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### WEEKLY LINE-UP

#### Sunday:

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service

#### Wednesday:

6:00 Hula Practice  
7:00 Worship Practice

#### Thursday:

6:30 Bible Study

#### Friday:

5:30 Feed the Homeless  
(1st Friday / monthly)

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***We are a growing church in a growing community.  
Come grow with us as we share the Son on Maui!***

### **LOVE—OUR GREATEST NEED**

If we were honest, most of us would say our greatest need is to be loved. Acceptance would come in a close second. In fact, for many people, love and acceptance go hand in hand, which is also true from God's perspective. However, His view of love is much different from ours. In human thinking, love is often linked to what we have done right and well rather than freely given, unrelated to performance.

The apostle Paul writes, "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal...and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-2).

All the works you may consider advantageous for earning right standing with God are insufficient to gain the love and acceptance He has for you. While Martha rushed around preparing a meal, Mary sat at Jesus' feet, feasting on His every word. From God's perspective, it was Mary who demonstrated love in action and who had chosen a "more excellent way" (Luke 10:38-42; 1 Corinthians 12:31).

Sin—even what appears to be its darkest form—cannot prevail against God's unconditional love, which is the only answer to our greatest need. As 1 Corinthians 13:8 says, "Love never fails," which is always true when God is involved. My prayer is that your deepest desire will be to live each day in His mercy, grace, and most of all in the abundance of His love.

Dr. Charles F. Stanley, In Touch—February 2007

# Kihei Baptist Chapel

**February  
2008**

## **GOOD NEWS MESSENGER**

**"Go into all the world, and give the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15)**

### February

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| 1  | Feed the Homeless | 5:30  |
| 3  | Communion         | 10:00 |
|    | Council Meeting   | 11:00 |
| 10 | Worship Service   | 10:00 |
| 17 | Worship Service   | 10:00 |
|    | Potluck           |       |
| 24 | Worship Service   | 10:00 |

### Happy Birthday!!

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| 2-7  | Yasko Dunn        |
| 2-8  | Lilly Erickson    |
| 2-9  | Tom Bell          |
| 2-11 | Catrina Yaksic    |
| 2-12 | Jay Armstrong     |
| 2-17 | Beth Wright       |
| 2-18 | Rosemarie Dabrera |
| 2-28 | John Simpson      |

### Happy Anniversary!!

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| 2-26 | Rusty & Shirley Summers |
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### **Long Lasting Love**

Rev. Glenn Armstrong, D.D.  
January 18, 2008

### **EXPOSITION OF FIRST CORINTHIANS 13:8-13**

signed the Christian life that a believer will have an empty heart unless it is filled with God's love.

**REVIEW: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Christian love is the single essential demanded by Jesus for every believer! It is not optional, and maintaining an unregenerate sinful nature of self-centeredness is a sign of spiritual immaturity and carnality. When Jesus required that we "love the Lord with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves", He was not just wasting words in order to fill up the Bible. He really expected the changed life to be an exchanged life. A life in which He took our sins and we are to take His nature of love.

1. God's love (agape) is compared to human love (phileo).
2. God's love supersedes speaking, knowing and giving (13:1-3).
3. God's evaluation of life without His love is - no profit.
4. God's reproof of life with only human love - you will lose what you love, John 12:25.
5. Application: Emptiness: The human heart without love.

**REVIEW: 1 Corinthians 13:4**

1. Love is long suffering with other people.
2. Love is without envy of others' prosperity.
3. Love does not keep record of others' wrongs.
4. Love accepts others' limitations.
5. Love matures beyond a suspicious nature.
6. Love maintains a constant

This love of Christ put in Paul's heart was what compelled him, 11 Corinthians 5:14; and it is the same love that is to identify the believer to an unbelieving world that we are disciples, 1 John 3:14, John 15:12. God has so de-

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## ***Long Lasting Love...continued***

faith in the future.

7. Application: Love me more than these (fish) - Feed my sheep, feed my sheep, John 21:15-17.

### **LONG LASTING LOVE: 13:8-13**

#### **HISTORICAL SETTING**

Gifts and knowledge are transitory and their use is to be guided and guarded by a higher principle, AGAPE LOVE.

#### **I. LOVE LIVES AND LASTS, 13:8 (PERMANENT)**

1. Gifts are temporary.
2. Fail = rendered null and void.
3. Cease = stop functioning on its own.
4. Vanish away = rendered null and void.
5. The value of the gifts may last, but the use of them will not.
6. Tongues will cease functioning before other gifts are void.
7. Love lives on, beyond gifts, so excel in love.

#### **II. LOVE LEADS AND LEARNS, 13:9-10 (PERFECTS)**

1. Gifts are imperfect.
2. God has not made revelation total.
3. God's love will lead us to higher levels of usefulness, even when supportive information is unavailable.
4. Through God's love we learn what is proper to do, even when supportive instructions are withheld.
5. It has always been possible to live a per-

fect life at any level of revelation. God's love will always lead us towards God's life.

6. Perfect = total revelation of God's Word and works.

#### **III. LOVE LEAVES AND LIBERATES, 13:11-12 (PROGRESSES)**

1. Gifts are limited and distorted.
2. Speaking, knowing and thinking are all right on a child's level, but only when we are children. Gifts will not mature one beyond an infantile life.
3. Love, not gifts, helps us leave spiritual childhood and liberates us from the limitations of infancy.
4. An expression of God's love will liberate others from the domination and selfish nature of an immature Christian.
5. Leaving childishness is necessary for one's maturity.
6. Liberating others from domination is necessary for their maturity.
7. Love helps others to progressively become all that God wants them to be. It does this by compelling them to leave a lower level of personality (child) and move to a higher level (adulthood).
8. Love admits that one's best wisdom is distorted (glass) and in riddle form (darkly).
9. Love admits that God alone has perfect knowledge and that He alone can give guidance for each individual's future.
10. Love admits and permits.

#### **IV. LOVE LINGERS AND IS LOFTY, 13:13 (PROFITABLE)**

1. Love lasts.
2. In the triad of love, faith and hope, only love lasts.

## ***VERSES FROM THE HEART...continued***

Pastor) forbid the teenagers to do, he decided to take on the town council and request a senior dance. Since the Pastor was the head council member, the boy quoted this scripture. He stood right there in the council meeting reading from the Bible. After that I started reading the Bible. I was in youth group at my church (I was attending a Catholic church as I was brought up), but we never really had lessons from the Bible like I do now. So what if it was that movie that got me to reading; I began to read and that was a good start.

**John 15:5 (nkjv): "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit for without Me you can do nothing."**

Whenever I think about this scripture, I see baskets of fruit; I see branches of believers clinging to the vine, holding on to His words. Now the basket thing is based on a sermon I heard years ago. It was a good message and I will never forget it. How can we fill our baskets with fruit from the vine, fill our branches without Him? Not gonna happen. Stay true to His word and you can do much!

**Romans 8:28 (nkjv): And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**

His good, His will, all things will work together for good, for the best. Although we will never understand why things happen, we know that He has a purpose in our lives, some good, some are a challenge, and at times downright sad. When my father passed away, the Pastor

of a friend's church suggested I read Romans 8:18-30, just to give me a little perspective of God's plans. His will for us, for all of us.

**Romans 12:18 (nkjv): If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.**

In this world, living in peace with all is tough. In some workplaces and even churches, that is just not the situation. People do not always get along; let's face it. You are asked to spend time with people you just would not choose on your own. You have a hard time understanding their personality and reasoning. In my job, I have to remember this scripture what seems like every 15 minutes. I try to keep a smile, keep the peace; but I tell you, that goal is not always met. In fact, the other day I had to ask two co-workers to calm down. Right there in the middle of the office (I had to chuckle to myself on this one). The one participant's mother came by for a visit and heard the whole thing. These two were going at it with words. They both looked at me like I was crazy until I told the one, "Your mom is here to say hi." Keeping the peace, as much as possible.

Any part of God's word can speak to you at any time. God bless you all. Share your love with others this Valentine's Day. Share with your family and friends your favorite scripture.

~ Beth Wright

## VERSES FROM THE HEART

We all have our favorite scriptures and books of the Bible. Words we try to live by, scriptures that tell people what is special to you. What speaks to you, what moves you, your "go to" scriptures when you need them. The Bible is full of wonderful stories, lessons.

I want to share with you some scriptures that are special to me, easy to remember, speak from my heart and have been a help to me. Each of them has a special meaning, or just a story behind them. I will explain why or how I came to find these special.

**Psalm 34:13-14 (nkjv): Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile; Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.**

Can you say GOSSIP??? How many of us get tangled up in this challenging situation? I sure do and it is hard to not get involved. When I was still in Seattle, one of the office I worked in was full of gossip. It was 7 months before I moved to Maui, and I thought it was going to be a long 7 months. My boss had told me that the gal who had my job before me always had people at the front desk gossiping and it was out of control. It was gossip central.

That gal left the company; and when I was hired, the lady who hired me, who was a Christian lady, was so happy that I, too, had a relationship with the Lord. She was hoping that I could change that "gossip central" stigma. I took that scripture with me on my first day (literally, I had it taped to my desk) and granted my bosses wish. Gossip central became what it was sup-

posed to be, a place to be greeted with a smile, the job got done and on occasion, although not what expected, I got a prayer request. Mission accomplished!

**Proverbs 15:13 (nkjv): A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.**

That is an easy one. Walk around with a frown, people won't even glance at you. They may even carry that frown away with them. Walk around with a smile, a happy heart, and they take notice and walk away with a smile. A smile goes a long way. I have clients ask me why I am always in a good mood. That opens the door for me to share my faith.

This scripture is on my screensaver, taped to my desk and on a special box of writing paper a sister in Christ gave to me years ago. I have to refer to them often when I get frustrated. Be happy within and it will show on the outside. Others will take notice and appreciate your happy demeanor.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1&4: To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven; A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.**

This takes me back to one of my all time favorite movies. It came out in 1984, called Footloose. It was about a "city boy" who moved to a very small town. He was used to having dances at his home school.

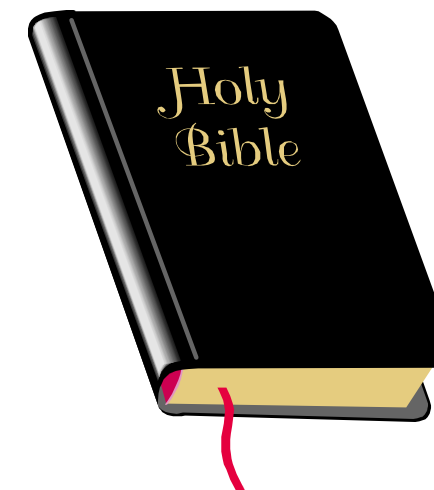
Frustrated by all the things this small town (ruled basically by its most conservative

## Long Lasting Love...continued

3. Faith = trusting the trustworthiness of God, even when revelation is limited.
4. Hope = confident expectation in the details of revelation.
5. Faith and hope are limited in that they become reality and are no longer needed.
6. Love is a higher principle than faith and hope in that it is a manifestation of the very holy character of God. God is love.
7. Faith and hope grow out of details. Love grows out of deity.
8. Other important matters, gifts, faith, and hope lapse in time. Love will linger because it is loftier.

### V. APPLICATIONS

1. FOLLOW AFTER (pursue diligently) GOD'S (agape) LOVE.
2. A LIFE OF LOVE IS THE FIRST AND LAST PLATFORM OF THE CHRISTIAN LIVING.
3. CHRISTIAN LOVE IS A PRODUCT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE, Galatians 5:22, 23.
4. THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL IS GLORIFIED ONLY THROUGH ACTS OF AGAPE LOVE.



## FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

We are making progress on our new building program. Many items we have worked on for over two years are finally coming together. People ask when we are going to start building. Actually, we are underway and have been for several weeks. However, we are only able to do site preparation work and some preliminary projects that are required and included by the county as part of the building program.

- Site grading
- Well preparation
- Silt fences
- Landscape block walls
- Pricing and ordering materials
- Many meetings with architects, county and state agencies, engineers, planning department, etc.
- Planning and prayer meetings

Here are some of the parts of the building program we are presently working on:

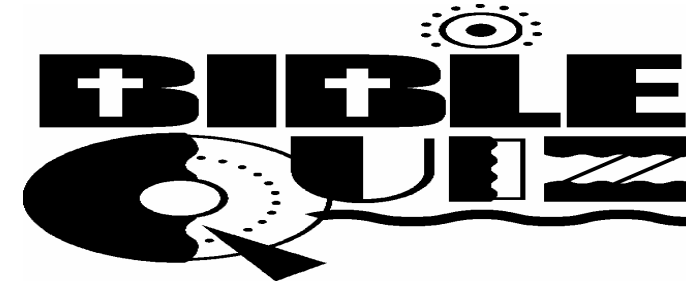
- Site grading
- Work area and enlarged preschool play area
- Required neighbors' six-foot block sight fence
- Required parsonage fences

We are so very thankful for God's guidance in the giving toward our new worship center building. We are presently just \$8,863 short of our \$2,000,000 goal for this stage of our program. As we continue to build, we are prayerfully anticipating reaching the full goal of \$2,500,000.

**THE JOB BEFORE US IS NEVER GREATER THAN THE GOD BEHIND US!**



## QUIZZES FOR YOUNG & OLD



With Valentine's Day fresh in our minds, focus your attention on the scriptures and see if you can answer these questions about "hearts" in the Bible.

1. Who told his scheming mistress "all his heart" and lost his hair (and eyesight) as a result?
2. What king's wife "despised him in her heart" because he had danced so merrily in the streets?
3. According to Psalms, what sort of person "says in his heart, 'There is no God'?"
4. What oppressive Old Testament ruler had his heart repeatedly "hardened" by God?
5. What New Testament man was sent by God to "turn the hearts of the fathers to their children"?
6. What handsome (and rebellious) prince stole the hearts of the men of Israel?
7. In Genesis, what doting father's heart "fainted" when he learned that his long-lost son was still alive?
8. Who told Christians: "In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord"?
9. According to Jesus, "where your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there your heart will be also."
10. What prophet foretold a new covenant with God, one written on men's hearts?

**Just for KIDS**

# LOVE

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

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ANSWERS: 1. Samson (Judges 16). 2. David's wife Michal (2 Samuel 6:16). 3. The fool (Psalm 14:1). 4. The Pharaoh of Moses' time (Exodus). 5. John the Baptist (Luke 1:17). 6. Absalom (2 Samuel 15:6). 7. Jacob (Genesis 45:26). 8. Peter (1 Peter 3:15). 9. Treasure (Matthew 6:21). 10. Jeremiah (31:33). neighbor as yourself." "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your