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LOVE
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1 CORINTHIANS 13

We're so accustomed to hearing the Bible's "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, at weddings and other occasions that we may not really hear its meaning anymore. It can help to listen to something familiar said in different words. What new understandings of love does this paraphrase from *The Message* Bible reveal to you?

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG).

February

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 3. Bonnie Holmes
- Katherine Phillips
- 4. Shirley Simmons
- 8. Jim Roberts

- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Gray Goodman



Newborns

Congratulations to Tony and Madison Martin on the birth of twins, Stetson Ray Martin and Wrenley Mae Martin, born January 10, 2025.

Proud grandmother is Sandra Martin.

Special Relief Fund

January 17, the home of Jason and Jamie Patterson and family caught fire and burned down, losing all of their possessions. Thankfully, the family was not home so they are all safe.

We ask that you remember them in your prayers as they try to recover from this great loss. If you would like to donate to assist this precious family, you may make checks payable to *First Methodist Church* with the words "Patterson Family Relief Fund" in the memo line. We thank you for your prayers and support.

Men's Retreat

There will be a Men's Retreat Friday, February 28, 2025 at St. John's Methodist Church in Greenwood and Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Indianola First Methodist Church. The featured speaker is Jorge Acevedo.





For the month of February we will be in the series, ***Jesus: His Miracles***. Each week we will have a lesson about Jesus as He prepared for his ministry.

When I Have Problems - A Centurion takes a risk.

When I Hurt- The Miracle in Nain.

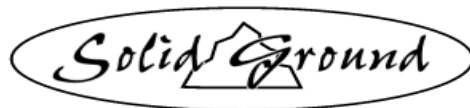
When I Am Afraid - Caught in a Storm! - Jesus sleeps in a storm.

When I Have Needs- An Amazing Lunch - Feeding 5,000

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children's Bible Study meets every Wednesday. Our schedule will be as always. Bible Study at 5:30 pm, followed by snack supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15.

We will continue to craft through the Bible. We are studying lessons about David as he prepares to take over as King of Israel.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Youth Bible Study is back, and we will be meeting every Sunday and Wednesday evening for a time of fellowship and group time together. Our Youth Bible Study on Sunday Nights will be studying Revelation. Each Wednesday we will cover Life Application Lessons.

M28 Camp –Date June 29 - July 2, 2025

We have registered for camp and more information will be sent by text in the weeks to come. Payment installment dates will be sent out soon.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/Marilyn Burnett
Scripture	Romans 5:1-11
Sermon	“Christ Died For Us”
Flowers	Michelle & Shane Manor

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

2. God’s power and wisdom	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
3. The Lord lifts up	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
4. For the sake of the gospel	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
5. A prayer for renewal	Psalm 51:1-17
6. Now is the time!	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
7. Being like God	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
8. Surrounded by steadfast love	Psalm 32