



Being the Church...

"The church seeks to help form people who can risk being **peaceful** in a violent world, risk being **kind** in a competitive world, risk being **faithful** in an age of cynicism, risk being **gentle** among those who admire the tough, risk **love** when it may not be returned, because we have the confidence that in Christ we have been reborn into a new reality." — John Yoder

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages. 'Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's a part of Adam's suit!'



After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."



Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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JUST LIKE ME! By Joanna Fuchs

Dear Lord, forgive our yielding
to temptation;
Forgive our pride, our love of
worldly things.
Have mercy on our love of
sensual pleasure,
Compassion on the sins that self-
love brings.
It must be hard to understand us
sometimes;
So very different is your heart
and mind.
But wait, I just remembered that
you do know
What it's like to be a part of
humankind.

You suffered just like we do, and
you were tempted.
You lived with us so you could
comprehend
The things that we go through each
trying day,
So you could give us mercy, and be
our friend.
Thank you for compassion and
forgiveness;
Thank you for your love and
empathy.
Thank you, Lord, for coming down
from heaven
To experience life's trials, just like
me.



Join us each Sunday for Worship...

3 p.m. worship and praise

22243 Allan Road (@Adelaide Road) South of Mt Brydges

Hot: "Every love story is beautiful but ours is my favourite." — Unknown



Christian Pick-up Lines

1. Nice bible.
2. I would like to pray with you.
3. You know Jesus? Me too.
4. God told me to come talk to you.
5. How about a hug, sister?
6. I know a church where we could go and talk.
7. Christians don't shake hands, Christians gotta hug.
8. Did it hurt when you fell from Heaven?
9. What are your plans for tonight? Feel like a bible study?
10. The word says "Give drink to those who are thirsty, and feed the hungry," how about dinner?
11. Is it a sin that you stole my heart?
12. Would you happen to know a Christian woman (man) that I could love with all my heart and wait on hand and foot?
13. Have you ever tried praying at a drive-in movie before?
14. Excuse me; I believe one of your ribs belongs to me.
15. You know they say that you have never really dated, until you have dated a Christian.



Something to Think About...

"May the Master take you by the hand and lead you along the path of God's love and Christ's endurance." ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:5 (The Message)

It's easy to see the relationship between the heart and February when viewed through the lens of romance and love for the special someone in our lives. But what about a love for God that goes beyond paying lip service when we're expected to – Christmas, Easter, maybe at baby dedications, weddings or funerals? What if we listened to the words of God which command us to let the Lord our Master direct our hearts into God's love?

This year as we celebrate Valentine's Day in mid-February what if you and I chose to make valentine cards for God? It would help us recognize the great love God has for us and motivate us to live lives worthy of that love. So often we hear of how the heart is fickle. God alone is able to direct our heart, to set its course on the straight and narrow path and to carry us to our destination above the troubles we encounter each day. Only God is able to keep our emotions in check,



give proper direction to our passions and pursuits, keeping them from being derailed, keeping our hearts from being broken, bringing regularity to our heart, and subsequently to our lives.

When we consider that the disciples to whom Paul initially wrote this letter at Thessalonica were suffering affliction and persecution, in need of patience to endure their trials in a proper manner, it becomes obvious why he directed them to God's great love. Though most of us are blessed to not face such trials as they did, we too know of times when we are discouraged, worn out, broken, disheartened. We too are looking to be lead along the path that leads to peace, joy, love, and to forgiveness, renewed strength or perhaps another chance following yet another failure.

That's where we're promised we can call on Christ's endurance to sustain us. Our great Saviour, Jesus, is the great example of patience, so it is good to pray that we might have the same endurance which He had. It is a reminder that such patient endurance, under all our sufferings and persecutions, as Christ manifested under His, is to be borne meekly in contradiction to the way of sinners since Christ when He was reviled didn't retaliate. We're left then with a renewed sense of an inward awareness of the love of God, a deep awareness we're unable to drift beyond His care, and secure always in Him, together with the outward demonstration of the endurance Christ gives us - an understanding that as the Psalmist says, *"The Lord upholds (us) with the palm of His hand"* ~ Psalm 37:24. Now that's love!

This is all the more important as we live in a world where there are more nervous breakdowns than at any time in history. It's certainly a sign that more and more people have the feeling they can't cope with life. Through a deep love of God, the Christian, when others break, stands erect and when others collapse shoulders their burden and goes on.

Mark your Calendar...

Sunday February 5th

- Communion
- Message Series...

What a Difference Jesus Makes

Bible Study: Mondays
8771 Parkhouse (6 Feb)

Sunday February 19th for
their 154th Anniversary
Service

2:30 p.m.

Special Music: Grace Strathdee

Speaker: Rev. Dave Snihur

MLHA Council Mtg: Saturday
February 25, lunch @ 12pm
Egerton Street Baptist,
London