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COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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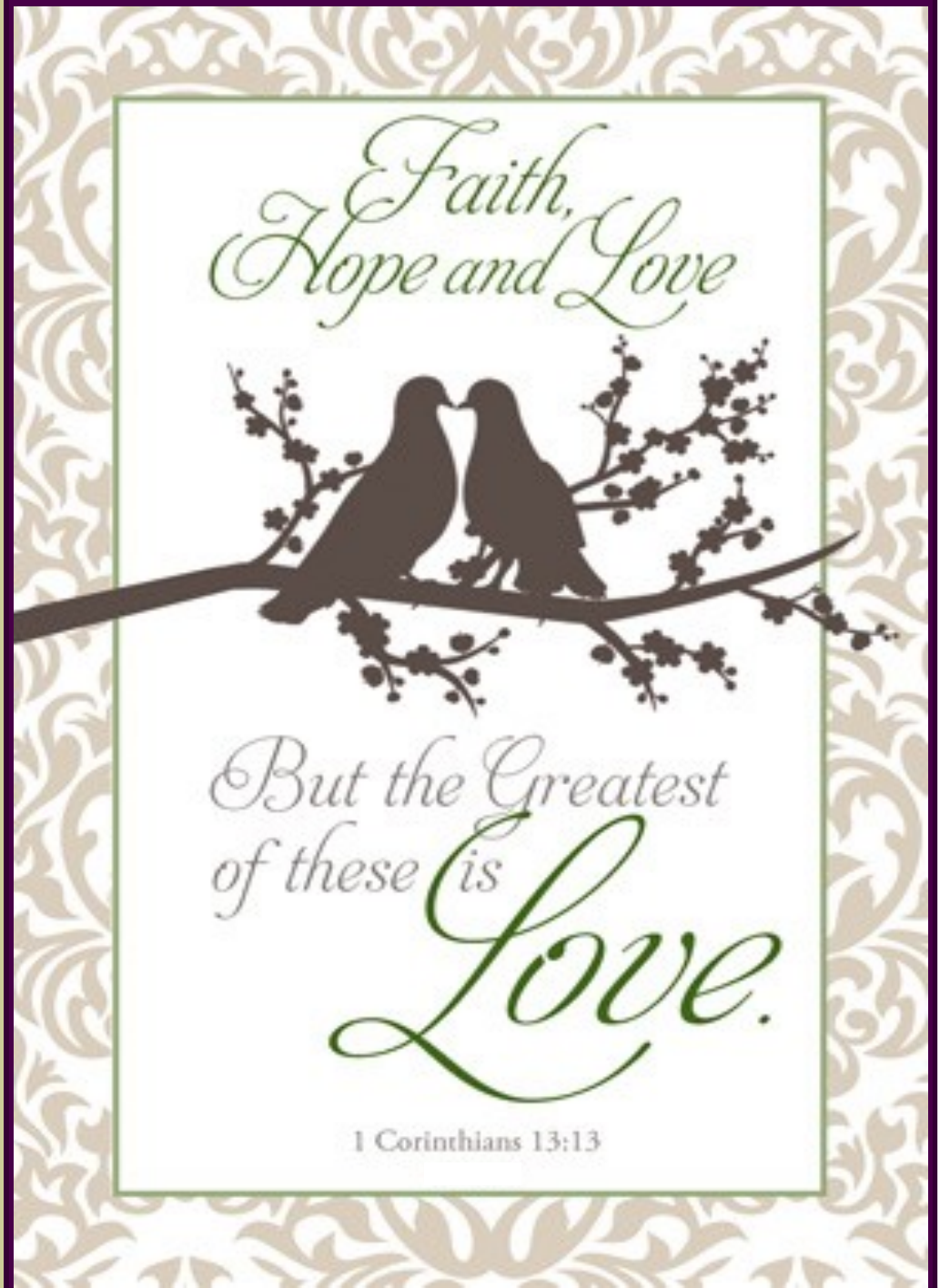
Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation	
(Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

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THAT'S WHAT LOVE IS ALL ABOUT

Author Unknown

It was a busy morning, approximately 8:30 am, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's, arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He stated that he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, we began to engage in conversation I asked him if he had a doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I then inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer Disease. As we talked, and I finished dressing his wound, I asked if she would be worried if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. I was surprised, and asked him. "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?" He smiled as he patted my hand and said. "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, "That is the kind of love I want in my life." True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

I MARRIED A CHRISTIAN

by Anonymous

I married a Christian because a godly wife is a blessing to any man. The genuine spirituality of a companion is worth far more than rubies or all the treasures on earth. Truth, mercy, and loving-kindness are her garments for every day.

I married a Christian because of the hours of trial on the path of life. Her wise and understanding heart is a strength in moments of discouragement and despair. She is long-suffering toward human weaknesses and knows that victory comes from a bond of genuine Christian love. When the hour is dark and all seems hopeless, she shows me the silver lining in the cloud of trouble.

I married a Christian because I know my love will be returned a hundred fold. I know that I have that which I give and her love, too. Our aims, our hopes, and our aspirations are one. This brings true happiness in our companionship.

I married a Christian because I wanted a companion with a Christ-like mind and attitude to counsel the family. My children are blessed with a clean, comfortable home and a mother who will listen to their problems of life with a loving heart.

I married a Christian because her love looks beyond her own family to the sicknesses and needs of others. She seeks first God's kingdom and His righteousness. She sets the proper example for our children.

I married a Christian because I can love, trust, honor and cherish her until death parts us.

I married a Christian because I want more than anything to go to heaven when this life is over and I believe she does too. We can help each other as we journey the road of life; that we may both live in heaven after awhile.

WHY THE ATTACK ON MARRIAGE?

David Shannon

Example of Noah: Hebrews 11:7 “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

How did Noah condemn the world? Jesus isn't going to ask Noah to give the judgment of condemnation upon his peers at the final day of judgment, is he? No, surely not. Well, then how did Noah condemn the world? Noah was “a just man, perfect in his generation. Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). All the world around was wicked. Noah's righteousness glared in the face of evil. Folks might say to God, “No one could live righteously,” and there stood Noah proving them wrong. “No one could have a faithful wife and children,” and there stood Noah proving them wrong. “No one could sacrificially serve and humbly obey God,” but Noah lived a life of righteousness whose source was God. This righteousness would glaringly condemn their wickedness.

Why the attack on marriage?

If we go to Genesis 2:18, Matthew 19:4-9, Ephesians 5:21-3,3 or 1 Corinthians 7 we see the design of marriage. We learn marriage is a union between a male and female. God designed this union for the duration of life. The spouses leave their mother and father to form their home. Their lives are to be blended. The sexual relationship is to be shared only within marriage and with their own spouse.

All those who live by this righteous standard called “marriage” condemn all those who have violated it in the same way Noah's righteousness condemned his peers. All fornicators, adulteresses, adulterers, homosexuals, etc. either have to admit guilt of their sin or fight to redefine the institution of marriage itself when in the presence of those married. Just in recent years we see a growing number of those who have decided to fight to redesign the institution of marriage.

No man EVER designed marriage: Keep in mind that the righteous who live by the design of marriage didn't design it, they simply submitted to God! God is the One who designed marriage and He is the One who will have final judgment on all those who strive to redesign it.

Hebrews 13:4 “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”

Why the attack on marriage? All those who are living God's plan reveal the sexual sins of others as a glaring fault. Attack God's plan or repent and submit. This is the question of our day!

LOVE IS

Love gives strength to the weak and humility to the proud.

Love cares for another even when selfish desire cries aloud.

Love forgives when it's wronged and seeks no revenge.

Love suffers long and tries to build a bridge.

Love does not come easy because it is alive,

Love must be fed constantly or else it will die.

Love is a Christian who serves the True GOD.

For love comes first from above and is shown in HIS SON.

So love Him and one another because HE the victory has already won.

— Barry Kennedy