

The Bible: God's Book of "Love" for His People

We celebrate a season of "Love" on Valentine's Day. But long before this day was observed, God gave us a book filled with love stories. The Greek language gave us four words that describe different types of love. Eros is a sensual or romantic love; Storge is a type of familial love; Philia is an affectionate, brotherly love; and the highest form is Agape, which is a selfless, God kind of love for mankind.

The heart of the Bible focuses on love. From the love that Adam had for Eve, to the safety concerns Moses' mother had for her son, to the companionship between David and Jonathan, to the promise that Hannah kept to God for giving her a son, Samuel ... to the ever-lasting and never-changing love of God—the Bible is filled with love stories.

We observe families as they move through the many seasons of life ... many of which continue today. These examples give us the strongest and deepest, most enduring, basis love ever known: God's unconditional love for His children. God's love may be very different from our definition of love and our ideas about life. But it is the perfect form of love and it is a gift from God.

John 3:16 says, "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

How can you show your love to others? Can your church be a witness to the community as how to love our neighbors

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Little children, let us not love
in word or speech,
but in **ACTION**
and in **TRUTH**.

1 JOHN 3:18 (CSB)



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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 405 "Have Faith in God"

Hymn No. 406 "The Solid Rock"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 407 "Because He Lives"

Doxology

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"So We Proclaim"

Hymn No. 282 "Living for Jesus"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are not able to be with us.

Bible Study will be held on Wed. at 3pm (early group) and 7pm (later group and students) at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you there.

WOM Focus Sunday will be observed next Sunday during the 11:00 service. Speaker will be Dr. Robert Shehane pastor of Swift Creek Baptist Church. He is a retired missionary. Lunch is provided and desserts appreciated.

We have an app for your smartphone. In the app store, find "Our Church-By ChurchDev.com." When you open it, search for Sappony Baptist Church. There you will have access to our Sermons, daily devotions, and other content.

If you have not been receiving text message updates (including prayer requests) from the church, please text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282 in order to be added to the list. Also, please save that number as a contact in your phone to ensure that our messages don't go to your spam folder.

PRE-READ FOR February 23: 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Feb 25: Deacon's Meeting