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"What's Love Got to Do with It"

The month of February brings thoughts of "LOVE" and Valentine Day. A song that I recall being popular back in the 80's was titled... *"What's Love Got to Do with It."* This song became biggest hit single hit for Tina Turner, reaching #1 and selling over 2,000,000 copies back in 1984. One of the lines in the song in respect to love, says, *"What's love but a second-hand emotion?"*

Love is at the very heart of the Christian faith. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture consistently reveals a God whose nature is love and whose desire is that His people live out that love in the world. In a time when love is often reduced to emotion or convenience, the Bible calls us to a deeper, sacrificial, and transformative kind of love.

The apostle John states it plainly: *"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."* (1 John 4:16). This is not merely a description of God's actions but of His very essence. Every act of creation, redemption, mercy, and grace flows from this divine love.

Love Defined.

Jesus Christ is the clearest expression of God's love. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,"* (John 3:16). Love, according to Scripture, is not passive—it gives. It sacrifices. It acts for the good of others, even at great personal cost.

Jesus demonstrated this love not only through His death on the cross but also through His daily life. He touched the untouchable, forgave the sinner, welcomed the outcast, and showed compassion to the broken. His command to His followers was clear and challenging: *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."* (John 13:34).

This kind of love goes beyond comfort or familiarity. It reaches across differences, forgives offenses, and seeks reconciliation. It reflects the heart of Christ in a world desperately in need of hope.

Love Described:

The apostle Paul gives one of the most well-known descriptions of love in 1 Corinthians 13. He reminds us that without love, even the greatest spiritual gifts lose their value. *"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."* (1 Corinthians 13:1). Biblical love is patient and kind. It does not envy or boast. It is not proud, rude, or self-seeking. This description challenges us because it calls for daily, intentional choices. Love is not just something we feel; it is something we practice—especially when it is difficult.

Love Displayed:

When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus summarized the entire law in two statements: *"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."* (Matthew 22:37–39). These two are inseparable. Our love for God is reflected in how we love people. This includes loving those who are easy to love as well as those who challenge us. Jesus even extends this command to loving our enemies (Matthew 5:44), reminding us that love is a powerful witness to the grace of God at work in us.

A Final Reflection

Love is not optional in the Christian life—it is essential. *"And now abideth, faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love)."* (1 Corinthians 13:13). May we continually seek God's help to love as He loves, so that through us, the world may see His light, grace, and truth.

In Christ,
Bro. Bobby





FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2– Executive Team Semi-Annual Planning, 6 p.m.
- 2– Mission Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 6-7– Youth Evangelism Summit (Hillvue Heights BC)
- 14– Valentines Day
- 15– Focus On WMU Sunday
- 22– Racial Reconciliation Sunday



2026 Children's Bible Drills

Attention Churches!

The Associational Children's Bible Drill is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 19th, 2:00 p.m., at Locust Grove Baptist Church. Please contact us @ (270) 522-7066 if you have children that will be participating in a church drill. Following your church drill you will need to call or email a list of those who are eligible to compete in the associational drill. You will need the following: Church name; indicate either KJV or CSB; participant name, grade, mailing address, email address, and phone number.

For questions, please contact Shari
@ (270) 522-7066

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	100.00	
Blue Spring	2,445.16	
Buffalo	130.00	
Cadiz	0	
Canton	1,297.12	250.00
Cerulean	473.00	
Crossroads	288.33	
Delmont	633.25	
Donaldson Creek	1,508.88	
East Cadiz	1,020.90	
Hurricane	0	
Liberty Point	899.93	
Locust Grove	920.00	
Maple Grove	460.00	
New Hope	271.62	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	0	
Oak Grove	521.90	
Ponderosa	603.80	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	169.00	
South Union	278.25	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income		
Total	12,216.14	250.00
		12,466.14
Interest NOW Acc.	1.87	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Mission Fund		

Subtotals	12,218.01	250.00
Total income		\$12,468.01
Monthly expense		\$15,233.41

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	19,253.09
Interest Received	1.87
Gifts	12,429.34
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(12,344.45)
Ending Balance	\$19,139.85
Treasurer: Kayla Choate 01/25/26	



Justin Carter 2/12
Alisa Downing 2/12
Kayla Choate 2/14
Stacy Boone 2/19