach in pulpits, others wish to better minister to their wives and children through family devotionals. Whether in churches or at home, they each aspire to the "noble task" of teaching the Scriptures (I Tim. 3:1).

These lessons taught by Ben Lane offered them the essential, biblical principles of "accurately handling the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

"Nothing whatever, whether great or small, can happen to a believer, without God's ordering and permission. There is no such thing as "chance," "luck" or "accident" in the Christian's journey through this world. All is arranged and appointed by God. And all things are "working together" for the believer's good. "- J. C. Ryle



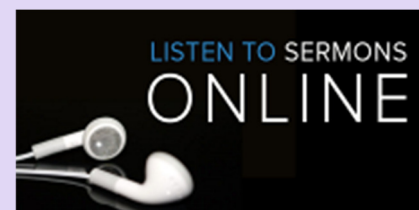
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LOVE

NEW STUDIES in OUR BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning 9:45

Growing Together – Study in the Book of Romans –
Answers Bible Class – NT Foundations of Grace –

Tuesday Morning 11:00

Ladies Bible Study – Study in the Book of Isaiah –

Saturday Morning

7:30 AM

- Men's Bible Study - "The New Birth" - Steven Lawson

10:00 AM

- Ladies Bible Study – "40 Lives in 40 Days" – MacArthur

If you're not plugged into a Bible Study class we can help!



AND WHOEVER
ABIDES IN LOVE
ABIDES IN GOD,
AND GOD
ABIDES IN HIM.

1 JOHN 4:16, ESV



AS THE
FATHER
HAS LOVED
ME, SO
HAVE I
LOVED
YOU. ABIDE
IN MY



JOHN 15:9,
ESV

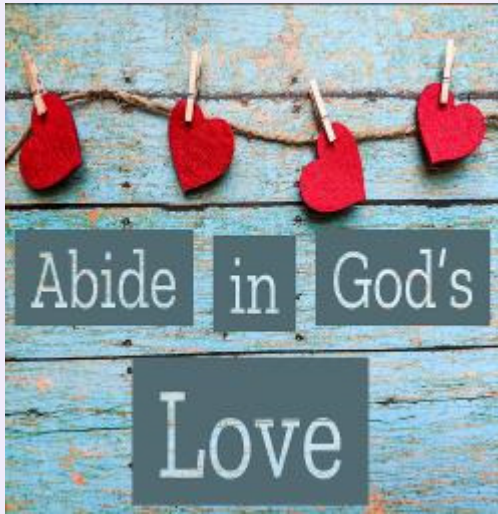


BEYOND
MEASURE

Love is **PATIENT**,
Love is **KIND**.
It does not **ENVY**,
it does not **BOAST**,
It is not **PROUD**.

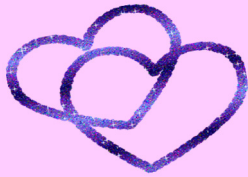
1 Corinthians 13:4-6





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**We hope you will come
join us for another
wonderful month in
Adventure Club**

**We meet
each Wednesday at
6:00 PM for students
1 1/2 years thru
12th Grade
in the MPC Building**

**Join us at 7:00pm
In the Sanctuary
On Sunday night as
Josh Bowman brings
our message**



2024 HBA Student Conference

The dates are March 22-24

(Friday-Sunday)

at Ridgecrest Conference Center.

Students 6th - 12th Grade

**More Information will be provided in the
Bulletin**



**Congratulations
Jordan & Kailee Justus on the birth of their son**

"Cooper Allen" Born January 21, 2024

**Blessed Great Grandparents
Jad & Lucy Justus**

Liberty Bulletin Board

LBC Food Pantry

MONDAY

February 5th @
12:30PM

**VOLUNTEERS
PLEASE**

ARRIVE AT 11:45AM

HAVEN OF REST SERVICE

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 27TH

7:30PM

SPEAKER: STEVAN COX

Way of the Master

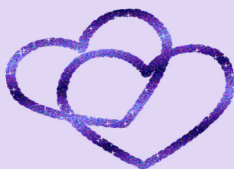
**Evangelism Training
Beginner - Advanced
Classes**

**Classes begin on
Tuesday, March 5th
6:00 PM**



*Do You have a New
Phone Number? Address? or Email?*

Please contact the church office so our records
are up to date. Our email is adminasatlbc@btes.tv or by phone
during regular business hours
423-764-5673

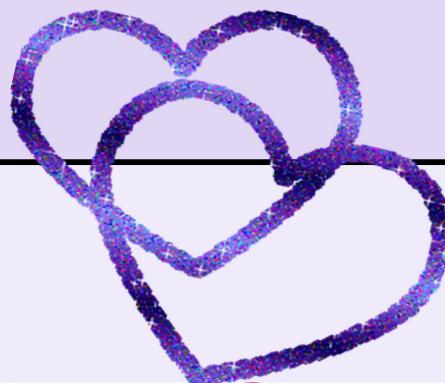


NEW OFFICE HOURS

BEGINNING 2/5/2024

**Monday, Wednesday, &
Thursday**

10:00AM - 3:00PM



**We
love
because
He first
loved us.**

1 John 4:19

**Volunteers are needed
in many of our
Ministries**

**Please be in prayer
about where you can
serve and contact the
church office for info
you need about any**





Women's Ministry Kick-Off Event

All women are invited!

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 2pm in the MPC.

Enjoy winter fellowship, coffee bar, and door prizes. Learn more about the exciting year ahead, including a new Women's Discipleship Program.

Bring a dessert to share and your Bible.

Bring a friend, too!

For God so loved the world
that he gave his
only
begotten
Son,
that whoever
believes
in him should not perish
but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)



We would like to invite **EVERYONE**
to our

"Sweetheart Valentine's Day Luncheon"
Sunday, February 11th

Immediately following the morning worship service. We will enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship hosted by our Youth Students.

The meal will be provided free of charge.



Adrienne Bowman	02/02	Janice Brock	02/16
Larry Jones	02/06	Connor Trent	02/21
Gay Smith	02/06	Todd Smith	02/22
Tori Stout	02/09	Paul Batson	02/23
Jason York	02/12	Leila Sutherland	02/23
Nancy Davis	02/15	Ann Godsey	02/28

