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Mark Your Calendar

Service Time: 10AM

2.4

Communion Sunday

2.7

Pastor English's Birthday

2.12

Pastor Adgerson's Birthday

Join us for a trip to Sight and Sound. See Sis. Jeania for more info.

Interested in becoming a member? Please see Sis. Vanessa Hawkins!

The Greatest of These is Love

by Rebecca Livermore

1 Corinthians 13:13- And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (NKJV)The

Faith: Without it, there would be no Christianity, or any other religion in the world for that matter. We talk of coming to faith in Christ, and living a life of faith, and we often laud those in Scripture and in modern times who are known for their faith.

The Value of Faith

The value of faith cannot be disputed. In fact, Hebrews 11:6 states, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God, must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (NKJV) Without faith, we couldn't come to Christ, and without faith, we couldn't walk in

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obedience to him. Faith often motivates us to move forward even when the odds are against us. In a sense faith is closely related to hope.

The Value of Hope

Hope keeps us going when the situation we face seems impossible. Hope is the expectation that we will obtain something specific we desire. Think of how life would be without hope. Hope is there for the single mom who doesn't know how she is going to feed her children and keep a roof over their heads. She might give up, if it were not for the hope that some type of breakthrough is right around the corner.

Hope is a gift from God that can bring joy in the midst of very difficult circumstance.

Hope encourages us that victory is imminent.

I wouldn't want to live a life without faith, and I wouldn't want to live a life without hope. However, in spite of how wonderful, important, and life-changing both faith and hope are, they pale in comparison to love.

The Bible states that love is greater than both faith and hope.

The Greatest of These Is Love

What makes love so amazing? For starters, it is what motivated the Father to send His only Son to die for us. Without love, there would have been no redemption for mankind. Not only would we be without love, but without the redemption that was precipitated by love, there would also be no faith, and no hope. You see, nothing else matters, without love. It is foundational for every other good thing in our lives.

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Member's Corner



This month, we shine the spotlight Donald Clarke. Donald and his family have attended GWCC for many years. Donald currently serves a Deacon-in-training, as well as the head of the IT Ministry. Donald has been a tremendous blessing to the body of GWCC.

Who introduced you to Christ?

I was introduced to Christ at a young age. I have memories of going to church with my grandmother and attending schools with focus on both religion and academics.

What do you do for a living?

I am IT Project manager for the DC govt.

What are your hobbies?

Long walks on the beach, eating sandwiches and riding unicorns

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

Being a part of a small church like GWCC makes the fellowship more personal. You witness and feel the struggle and blessings of everyone's walk. We learn and grow together in an environment that feels like your home surrounded by family.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

Start communicating with God on a regular basis. Your Christian walk (which won't be easy) is basically about your relationship with God. Relationships prosper through time spent getting to know each other. Get to know Him through prayer, reading his word (that is filled with instruction and his promises to you) and talk to Him often. The more time spent getting to know Him, communicating with Him through prayer and meditation, the easier it is to hear His voice and be filled with the Holy Spirit. You will be equipped with the tools to fight the battles against your flesh, the world and the enemy.

Recipe Corner: White Chicken Chili

INGREDIENTS

2 (14.5-ounce) cans white beans
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 medium jalapeno pepper, minced
2 medium poblano peppers, chopped
1 large onion, chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander
1 teaspoon ancho chili powder
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
2 limes, juiced, plus lime wedges, for serving
1 rotisserie chicken, skin removed and meat shredded
1/4 cup chopped cilantro leaves
Sour cream, for topping
Tortilla chips, coarsely crushed, for topping

DIRECTIONS

Drain and rinse the canned white beans. In a medium bowl, mash half of the beans with a potato masher until chunky and set aside. Add the canola oil to a large Dutch oven and heat it over medium-high heat. Add the peppers, onions, and garlic and saute until soft and fragrant, about 5 minutes. Season the vegetables with salt, and pepper, to taste. Add the cumin, coriander, and chili powder and continue to saute for 1 more minute to toast the spices. Stir in the chicken stock, and lime juice and bring to a simmer. Add the beans and continue to simmer for 20 more minutes.

After 20 minutes of simmering, taste for seasoning, and adjust if necessary. Stir in the shredded rotisserie chicken and cilantro and simmer until heated through, about 5 more minutes. Serve the chili in individual bowls topped with a dollop of sour cream, crushed tortilla chips, and lime wedges.

Our Daily Bread

When an advertiser altered a photo of Michelangelo's famous marble sculpture of the biblical hero David, Italy's government and gallery officials objected. Picturing David with a military rifle slung over his shoulder (instead of his slingshot) would be a violation—"like taking a hammer to it or worse," a cultural official said.

In first-century Jerusalem, David was remembered as the shepherd-songwriter and soldier-king of Israel's fondest memories and greatest hopes. Prophets foretold that David's descendant would finally defeat the enemies of Israel. So, centuries later, when crowds welcomed Jesus as the Son of David (Matthew 21:6-9), they were expecting Him to lead the revolt that would overthrow their

Roman occupiers. Instead Jesus knocked over the tables of temple money-changers to restore His Father's house as a house of prayer for all nations. Israel's leaders were furious. This wasn't the kind of Messiah and Son of David they were looking for. So without realizing what they were doing, they called for Roman executioners to take a hammer to the hands and feet of the true glory of Israel.

Instead of stopping them, Jesus let Himself be lifted up on a cross of shame—defaced and disgraced. Only by resurrection would it be known that the true Son of David had defeated His enemies with love and enlisted the children of all nations to spread the word.

Father in heaven, it's hard to admit. But it's true. We get so confused. We try to protect the images we love more than the love You consider priceless.

Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer Conference Call

Daily 7:00AM

Weekly Bible Study Conference Call

Wednesday 7:00-8:00p

Men's Bible Study Conference Call

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Conference Number:

712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839

Women's Bible Study Conference Call

Monday 7:30-8:30pm

857-232-0158 Access Code 262390