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Our Loving God

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. I John 4:7-12

The phrase “God is love” is used twice in this chapter of I John (also in verse 16). The word that is translated “love” in every instance in this chapter is *agape*. We all think that we know what love is. When we think of love, we think of our spouse, children, family, dear friends, and pets. We also think of food, actors, movies, games, and anything else that we enjoy. But what is the *agape* love that is talked about in this passage? It is not any of the things that I mentioned. God could only define love by showing us His love. Jesus was God in flesh, and He was love by example. We should not look at the ways the world or people define love, we should look to the way God defines love through the example of Jesus.

In these verses, God says He showed His love for us by sending His son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. The people in Jesus’ time had a very clear understanding of what “sacrifice” meant. Both Jewish and pagan people offered possessions and animals as sacrifices. It was a giving up of their possessions that they valued to pay homage to their god. We have not seen this done and so do not have a clear vision of the practice. These people were shepherds to their flock. When a new lamb was born, the shepherd was there to help and care for the new lamb. The shepherd was probably the first thing that a lamb would see after he was born. The shepherds had a close and loving relationship with their flocks. They would give the lamb a name and keep close watch on it. When the shepherd was asked to choose a year-old lamb for sacrifice, this was a lamb that the shepherd would have become close to over that year. He chose to sacrifice the lamb because of his greater love for God. Because of His love for us, God chose His one and only Son as the sacrifice for OUR sins.

John starts out encouraging us to love one another. This is not the love of the world; it is the *agape* love that comes from God and that IS GOD. God looks at us and loves us, even if we don’t love Him. God loves us before we love Him. God loves us no matter what we have done. God loves every person unconditionally. Love here is closely linked to sacrifice. -Continued

Prayer Requests

Clyde & Penny Ball He was moved to Best Care Nursing Home Thursday evening. He's in Rm# 74. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Esther Crisp Please keep her in your prayers.

Gregg Ferrell Please continue praying for him and his family during this time.

Marleigh Gilbert (Cousin to Jon & Don) 6 years old suffering with leukemia at St.Judes. She is in need of lots of prayer for strength and healing.

PJ Glauder Please keep him in your prayers.

Teresa Hayward She has started treatments. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Peggy Hollback Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

Chris Jennings (Jack & Jane's Son) Please continue praying for him and his family.

Jared Kaiser Please keep this young man and his family in your prayers for continued healing.

Rusty McCleese (Chris's Dad) Please continue prayers for him and his family as he fights cancer.

Stiles Family Please keep them in your prayers.

Mark Villinger Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues his cancer treatment.

Esther Crisp
Sarah Gilliland
Helen Hayward

The Courtyard Rm. #106
Hillview Room L306
Homebound

Please pray for our Country
And our World



* Winterfest in Gatlinburg- Feb.16-18

* Winter Jam Concert in Cincinn.- Mar.24.

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the **Welcome Center**. You may pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

We Are So Glad You Are Here!



KID'S Club

Kids Pre-K - 6th Grade

Wednesday Evening Bible Class.

It includes a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday



Come Join Us!

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM



* The February Item Is *

Shampoo / Cream Rinse

For Mid Western Children's Home

Thank You!

Welcome!
Baby Linus Clay Book
Born January 31, Weighing 7'14
Congratulations!
Jacob & Kaitlyn
Big Sister Nora
Grandparents Rich & June

SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST

We Invite You To Join Us

Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.

You may also call 855-565-7670
to hear the lessons by phone.

Winterfest 2024 Coming up Soon

Gatlinburg, Tennessee
February 16-18

Register now: Text "Winterfest" to 740.935.9701
Include your name and email address
Junior High, High School, College Students

Departing from Sunshine 2/16 at 5:30am
Returning 2/18 at approx. 6:00pm
Cost is \$120 includes Lodging, Transportation &
Registration.

Schedule & more info:

www.winterfest.org

Contact Information:

Jamie Riley 740-935-7812

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* Winter Jam : The Youth Group have plans
to attend the Winter Jam Concert in Cincinnati
on March 24. The cost for the tickets is \$39.99,
plus food and souvenirs.

Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to go.
The last day to sign up and turn in your money
is February 14.

Financial assistance is available for any teen
that cannot afford the cost.

Adults interested in attending please see Tim.

* Folding Chairs: There are folding chairs
available to be given away.

If you would like some of them, please see
Ryan or Garris after church service today.

* There will be a Super Bowl Party Feb.11,
after evening service. Come join us!

* In a world where you can be anything you
want **Be Kind.**

Our Life

God gives us each but one short day-
The time that we call life -
To waste or cherish as we will,
To spend in peace or strife.

One little day in which to do,
Or else to leave undone
The work He gives us. We must leave
It all at set of sun.

But one brief day in which to learn
That we are not our own;
That a day's sweetest pleasure
Is to hush another's moan.

That life of selfish living
Brings no blessed eventide,
While life of loving service
Finds deep joy on every side.

But one brief day; oh ,help me, Lord
To use it as I should!
Help me, for others, in that day
To do some little good.

And when at twilight cool and dim
I hear Thy gentle call,
Dear Lord, forgive me, if for thee
I have not given You my all.

Family Bible Time

ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF February 4

*Sunday Evening Auditorium

Shaun McCray

*Wednesday Evening Auditorium

Mike Lemon

*Wednesday Evening Ladies Class

June Book

Embracing Grace In How You Think & Act
1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Philippians 3:12-15
Romans 12, Ephesians 4

*Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	02/04/2024	02/11/2024	02/18/2024
Worship Leader	Shaun McCray	Jared McCray	Zach Coriell
Scripture Reading	PJ Glauder	Spencer Hall	Dale Kuhn
Prayer	Rich Book	Gary Glispie	Mark Risner
Communion	Price Gammon	Jeff Vannatta	Troy Gahm
Message	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley
Announcements / Prayer	Wayne Gampp	Rich Book	Shaun McCray
Sunday Evening	02/04/2024	02/11/2024	02/18/2024
Worship Leader	Jacob Bowe	Zach Coriell	Jared McCray
Communion	Mike Lemon	Jacob Book	Don Coriell



Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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The question then becomes, “What would we sacrifice for God and for one another?”

The very last part of this passage says, “but if we love one another, God lives in us”.

We are called to be different from the world and the Bible says, “*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*” John 13:34-35.

We are called to be an example to those who live around us, a light to the world.

That light is the light of God living in us and that love light shines out to others by our *agape* love for one another. Do you love God and your brothers and sisters enough to sacrifice, to give up something that you value (time, money, possessions, self, etc.), for them?

What have you chosen to give to God and others?

David Deacon

God Loves You and We Love You Too!

Have a wonderful day!