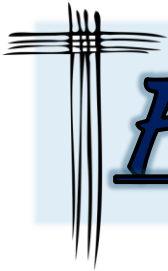


OUR MISSION – Be The Church**VISION – to call the Bayfield church of Christ to a deeper commitment of discipleship**

Family Matters

Love Is



Have you ever seen your kids do something that made you think to yourself, "What were they thinking?" Whatever the thing was your son or daughter did, you knew that it was the exact opposite of what you wanted them to do, yet they went ahead and disobeyed you anyway.

In 1 Corinthians 13:11, Paul says, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I stopped those childish ways."

I've often wondered why Paul would write this, just after he gives us one of the greatest teachings on love. In the text, Paul is pleading with the Christians in Corinth to desire love over anything else. I believe Paul wants the same for today's Christians.

But what's with the one sentence "rant" about putting away "those childish ways?" I've come to this conclusion, children don't really understand love. For kids, teens, some adults, the idea of love is foreign. I can't tell you how many times I've heard someone say, "I love you" to someone and in the very next breath say they love McDonalds. Or someone says "I love you" to someone else, yet gossip about them. And if you consider the rate at which people are getting divorced these days, I have a hard time believing that people really understand what love is.

So what is love? Paul wrote in verses 4-7, "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done. Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong."

I'm not a professional on love but I believe Paul gives us a pretty good definition of what love is. And if you take each of these and apply the opposite to them, we would find what love is not.

Children are some of the most unloving people I know. They tend to be the least patient, jealous, rude, and selfish. But what about us? As "children of God" are we any different. Remember, Paul is writing this letter to *Christians* in the Corinthian church.

If we are being impatient, jealous, bragging, rude, selfish, getting upset w/ others, keeping lists of wrongs, we are not being loving. Furthermore, I would suggest if we are being any of these things, not only are we not being loving, but we are acting like children.

God gives us the example in Jesus for what love looks like when it is put into action. Paul gives us a good definition for what love is. Yet, I've often wondered how many times God has just looked at us and has thought to Himself, "What are they thinking?"

In his book "Crazy Love" Francis Chan challenges us by saying, "My suggestion as you think, make decisions, and discern how God would have you live is to ask yourself, "Is this the most loving way to do life?"

Perhaps it's time for us to reconsider what love really is and grow up a bit. Are we loving the way God wants us to, or are we just acting like children in our speech, thinking, reasoning, and in the way we love? If not, my prayer is that we will become the men and women God wants us to be, life live more loving, and stop our childish ways.

~ Brian

Announcements!

- **Audio Sermons** - Go to our website, www.bayfieldchurchofchrist.com to hear weekly Sunday morning sermons and bible classes!
- **New Ladies Bible Study!** - We began "Entrusted – 2 Timothy" last week. Study books are \$17. If you would like a book, please place check or cash in the collection plate.
- **Ladies Day!** – See Crystal for volunteer spots still open!
- **5th Sunday Singing** - Next Sunday March 31st @ 5pm at Bloomfield Church of Christ

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Harvey Cundiff

SONG LEADER – Ed Harris

38 - *Awesome God*
290- *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

OPENING PRAYER – Lance Taylor

313 - *The Old Rugged Cross*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Table Talk – Ed Harris
Servers – Henry Cundiff,
Monty Cundiff, Russ Haga,
R.W. Yarbrough

GIVING

77 - *Glorify Thy Name*

Presentation
Norman from
Manuelito Children's
Home
Gallup, NM

INVITATION SONG

924 - *Just As I Am*

CLOSING PRAYER – Tyler Whitt

Evening Services

Song Leader – Tyler Whitt
Devotion – Brian Williams



Worship Times: Sunday – Adult & Children's Bible classes 9:00am, Worship 10:00am & 6:00pm

Wednesday – Adult & Children's Bible classes 6:30pm

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Marilyn (Joe Layton's sister) – diagnosed with myasthenia gravis after experiencing difficulty speaking, no stroke

Gene Chapin - Hodgkin's lymphoma in throat & abdomen, PET scan showed no lymphoma and will finish treatment at the end of June, praise God!

Easton Hahn (Russ & Denise's grandson) – had an incident with a leaf covered steel post yesterday and injured his leg, he is in surgery this morning!

Brian Williams – has shingles, prayers for a quick recovery!

Joe Herrera - pancreatic tumor that is cancerous, had a biopsy done but is not doing well since the procedure.

Ron Penning – recovering from knee surgery that removed a bone fragment

Baby Ace & Keseandra – foster children of Brian & Tammy, prayers for these sweet children, their parents, and all involved!

Hunter (Linda Cundiff's nephew) – Suffered brain damage in a car accident.

Amy Davlin (Kelly Sutherlin's friend) – she is battling rare kidney disease that is difficult to treat, but praise God the chemo she has been taking is working now!

Mike, Rachel (Speaker) Landron's father-in-law – recovering from a heart attack, also now has prostate cancer and his heart is not strong enough for surgery

Ron Swift – bicycle accident, still in pain, prayer as he heals and for Jackie as she cares for him.

Frank & Ginger's granddaughter – fell at work and broke her leg in 4 places,

Faye McIntyre & family – prayers of comfort and peace with Don's passing

Frank & Ginger VanTassel – both are battling daily pain, prayers for relief

Shawna (Kevin Killough's sister) – battling pancreatic cancer with ongoing health issues daily, please pray also for Shawna & Kevin's mother who cares for her

Nathan, Lauren, Hannah & Emily Harris (Ed & Penny's son & family) – Continued prayers for all as they navigate thru major changes

Cancer Treatment: Dr. Harry Baxtrom (stomach cancer & melanoma), **Mary Orbison** (pancreatic cancer), **Chuck Sullivan** (brain cancer), **Alma Evans** (taking chemo), **David Walters, Judy Norton, Doug Sutherlin**

Military and law enforcement - our own and those around the world keeping our country free. **Joe Schmidt family** – (Jeannie Barnes' brother) his wife is in the Air Force in London.

All of us - as we become stronger Disciples of Christ, and that we serve God daily to carry out His purpose for us

The Lost – that they will receive God

Encouragement Opportunities

Family, let's remember to reach out to one another and comfort one another. *"For they will know us by our love..."*

- **Kevin & Lana Killough** – his sister Shawna is battling pancreatic cancer and daily health struggles
- **Faye McIntyre**
- **Frank & Ginger VanTassel**
- **Our Bayfield church family** – keep one another in prayer, meet together, check in on one another...

**EVENTS****Ladies Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 10am, Beth Moore's Entrusted – 2 Timothy

5th Sunday Singing

Sunday March 31st @ 5:00pm at the Bloomfield Church of Christ

Potluck Sunday

April 7th will be our next potluck Sunday, with Men & Ladies Meetings to follow.

Game Night

Friday April 12th @ 6:30pm in the Family Bldg.

Bayfield Ladies Day 4/27/19

"Renew, Restore, Refresh"

There are still many spots still open for volunteering.

Ladies Day - Delta Church of Christ

Saturday June 22nd 10am – 2pm
"Love Never Fails"

Body & Soul Fitness

Located in the Family Building

Given this week's Spring Break, we will have just 2 classes available.

Tues 8:15am - HIIT

Thurs 8:15am - HIIT

Birthdays & Anniversaries**March**

3 Greg Jones

12 Kristian Talley

16 Kevin Killough

17 Catelynn Whitt

23 Kevin Sutherlin

24 R.W. & Rhonda Yarbrough

29 Henry Cundiff

29 Helen Montonati

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