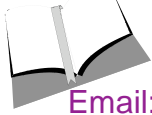


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The Way of Love

¹If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

²If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

³If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

⁴Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut,

Doesn't have a swelled head,

⁵Doesn't force itself on others,

Isn't always "me first,"

Doesn't fly off the handle,

Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,

⁶Doesn't revel when others grovel,

Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,

⁷Puts up with anything,

Trusts God always,

Always looks for the best,

Never looks back,

But keeps going to the end.

⁸Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. ⁹We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. ¹⁰But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.

¹¹When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good.

¹²We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering



"Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20)

through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then; see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

¹³But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

1 Cor. 13 (The Message)



NO NEWSLETTER next Sunday (17th) because I will be attending National Minister's Conference all week (leaving today) in Atlanta GA. Your prayers for the safety of ministers traveling from all over the country (and for the conference itself) would be appreciated. If all goes as planned, I should be back next Sunday.

ALMOST 7200 visitors have stopped by our web site. There is much to find there including our weekly newsletters but, too, many links have been added that can take you to almost any church in our conference, our headquarters, ABC, and many more. Stop by at <http://openbible.homestead.com> Our thanks to Frank Toth who maintains our web site!

SONNY KOSTON (Dan's brother) was seriously burned about Jan. 25th on his hands and face when a propane tank exploded near him at his home. He is home unable to work at this point (his hands are bandaged) but slowly improving. Your prayers are appreciated.



ETHEL SHERMAN will celebrate her **102ND BIRTHDAY** on Feb. 20th. Because there will be no newsletter next week, I'm placing her address here today: [I've deleted it from this online publication but will provide it to anyone contacting me / Rex]

IRS: I sent out Jan. 28th on my e-newsletter that an IRS scam was going around the country (this information was provided by our G.C. headquarters). A friend later informed me that the IRS never contacts people via email. So, if you get something from the IRS on line, just delete it.

EDITH SPEER and I chatted a while last week. She's pretty much confined right now with oxygen 24-hrs per day, and has a bacterial infection that is being treated plus using a medical inhaler. Yet, her spirits are bright and her hope in God is very strong. She would appreciate any prayers coming her way, she said.

“Dear Pastor Cain, Thank you for the gracious reception you and your congregation extended to me when I had the privilege to present the Gideon Missionary Report on January 13th. Your sacrificial gift of \$119 is tangible evidence of the love your congregation has for making the Word of God available to others in many parts of the world. This will enable 24 Bibles or 86 Testaments to be purchased and placed. We especially appreciate your prayerful support of this ministry.”

- Robert E. Wentsch / 1-25-08

PASTOR LINFORD MOORE, long time Church of God pastor, had a heart attack Jan. 23rd and is currently hospitalized. I have no other details at this time. He lives in Waterloo Iowa.

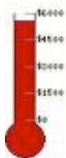
MICHAL SITTEK (our exchange student) is leaving next Wed. with “Explore America” to visit Hawaii! He’ll return 2-21. Then, on March 14th he leaves again with E.A. for California returning 3-21. His parents from the Czech Republic will also land in Cleveland the same day (Michal’s B-day is the 20th)! They plan to be here Easter Sunday! Remember Michal & family in your prayers.

OUR YEAR ‘ROUND food collection was again taken to the Salvation Army last Monday (at least 100 pounds), which distributes this to needy persons in the Bedford area once each month. Thanks for your faithfulness in providing food all year long ... and for many years thus far!

JUSTIN, KAITLIN, JACOB & ADAM all had memory verses they quoted for us last week. This happens often as we assign verses for them to memorize. They will appreciate these memorized verses more and more as the years go by. Thanks for doing your “home-work” so faithfully!

ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE has 151 students enrolled this semester with four new international students: 2 from Kenya and 2 from the Bahamas.

WILLIAM DICK, (son of the late former president of OBC, Otto E. Dick), passed away Oct. 30th, 2007. He was 78 and a 1951 OBC graduate. He died in California.



A THERMOMETER GRAPH on the entrance door now shows we have received \$1140 toward our goal of \$1300 for the new

copier; a heart-felt thanks to those (some mailed from a distance) who have helped with a donation to offset this unexpected purchase. We're near our goal!

EASTER COMES EARLY this year and since there is no bulletin next week, I'll mention today that **EASTER LILIES** can be brought to the church in honor or in memory of loved ones. Give the names to Pastor Rex by Mar. 19th for printing on the 23rd.

PRAY FOR: Sonny Koston (burned), Melissa (by JWetzel), Marti Wohn (by GWhaley), Annabelle May (7 yrs, infection), Jeff Stoneman (cancer, by Whaley), Pastor Beder (cancer / Peru), Ruth Schuld (treatments), Darlene Dejak (surgery, by SMay), Ken-Kathy Cramer, Terry James (cancer, by Roper), Evelyn Pennington, Jack Hearp, Ruby Korode, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, Edith Speer, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, (*by Skip), W.C. & Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Andrew Weaver, Jackie Schuld, Dan & Rachel Cain (internship / teaching degree), **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington **Military:** Rodger Schuld, **Those serving in other countries:** Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Beder Ucañay-Peru, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. **Colleges / Churches:** RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

FEBRUARY 2008

10 Pastor Cain leaves today for Minister's Conference, Atlanta
11-15 Minister's Conference in GA / Pastor Cain plans to attend
21-24 NE Prophecy & Business Conference / Bruschreek Church near Dayton
Future Dates: Apr 6, Annual Church dinner outing / March – Mission's Month /
Aug 24, SS picnic / Sept 21, SS Mtg

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Sharon and Mark Cain
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer
Worship Hymns: Mark Cain
200 Love Lifted Me
313 More Love to Thee

Prayer / Offering

Message: Loving The Bride

Key Texts: 1 Cor 13; Eph 5:25-27, 29; Jn 21:15-17; 1 Tim 3:2-5; Matt 18:20

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