

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

TODAY:

Augustine wrote "A man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever". This should be the paramount goal for the Body of Christ! I see the modern church focusing on a variety of techniques to entice people into their buildings. That's ok, I guess, but I believe the primary emphasis for the Body should be on what attracts the fullness, and work of the Holy Spirit into our lives and our gatherings? This will be our focus for the next while on Sundays.

"Wed. Night Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study – Feb.11, at 7:00 PM. We are examining the truths in the book of James. According to James the most fundamental expression of faith is joy. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit! "The Joy of the Lord (in all circumstances) is our strength." James calls the believer to live in godly wisdom and so protect the joy of the Lord.

ROCC Youth Gathering—Friday Feb.13, @ 7:00 PM Games, Snacks, worship, teaching "LOVE: FRIENDS"

ROCC Young Adults—Saturday Feb. 21, "RELATIONSHIPS" Coffee & Snacks.



JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

Nursery is supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

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In recent history the month of February has morphed into an emphasis on the heart. The focus of course is on both the physical and nonphysical aspects of the human heart. When the Scriptures refer to the 'heart' it is primarily dealing with the deep spiritual part of humanity; things like the will, faith, hope, belief, meditation, emotions, character, and love. In fact love is a substantial topic in the Bible. The Apostle Paul recognized the importance of love when he wrote that three things will remain; "faith, hope, and love" but the greatest of the remaining three will be love.

Although our language incorporates related words like kindness, care, desire, and affection; the English language only has one basic word to describe love. This has restricted modern understanding to the full scope and meaning of the word love; often reducing it to just a feeling. The New Testament was originally written in ancient Greek and the Greek language had different words to denote the four kinds of love. It is important to have words that actually identify and acknowledge something that is true. The word **EROS** is the root word for erotic. It refers to romantic desire. It would lend itself to the modern idea of "falling in love". The Greeks looked at it as a kind of temporary madness when people made illogical decisions. The second kind of love is referred to as **STORGE**. It is an affection that comes through familiarity. Like an in-law family member. It is a family love, simply because they are there. The third type of love is **PHILIA**. It is the most general type of love and is best understood in modern times as friendship. Aristotle taught the most about this kind of love. This is a meeting of equals doing nice things and the niceties are reciprocal. But it is the fourth love that stands out and is the love most referred to in the Scriptures. It is **AGAPE**. Agape love is the unconditional love that God has for His creation; evidenced in the giving of His Son and His unmerited grace to us. It is this kind of love that the church is called to pursue. Deep, true, commitment!

F.Y.I.



"YOUTH BAKE SALE" TODAY, Sunday Feb. 8, right after the service. Proceeds will go to Youth Ministry!

Next week, Sunday Feb. 15, special speaker, Rev. Fraz Mirza from Sudbury.