

*these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection (Colossians 3:12-14).* The ESV version translates Colossians 3:14, *And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.* Biblical love is as sweet as the most harmonious song. Love provides us the perfect bond in which to be united together both in marriage and in christian fellowship. Love gives us the heart to have a perfect one-another relationship. Love allows us to be forgiving and understanding of our imperfections.



When Ms. Stevie Beale was just 17 years old, a car accident paralyzed her from the waist down. She felt like her world had collapsed and her dreams for life were shattered forever. Stevie told a reporter for USA Today, "After the accident, I thought I was doomed to my parents' house, to never have a boyfriend or never get married." For Ms. Beale, loving a husband was not in her future. But after the accident, she met Jared VanAusdale, and her heart and mind took a new direction. Seven years later, she walked down the aisle towards her groom with the assistance of her father and a walker. Jared "cried like a baby in front of 300 people" when his new bride achieved her goal after months of grueling physical therapy sessions. Jared was proud of his new wife and vowed to love her with her imperfections. God's love provided the answer for our imperfections, Christ! (Matthew 20:28). Christ demonstrated God's love and gave himself to redeem the perfect bride, the church (John 3:16-17). In the church, God's love allows us to walk in the bond of perfection because of the ever present forgiveness available through the blood of Christ (I John 1:7).

Do you have a love-filled marriage to Christ? Have you been forgiven? Have you put on Christ? Do you love as Christ loved? How do you define love?

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**II Timothy 2:15**

**Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 PM

**Thursday**

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

**Sun. Morning**

**Radio & TV**

**KTXR 101.3 FM**

Lifeline 7:15 AM

**Channel 10**

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

**Channel 33**

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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**BULLETIN**

Defining Love

*And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. Ephesians 5:2*

Sandra sent Reader's Digest a story they published that tells how that suddenly and unexpected Sandra's father, then stationed at Camp Edwards in Massachusetts, received orders to prepare to ship out, and all leaves were canceled. However, being a young man very much in love, Sandra's father went AWOL. Sandra explained that her father and her mother were married four days earlier than originally planned and her father returned to base to an extremely angry sergeant. After hearing a long, impassioned, romantic, love-filled explanation and plea for mercy, the sergeant somewhat understandingly replied, "Okay, okay!" Then, as an afterthought the sergeant yelled and barked very loudly: "But don't let it happen again!" I suppose there is nothing like having a sergeant's barking orders for a life-long, love-filled marriage.

What does it mean to love? Does it mean we go AWOL to get married to a beautiful sweetie that we feel we are in love with? Not a good plan. However, if you were to ask folks what is love, you would likely hear a lot of different answers. Volumes have been written to define and explain love. However, the best answer is the one that comes from the ancient volume, the Bible. The scriptures, by inspiration of God, tells us that *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails (I Cor. 13:4-8).*

Scriptures reveal that love is more than mere feelings, though love involves feeling. Love is an intentional act of the will; love determines to put aside self and bless the object of its love. Love sacrifices. Love pays whatever cost, gives whatever gift, and runs whatever risk to do what is best for another. It gladly gives without complaint. Love will act even when difficult things are required. Love will bear the harsh and the demanding load of bearing with one another (*Ephesians 4:2*). *Love even enables us to do what those of the world rarely do, forgive one another. Paul declares, Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all*

## Privileged to Serve

### Worship

**Coordinator:** Bobby Lewis

**Announcements:** Tim Brashears

## Sunday AM

### Before Service Greeters:

Terry Cruise & Helen Marchand

### After Services Greeters:

Kay Lewis & Ruth McMasters

**Songleader:** Jerry Cruise

### Lord's Table

\*John Marchand, William Dill, Steve Crews, Robert Comer

**Opening Prayer:** Larry Chafin

**Closing Prayer:** Nacho Bram

**Sermon:** Rick Bright

## Sunday PM

### Before & After Services

**Greeters:** Thad & Patsy Layne

**Songleader:** John Sanders

**Lord's Table:** Ron Peck

**Opening Prayer:** Luther Sheppard

**Closing Prayer:** Travis Hampton

**Sermon:** Rick Bright

## Wed. Night

### Before & After Services

**Greeters:** Betty Sheppard & Beverly Bram

**Devotional:** David Page

**Songleader:** Rick Bright

**Prayer:** Daniel Hyder

## News and Announcements:

### Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



**Sincere Sympathy** is extended to Colin Carpenter and his family upon the death of his father last week.

**Thank You** for your prayers and help in reaching our 1st Sunday Attendance goal. It was good to have the many visitors with us.

**Thank You** to everyone who participated in the Sweetheart Party last night and making it a wonderful time for all. Special appreciation goes to the hosts!



**Sunday Sundaes!** On Sunday evening, February 24, all the kids 12 and under are invited to McDonalds after worship for free ice cream sundaes.

**Wed. Adult Class** - "King David and the other woman," a look at marriage, divorce and remarriage.



### On your Agenda!

**Kid Sing** starts at 6 p.m. this evening.

**Singing Today** at Webco (2:00), Marshfield Place (3:00), and Marshfield Care Center (3:30) this afternoon.



**Men's Business Meeting** at 4:15 today.

February 17—Youth Night  
February 24—Youth Focus  
February 24—Sunday Sundaes  
March 3—Fellowship Dinner  
April 12—Widow/Widowers Luncheon

### Questions and Answers:

Who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus? John 18:2-3  
According to the apostle Paul, Christ is head of the \_\_\_\_\_ and Savior of the \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 5:23

## Remember in Prayer:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

\* indicates members at Marshfield

**Ken Bebee**, Helen Marchand's son-in-law, will have surgery February 21

**Greg Bright** is improving and able to speak names.

**Ken Cooksey** has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

**Easton Gage**, Dick Kimble's great grandson, is failing to thrive and has been taken to a hospital in Kansas City.

**Mary Harrison**, Amber Heistand's grandmother, is recuperating from a broken hip.

**Jayden Hicks**, Mary Charlotte's great granddaughter, fell and suffered a concussion.

**Geneva Howe** has been having trouble with her blood levels.

**Elaine Hutchins**, friend of Marvin & JoAnne, is on a heart medication to regulate the beats.

**Doris Letterman**, Connie Isis's sister, has pain in her legs and is having trouble walking.

**Keith McHenry** continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

**Tye McMasters** is at his grandparents in Mt. Vernon awaiting a surgical procedure.

**Morelia**, in Colombia, is suffering from throat and tonsil problems.

\* **John Nash** has basal cell carcinoma and severe arthritis pain.

**Curtis Pankey** is being kept sedated because he gets really agitated when he wakes up.

**Donna Plummer's** blood work showed she does not need chemo.

\* **Roy Phillips** is recuperating at home and working to avoid common infections.



### Birthdays

Easton Hyder  
Cloah Hampton

### Anniversaries

No Feb. anniversaries

**Micaiah Sedlacek**, JoAnne's nephew, is having severe hip pain.

**Lucy Stone**, Margot Hyder's grandmother, is improving after her falls.

**Issie Tabor (13)**, whose family used to worship here, has had cancer 2 or 3 times and it is growing again.

**James Taylor**, a friend of the Hyderys, is battling cancer.

**Lorella Treadway**, Norma Nash's sister-in-law, is going through the testing process before her kidney transplant.

**Dan Wampler**, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.

**Ron Webb**, Pat Cruise's cousin, whose chemo treatments are no longer working.

### Remember The Homebound

- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Estelline Jones** (Home)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



### Record for February 3

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| Sunday AM                | 132    |
| Sunday PM                | 78     |
| Wed. PM                  | 74     |
| Total Contribution:      | \$2796 |
| 2019 Contribution Budget | \$2416 |

Together we are enriched in the Lord 2 Cor. 8:9

