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What's Love Got to Do with It?

I'll probably drive my Chevy Tahoe until it has a million miles on it. Here are a few reasons. I like a real "on the column" gearshift (especially in the car wash), it doesn't have that irritating Auto-Shutoff, and it has a CD player/radio that I can control with manual buttons. Even though I do have an iPhone, I'm not into iTunes and still prefer listening to my "old school" CDs. When I'm not listening to CDs, I enjoy



this old thing called the radio, but I am the type that can drive passengers crazy (just ask Lindy) by forwarding through numerous channels until I hear the song that I want to listen to.

While driving across town and pondering on this upcoming message series "Love is..." based on I Corinthians 13, I took a break and decided to scan the forward button and listen to some radio tunes. Somehow, I managed to catch the beginning of Tina Turner's hit song, "What's Love Got to Do with It." I then wondered if I should have used

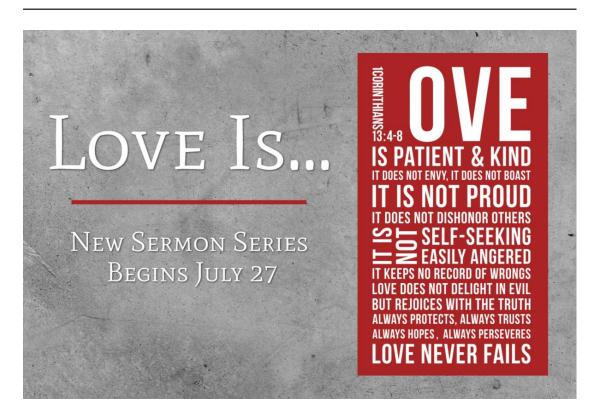
that song as the title for this sermon series. However, the image of church attendees breaking into dance moves at the mention of the title quickly squelched that thought.

Somehow, I think the Apostle Paul might have at least liked the title of that song as it seemed to summarize his challenge to the believers at Corinth on the subject of love. There was a lot going on in the Corinthian church. They were a very gifted, talented, and active church, yet for some reason Paul began to question whether or not God's love was really present in all the activity.

This Sunday we are starting a five-week series on I Corinthians 13, and hopefully with Paul's help and God's grace we will experience and grow into this reality of this word used in more songs, poems, and literature than probably any other word in the English language. I would encourage you to set a reminder to read this passage daily during this series and ask God to give us new insights and understanding to this amazing passage from the Apostle Paul.

Blessings,

John



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, JULY 27 "Better Than Miracles"

In 1 John 4:8 we are told that "God is love." In Galatians 5:22 Paul tells us that the "Fruit of the Spirit is love." However, when it comes to defining what love is, few seem to describe it more clearly than the Apostle Paul in the 13th chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians. It is one of the most popular Scriptures read at wedding ceremonies, yet I'll bet that this was not what

Paul had in mind when he was writing this letter to this church. I encourage you to read and meditate on this incredible chapter daily in this five-part series discerning the reality of love. This first Sunday looking at this chapter will be focused on who these Corinthians were that Paul was writing to and how does that reality relate to us today.

A NOTE FROM THE McFREDERICKS Missionaries to the Czech Republic



Thank You From Brno...

We're SO GRATEFUL for you!

We've seen many historic weapons in Europe, but the most powerful is PRAYER. We're celebrating 2 new ministers, 4 recent baptisms, 4 new teens in the youth group, a new missionary family arrival in the Balkans & new missionaries appointed to France! Camp is coming July 27-Aug 2. Please pray for 5+ more campers to register, for not-yet believing campers to be open to the Gospel, and Christian campers to be strengthened. Leadership mtgs. + our annual missionary conference are from Aug 8-16. Lift up this time of decision-making, learning, and refreshment for all our workers coming together & Kerensa as she leads.

What a joy to be in Kingdom work together with YOU! Thank you for your generosity and love for sharing the Good News across Europe.

Sending much love always, Jason & Kerensa



LOCATION CHANGE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Please note that we will be meeting at the Marriott Albuquerque (2101 Louisiana Blvd NE) on Sunday, August 10 as our regular room at the Sheraton will be unavailable that day. We will be back at the Sheraton the following week on Sunday, August 17.



CELEBRATING SANDIA FELLOWSHIP'S TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Sandia Fellowship's two-year anniversary with us last Sunday! God has done so much through our church in these two years and we look forward with anticipation at all He will do in the years to come!

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FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE ISOTOPES!

Come join your church family for "Faith and Family Night at the Isotopes" on Sunday, August 10! The game starts at 6:05 PM, and there will also be a pre-game worship concert beginning at 4:30 PM. Group tickets must be purchased in advance, so please email us **here** to let us know if you and/or your family would like to participate.



THIS WEEK'S UPDATE ON OUR NEW CHURCH HOME

We are making headway on the city signing off on our building plans. We are hoping to have this aspect finalized soon so everything can get underway!

PLEASE PRAY for the permit process from the city to move forward.

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue the building renovations for our permanent church home.





NEED ASSISTANCE WITH HEARING AT CHURCH?

If you are needing assistance with hearing, please download the **Listen Everywhere** app on your cell phone.

When you arrive at our service, please connect to our Wi-Fi. The password is: 17x9c9s0ua.

On your hearing aid, make sure your Bluetooth is turned on. If you do not want to use the app on your phone, we have two devices available. It has a headphone that goes over your ear and you can adjust the volume on the provided phone. Please ask an usher if you need one of these devices.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Have you visited our website lately? There's always fresh content being added: <u>announcements</u> and church news, current <u>sermons</u> as well as <u>past sermon series</u>, weekly <u>newsletters</u>, and more.

You can also <u>submit a prayer request</u>, learn about our various <u>Life</u> <u>Groups</u>, read about the <u>missionaries and outreaches</u> we support, set up <u>online giving</u>, learn more about the <u>mission and vision</u> of Sandia Fellowship as well as the <u>Global Methodist Church</u>, and so much more!

Bookmark our site and check back regularly!

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SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS!

Sandia Fellowship has a dedicated Prayer Ministry that intercedes weekly for various needs and requests. The Apostle Paul wrote, "<u>Do not be anxious about anything</u>, but in <u>everything</u> by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving <u>let your requests be made known to God</u> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

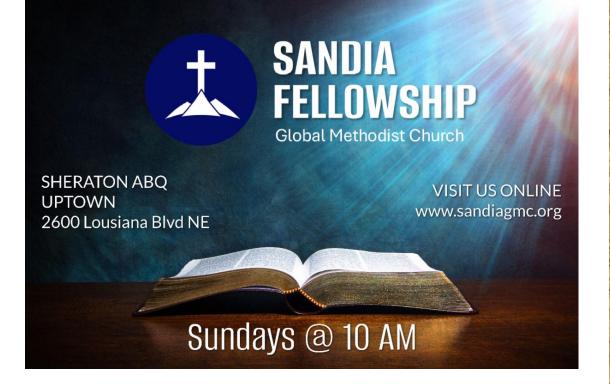
There is no prayer need "too small" or "too big" for the Lord. If our hearts are burdened by anything, God wants us to bring it to Him in prayer -- and He promises us His peace when we do.

You can submit a prayer request in one of three ways

- Send a request through our website or click the red button below.
- Email us at prayer@sandiagmc.org.
- Fill out a **Prayer Request card** available at the Welcome Tables on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please email Holly at hklein@sandiagmc.org.

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST HERE



Join us for worship this Sunday!

Childcare is available for ages six months through five years old.









SANDIA FELLOWSHIP YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know you can subscribe to the Sandia Fellowship YouTube channel? All of our weekly sermons are uploaded to our YouTube channel here as well as on our website.

Search *@sandiafellowship* on YouTube (or just click the photo).



This exciting venture in faith would not be possible without God moving upon the hearts of people to give towards this work. Your generosity helps create a church where we can bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel. The mission of Sandia Fellowship is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We strive to humbly serve others as ambassadors of Christ.

Click **HERE** to give safely and securely online.

<u>NOTE</u>: Donations can be made to either the **General Budget** or the **Building Fund** by choosing from the dropdown menu. You can also make a donation to our monthly **Communion Offerings** via the dropdown.

Checks can also be mailed to

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