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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning:
10:45am
in-person & online
Children's Church:
10:45am

Adult & Children's
Sunday School: 9:30am

Notes from Church Council:

Our council met on Sunday, January 29th after church to discuss a few items.

1. Please mark your calendars for a Business Meeting on Sunday, February 26 right after our regular church service. We will give you information about our financial status.

If you are the leader of a ministry, please bring a report to update us.

2. We are working on Phase 2 for cleaning more of the church flooring: Sanctuary, along with pews; overflow near offices; Kaitlin and Debbie's offices; back stairway to dining room; Children's gathering room floor upstairs. We will be receiving a bid from Coit in the next few weeks.

Please remember that the following folks are on your church council team...

Dale Ayers
Walter Mershon
Lori Orne
Lori Maines
Jackie Harry
Debbie Mershon
Miriam Fuller

If you have questions, please feel free to come to one of us and ask. We will try to get an answer for you. We are trying our best to do what is right for our church. Maybe you feel like we are slow moving, but we are methodical, just trying to make sure we don't rush and make mistakes.

Terry Fields is doing a great job with and for us. Please let him know that you appreciate him!

Keep praying for our church and for the pastor that God has planned for us. Pray that we wait on God's timing and not our own.

And, as we sing at the end of our service... God be with you 'til we meet again!

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FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Dear Church,

This month in kids' church we're continuing to look through the many parables Jesus told. The Earth Day Committee in Fort Thomas has begun meeting and making plans for the annual celebration. It will be on April 30th right after church. That gives us a lot of time to think about our involvement and how we can show up for our community.

Blessings,
Kaitlyn Runion
Children's Minister



Why is Ministry to Children so Important?

There are many reasons why, but for now, we will talk about one. The discipleship of children is obedience to what God has said.

The discipleship of children is obedience to what God has said. Kids are clearly woven into the fabric of God's plans over 8,000 times throughout Scripture—yes, actual words referencing kids or the family are used over 8,000 times.

Some of these passages are likely very familiar to you. Some might even be the base of what your children's ministry mission was founded on. Passages like Matthew 18–19, Psalm 78, or Deuteronomy 6. These are all rich with examples of God's heart for children.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (NIV).

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



SERVING SCHEDULES

DEACONS

2/5

Lori Orne

2/12

Harry Weitkamp

2/19

Walter Mershon

2/26

Lori Orne

TELLERS

2/5

Kim Beagle & Barb Musick

2/12

Kim Beagle & Bill Eckerle

2/19

Lori Maines & Walter Mershon

2/26

Kim Beagle & Barb Musick

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

2/5

Infants – Jeremy Runion & Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary–

Walter Mershon & Miriam Fuller

2/12

Infants – Jeremy Runion & Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary – Barb Scott & Donna Stormer

2/19

Infants – Jeremy Runion and Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary – April Ayers & Kim Beagle

2/26

Infants – Jeremy Runion and Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary – Susan Meyer

**HAVE A
Fabulous
BIRTHDAY**

2/7

Robert Rose

2/11

Barb Scott

2/13

Dakota Guilkey

2/14

Ellen Coghill

2/17

Rebecca Adams



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

MISSIONS UPDATES

Holy Spirit Parish Food Pantry

We are so thankful that Holy Spirit Parish Food Pantry allows us to partner with them to get more food out to those in need. In January you donated 1,020 packs of Ramen Noodles. Thank you so much for your generous donations!

For the month of February, the pantry is asking for donations of Pork and Beans. Let's do all we can to support of this mission in February. Thank you for your continued support.



Mary Francis Gould Mission Group

Our ladies mission group will be meeting on February 6 at 12 noon. Pack yourself a lunch, and come meet with them in the women's Dorcas Sunday School Class. There will be a dessert provided. This group does many great missions to represent our church. They are welcoming and are always looking for new members. If you have never been to one of their meetings, maybe now is a great time to come and see what they are all about.



Love...what is it, really?

We usually think of the month of February as the month of Love. Why do we do that? Valentines day is on February 14th every year. We spend time buying special little gifts for the people we love. Couple plan romantic get-a-ways to show thier love for each other. Kids get candy and share cute little valentines with their classmates at school. Love is in the air wherever we look. Red and pink hearts are in every store we walk into during this month of Love. But what does God say love is. In 1Corinthians 13:4-5, it says the following.

Love is pateint.

love is kind.

it does not envy.

it does not boast.

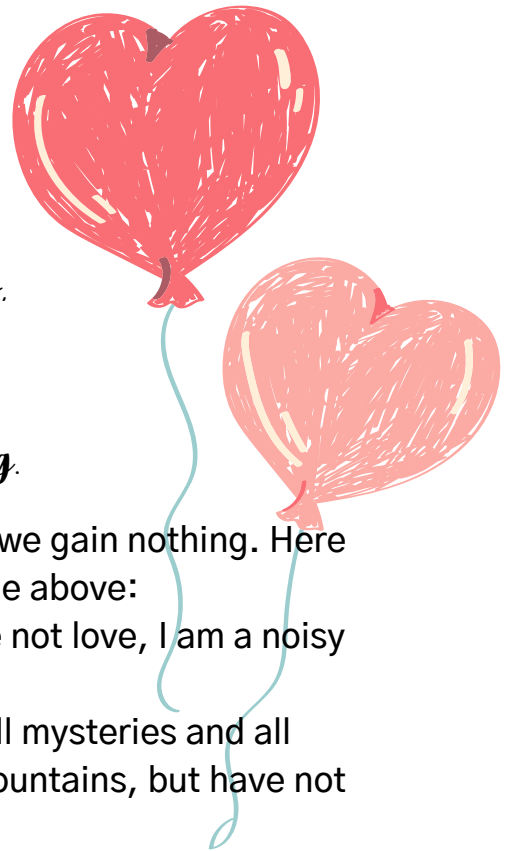
it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others.

it is not self seeking.

it is not easily angered.

it keeps no records of wrong.



Without love, according to Paul, we are nothing and we gain nothing. Here are the three verses prior to our passage above:

"If I speak in tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

More than just a feeling or emotion, Paul writes less about what love is and more about what love does. Transformed by the love of Jesus Christ, this kind of love should be a natural overflow of the believers heart and evident in everything they do. This kind of love is called Agape love. Agape love gives us worldly love. The kind of love that causes us to love our enemies and all the world. Agape only comes from God.