

An Epistle from Paul:

Be Fervent in Love! – This is Valentine’s Day. Let me use a several illustrations to help remind us of yet another vital Biblical principle.

The great Broadway musical star, Mary Martin was about to go on stage in *South Pacific* one night. She was handed a note. It was from Oscar Hammerstein who at that moment was on his deathbed. The note read as follows: “Dear Mary, A bell’s not a bell till you ring it. A song’s not a song till you sing it. Love in your heart is not put there to stay. Love isn’t love till you give it away.”

Two hundred years ago one of our well known encyclopedias discussed the word “atom” with the use of only four lines. But five separate pages were devoted to a discussion of “love.” In a recent edition of that same encyclopedia five pages were given to the word “atom” and “love” was totally omitted.

Dr. Leonard Cammer, M.D. who specialized in treating depressed people wrote the following: “The human being is the only species that can’t survive alone... A telephone call to a depressed person can save a life. An occasional word, a ten-minute visit can be more effective than twenty-four hours of nursing care. You can buy nursing care. You can’t buy love.”

Four-year-old Martha, hugging a doll in each of her pudgy little arms, looked up wistfully at her mother and said, “Mamma, I love them and love them and love them, but they never love me back!”

All the above help illustrate the point I want to make from 1 Peter 1:22 where it says, “*Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.*” The word *fervent* is a Greek term referring to athletes reaching for the finish line with great intensity. Like those who do the long jump, high jump or pole vaulters. They stretch to the uttermost to reach the limit... and so is how we are to love one another in Christ!

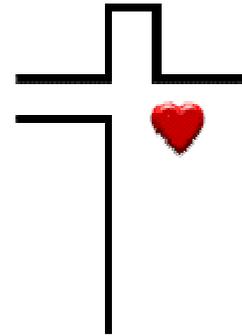
Postscript – Join us for the Wednesday Luncheon this week... Also, don’t forget to sign up for bowling/pizza coming February 26, 2012!

In His Marvelous Love, **Paul**



The Church of Christ
725 US 35 West
P.O. Box 276
Eaton, Ohio 45320
937-456-5816
www.cceaton.org

*Where the Cross of Christ
is at the heart of our
worship and service to Him!*



The Timely Word

Proverbs 15:23 “... *How delightful is a timely word.*”

Bi-Weekly Church Paper
of
The Church of Christ at Eaton, Ohio

Come Worship and Serve Him With Us!

Bible School9:30 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Volume IV

February 14, 2012

No. 04



Do you believe that? Why buy into the idea that “love never fails?” Haven’t you heard the latest statistics concerning divorce... violent crime... etc.? “Love” seems to be on the decline doesn’t it? So why should you and I believe “love never fails”? Love by God’s Word is rock solid... Love by the world’s standards is ever failing... Thus, the reason we can and must believe that *love never fails* is that we have God’s Word on it. The world has *made its bed* with Satan and as a result perverted every good, truthful and holy thing pertaining to God and His Word. No wonder the world is as wicked and evil as it is. The world doesn’t believe *love never fails!*



Here's the Count!

February 5, 2012.....\$1,929.90
 February 12, 2012.....\$1,672.75



Bowling & Pizza!

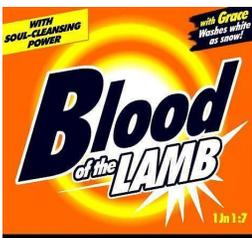


Sunday, February 26th
 we will be gathering

together as a church family at the Bowl 40 (in Richmond) from 3 PM to 5 PM. Afterwards, we will all head over to Clara's for some really good fellowship and some pretty good pizza... The bowling will be paid for by the church. All young people will have their pizza paid for them. Don't hesitate to sign up (paper on the table in the foyer) and plan now to join us for this great gathering then. If you need a ride, be sure to let us know and we'll arrange it 4 U!!

Give Us Your Ears!

We want to remind the church family to remember once a month we gather together usually on a Wednesday at 12 noon for food and fellowship. We pick a local eating establishment and urge our brothers and sisters to meet us at the appointed place OR if you want and need a ride give Paul N. or Bill W. a call... We will be meeting this Wednesday (2-15-12) at Rob's in Brookville, Ohio. Again, it would be our privilege to have you present with us!



Are You Washed?!

We sing a song that asks the question: *Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power; are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?* You will find no more important question to answer. Are you washed in the blood of Jesus Christ? If not, why not? Come, and receive grace on God's terms!!

(by no means an exhaustive list)

All Military Personnel: Adam Wentzell, Christopher Drew, Ben Shelley, Zachary Polsini, Cody Vance, Bud Reed, Courtney Reed, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts (if other please let us know...)
Recovering and Other Matters: Doris Childers, Betty Teater, Ruby Rieger, Jean Howard, Florence & Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Denise Hammonds, Reva Cole, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger, Dottie Campbell, Kathy Romeo, Nancy Byman, Linda Blough, Kay Stafford, Ron Mays, Tim Ketchem, WillaDean Claywell, Neil Snow, Pam Kauslick, Rita Culp, Kay Campbell
Dealing With Cancer: Pam Cole, Mary Lou Kidwell, A.T. Rogers, Judy Bell, Ron Hornsby, Terry Liming, Rick Crane...



Time Keeps Ticking Away!



Try as we may, time in no way stands still. Each passing day is a reminder to all as to how fast time passes... There seems to be a preoccupation with trying to at least slow down the ticking of time. Scripture makes clear we as Christians need to be "aware" of the fleeing of time, BUT not let ourselves get preoccupied with it. We are to live each day as unto the Lord. Every good and perfect gift is His and we are but stewards of what He has entrusted to each of us. Let's manage His time wisely... but at the same time let's not get preoccupied as the world does in doing so.

What Do You See?

You've seen these before; pictures with several ways about which to look at them... In this one there appears to be a chalice or cup of some kind being looked at by two faces... Or there are two faces looking at two faces... Thankfully, God has given us a book, the Bible that speaks for itself. O, there are many who claim there are various interpretations... But thankfully, the Bible always speaks for itself!

