

## December Announcements

**Tues., 25<sup>th</sup>** Merry Christmas

**Wed., 26<sup>th</sup>** No Activities

**Sun., 30<sup>th</sup>** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am  
The Lord's Supper Church Service at 10:00

**Mon., 31<sup>st</sup>** New Year's Eve

## January Announcements

**Tues., 1<sup>st</sup>** New Year

**Wed., 2<sup>nd</sup>** Soup and Prayer at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sun., 6<sup>th</sup>** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am  
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center

**Mon., 7<sup>th</sup>** Spirit Night at Sonny's all day Monday

**Wed., 9<sup>th</sup>** A Time to Pray 6:30 pm —7:00 pm in the Faith room  
Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00 pm in the Faith room  
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sun., 13<sup>th</sup>** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am  
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center  
Mission's Team Meeting Room 103 C&D  
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Wed., 16<sup>th</sup>** A Time to Pray 6:30 pm —7:00 pm in the Faith room  
Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00 pm in the Faith room  
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Kids Ministry at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area

**Sun., 20<sup>th</sup>** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am  
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center  
Young Adult Worship at 5:00 pm in the Worship Center  
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Kids Ministry at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area



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# Christmas is Spelled L-O-V-E

## Christmas Eve 2018 I Corinthians 13

*1*If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. *2*If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. *3*If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. *4*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud *5*or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. *6*It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. *7*Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

*8*Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! *9*Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! *10*But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. *11*When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. *12*Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. *13*Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:1-13

## The Christmas Story Begins with L O V E--

*For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

## The Virtues of LOVE (1-3)

Greater than Speaking      Greater than Preaching  
Greater than Knowledge      Greater than Faith  
Greater than Ministering      Greater than Martyrdom

## The Value of LOVE (4-7)

Patient      Kind      Not Jealous      Not Proud  
Not Rude      Not Selfish      Not Irritable      Forgiving  
Seeks Truth/Justice Perseveres      Faithful      Hopeful

## The Victory of LOVE (8-13)

**Love is the Greatest Virtue**— *prophecy..knowledge...will become useless. But love will last forever!*

### Love is the Greatest Commandment—

*You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.* <sup>38</sup>*This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* <sup>40</sup>*The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."*

Matthew 22:37-39

### Love is the Greatest Testimony—

*Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."* John 13:35

### Love is the Greatest Motivation—

<sup>14</sup>*For Christ's love compels us 2 Corinthians 5:14 (NKJV)*  
*"Simon son of John, do you love Me?"...."Feed My Sheep"*  
John 21:17

### Love is the Greatest Confirmation—

*If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life.*

I John 3:14

*faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.*

I Corinthians 13:13b