

Church Newsletter

February 2024



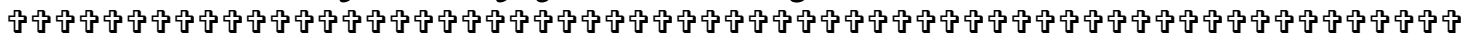
Chapel-by-the-Sea Baptist Church
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Weekly Services

Bible Study 9:00 AM Sunday
 Worship 10:00 AM Sunday
 Worship 6:30 PM Sunday
 Worship 6:30 PM Wednesday



And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Romans 5:5



Layers of Love

Love comes in layers. The intimate love of a married couple is very exclusive. The love we have for our children is intense. We have friends we love on a different level, and there's a special bond of love that unites followers of Christ. And yet, even with all those love layers extending from us, there is still enough love within us—thanks to the Holy Spirit!—to love the whole world.



That's why the Bible tells us to entertain strangers (Hebrews 13:2), to have pity on the poor (Proverbs 19:17), to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), to visit orphans and widows in their distress (James 1:27), to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us (Luke 6:27), to support the weak (Acts 20:35), and to "be kindly affectionate to one another" (Romans 12:10).

Love is demonstrated not just through words, but through actions. Be intentional in loving others, and God will reward you for your faithful obedience to His command.

True love is an act of the will—a conscious decision to do what is best for the other person instead of ourselves.
Billy Graham



Christian Love - Christ's Commandment

What's at the heart of Christian love? Jesus said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, once wrote, "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death" (1 John 3:14). And "by this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:2-3).



Christian Love - Not a Feeling, a Lifestyle - So, what do these scriptures regarding "Christian love" really mean? Is it a warm fuzzy feeling? I don't have a warm fuzzy feeling for everyone I meet, Christian or otherwise -- does that mean I'm not saved? No, a "warm fuzzy feeling" is not the biblical definition for "love". So, what is the Biblical definition for love? Let's search the Scriptures and find out...

A Pharisaic lawyer once asked our Lord, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:36-40).

According to Matthew's Gospel, the very essence of the Law and the Prophets is to love God and to love others. And we see this term "the Law and the Prophets" used in one other place in Matthew's Gospel. It's in this passage that we find the Biblical definition for love: "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

Christian Love: Selfless & Giving Love - Christian love is giving to others those things that you would want them to give you if you were in their situation -- and it's doing so even if they can't pay you back. In fact, it's doing so especially if they can't pay you back! Christian love is respect for others. It's mercy. It's charity.

When the King James translators came upon the Greek word *agape* (God's Love), in addition to using the English word "love" to transliterate it, they often chose the English word "charity." This was meant to reinforce the idea that *agape* is a selfless, giving love. God's Love is unselfish and unconditional. Now we know what is meant by Christian love. Now we know what to strive for.

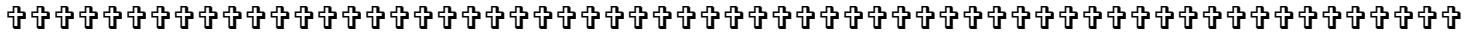


Current Sermon Series

Sunday Mornings – “Psalm 23”

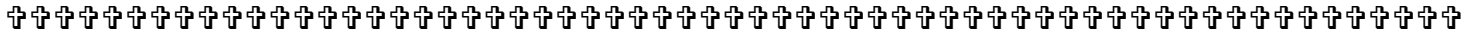
Sunday Evenings – “Heaven on My Mind”

Wednesday Evenings – “Gifts of the Spirit”



P B & J (Prayer Breakfast & Jesus) Ladies Fellowship & WMU

Our February meeting will be Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall for our monthly Ladies Fellowship Prayer Brunch with our monthly WMU meeting to follow. All ladies are encouraged to attend hope to see you for this time of Christian fellowship.



SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World



SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE NEED JESUS TO LIVE.



<i>Let us be Faithful Stewards.</i>		
Financial Report thru January 21, 2023		
	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>
Yearly	\$213,651.37	\$ 13,746.00
Weekly	\$ 4,108.68	\$ 4,582.00 (Wkly Avg.)
<i>A Giving Church is a Living Church!</i>		

Happy Valentine's
 Day



Flower Calendar: If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary during 2024 for a special occasion or in honor of or in memory of a special person/s or event, please sign up on the Flower Calendar posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Cost is \$60 per Sunday.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Donna Piper 2/1, Elizabeth Ledford 2/2, Jan Wilson 2/6, Nancy Redmond,
Sarah Lewis 2/14, David Heery 2/17, Ginger Laughner 2/19

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sherry & Mike Hosti 2/12



Looking Ahead...

March 10th Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 19th – 1st Day of Spring

March 24th – Palm Sunday

March 31st – Resurrection Sunday

