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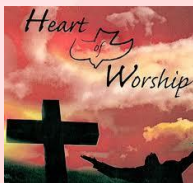
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

**Please join us for our weekly services
Sunday – 9:00 A.M. Connections Class**



Sunday - 10:00 A.M. Worship



**Wednesday at the Well – 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study**



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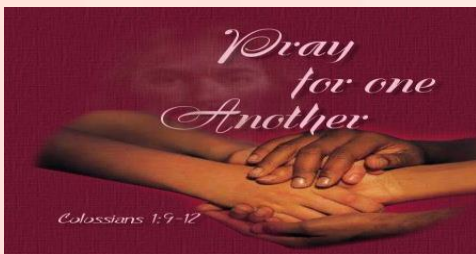
View from the Pew

Church please continue to pray for those who have lost a loved one, and for those who need a touch from the Lord.

Our Condolences to:
Sandy Bayless and family in the loss of her husband Dee.
John Musacchio Jr and family in the loss of his father, John Sr
Sherry Yankie and family in the loss of her mother, Deloris Smith



Healing:
Barb Sublett
Sandy Bayless
Marielise
Jazmin Quigley
Elder Melvin Rankins
The Choir
Elester Raimey
Kathy Boll



Testimonies & Praise Reports

Erinne Musacchio - Employment
Dolores Pouewells - Good Health
Stella Llamas - A Powerful Word from the Lord
Elder Rankins - Healing
Pastor Boll & Family - Financial
Jay Saunders - Healing
Dustin Shaw - A mighty move from God

Reflections

“It’s a thin line between Love and Hate”



In honor of Valentine’s Day, I’d like to take a quick look at two of the most fundamental human emotions — love and hate.

You say why hate on Valentine’s Day? Isn’t V-Day supposed to be about love, Hallmark, chocolate, flowers, dinner out, and all of those mushy feelings? Of course, Valentine’s Day is supposed to be about love, not hate. But are love and hate *really* all that different?

They both make us act irrationally. They both cloud our thinking and judgment. They’ve both sparked wars, poetry, and some of the greatest epics of all time. They both make our hearts race, our pupils dilate, and our palms sweat.

So, it seems like love and hate are not quite so different after all. I’m sure you’ve heard the old sayings: **“There’s a thin line between love and hate.”** **“The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference”**.

Sadly, when people were asked to think about their last break-up, almost all specifically listed “unattractive features” that were simply negative versions of qualities that they initially loved about that person. A woman who once found her boyfriend to be ‘funny’ later disliked his ‘constant silliness.’ A man who initially found his partner ‘refreshingly innocent’ later disparaged her ‘lack of maturity.’ Sad, but true – while the people that we hate can easily become the people that we love (or vice-versa), the things that we love about them often become the things that we can’t stand.

Let’s kick off this Valentine’s Day with LOVE in our heart and on an optimistic note as Paul did in I Corinthians 13: 4 – *“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”* We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are true worshippers of God. John 13:35 says: *“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another.”* In closing as I’m reminded of a famous quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: *“I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”*

Submitted by Jennifer Rankins

K's Korner



Everlasting Love

As I go through life, I realize the situations that come up in our life can come with a spirit of fear, which is the opposite from what God has given us. We try to hold on to people, places and things and we should ask ourselves, why are we so attached to this or that? Go deep, not the regular surface answers that you usually give yourself. Ask yourself the real “WHY???”

Should we have known and believed the love that God hath for us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:16) Sometimes with the lack of friendships, relationships that we think we should have, rejections and all out meanness, that we run into in this thing called life, we can contribute this as a type of love gone wrong. Experience with God, meditating on His word and experience with life has taught me that love doesn't hurt you in anyway and any form.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

We love him, because he first loveth us.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also. (1 John 4:18-21)

Everlasting love is right in front of you, in you and around you.

Written by Kinja W.

Thirst Ministry

February 9th cost at the door is \$15.00 per person!



Reminder to those who have signed up



**March 2 - 3 in Canton, Ohio
Featuring Jesus Culture & Mosaic Music doing worship
Preaching will be Carl Lentz & Robert Madu**

K.I.D.Z. MINISTRY

Kids In Discipleship Zone; Ephesians 4:12

Hello everyone,

We would like to thank you all for the support and encouragement you have given us through this transitional time.

Because, we are growing and doing new things we need a team! There are three groups based on your age that you can volunteer in to help us out on Sunday Mornings for K.I.D.Zone, Special Events, or in other ways. If you are willing, we will find a place for you!

Kids In Training Crew (K.I.T. Crew)

- Ages 11-13 years old

Teen Leadership Crew (T.L.C.)

- Ages 13-18 years old

Adult Crew (The A.C.)

- Ages 18-99 years old

We are excited about everything we have done so far and what we have coming up!

Looking Forward

February 4th-

We will be having a K.I.D.Z. Ministry Parent Meeting directly after service in the sanctuary.

February 9th-

At the Wolstein Center in Cleveland is the Winter Jam Tour Spectacular 2018!

We encourage our K.I.D.Z. families to take time out of their busy schedules to have some family time! And this is a great chance to praise the Lord with each other!

Some artists that will be there are Skillet- Kari Jobe- KB- Building 429- Jordan Feliz- Comedian John Crist and many more!

Doors Open @6:00 P.M.

Concert starts @7:00 P.M.

This year they are asking for a \$15 donation in c(ash or check) at the door at the door for everyone 3 years old and up.

February 11th-

During K.I.D.Zone will be having a Valentine's Ice Cream Social for the kids.

February 25th-

We will be having our second Monthly K.C. Store (K.I.D.Z. Cash Store)

So, remind your kids to bring their K.I.D.Z. Cash to get some cool PRIZES!!!

Sister Jasmin & Sister Naomi

Upcoming Events

“Heart to Heart”

An Evening of Coffee and Conversation
will be hosted by Pastor Angel
Friday February 16th @ 7:00 P.M.

Ladies if you are interested in attending, bring your own
coffee/tea cup
(one that you love with a story behind it)



Yukon Days!!

March 2nd - 4th

Ages 7 thru 18 are welcomed
Cost will be \$50.00 per camper
See Tom Burnett for more details



Marriage Retreat

March 23rd -24th, 2018 Location: Berlin, Ohio

Cost per couple is \$150.00

If anyone is interested in attending,
please see Becki Perkins



Ohio Church of God
State Women's Conference

Legacy

April 6-7, 2018



Donna Higgins
Women's Ministries Director

Kami Weaver
Girls Ministries Coordinator

Jamie Massey
Special Guest

Diane Morgan
Pastor's Wives Encounter

Deadline to Register: March 23, 2018
Register at ohiocog.com or email tina@ohiocog.com

Ministry Spotlight

In keeping with the theme of **Love**, and this being the month of February, this month we are featuring the spotlight on Broken Wings Ministry, Inc.

Interview with Broken Wings Ministry, Inc. Elder Melvin & Jennifer Rankins

Q – What inspired you to start a marriage ministry?

A – Back in 1999 we were having problems in our own marriage. We sought out marriage counseling through Emerge Ministries in Fairlawn, Ohio through Dr. Dobson and his staff. After completing 10 weeks of counseling, we had enough tools to learn how to resolve conflict and we acquired enough skills to manage our marriage on our own. We were also inspired to start our own marriage ministry. So, God lead us to become members of the American Association of Christian Counselors, where we started taking online classes for our first certification program in marriage ministry.

Q - As marriage counselors, do you only counsel married couples?

A – No. We do pre-marital counseling, marriage counseling, marriage in crisis counseling, and marriage tune ups. After years of obtaining many more online certifications such as, “Marriage Mentoring, Marriage Encounter, Love and Respect, The Blended Family, and Knowing your Marriage Style,” we applied to the Board once again, and obtained our “Board Certified Marriage Counseling Certification.”

Q- Do you only counsel at Lake Erie Church in Lake County?

A – No. We accept couples from Cuyahoga County, and surrounding counties. We take referrals from other pastors and churches. We were contacted from the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas to take on a Court appointed case for “Anger Management.” We successfully walked the client through as he checked in weekly with his Probation Officer.

Q – Are you required to take additional classes to maintain your Board-Certified status with the State of Ohio?

A- Yes. We are required to obtain 30 credits per year to maintain our certification. We do these through workshops offered through Metro Health Hospital as well as Mental Health Classes through Moore Counseling and Mediation Center in Euclid, Ohio. We have covered an array of areas such as trauma, PTSD, and Grief Counseling, workshops and seminars. These tools and skills have helped us when we encounter couples with real life issues.

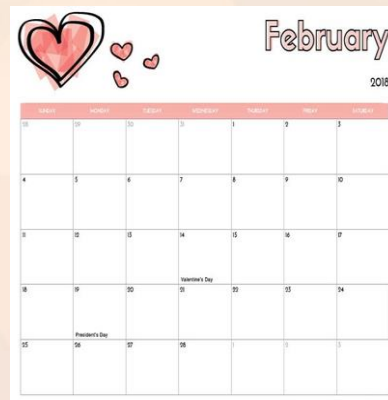
Q – Well, thank you for your time, and God Bless you and your ministry.

A – You are welcome. It was our pleasure.



News You Can Use

**February 4 Thirst Super Bowl
Showdown Fundraiser**
February 13 Valentine's Order Prep
**February 13-14 Valentine's Order
Pick up**
**February 25 Annual Year End
Business Meeting**



Mi Cocina

Vegan Black Bean Soup

- 1 pound dry black beans
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 jalapeños, seeds removed and finely chopped
- 1 cup salsa or diced tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic, about 4 cloves
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 heaping tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper (decrease or omit for a milder soup)
- Avocado and cilantro for topping, if desired

1. In a large bowl, place beans. Fill with water about 1 inch over the beans. Let them soak overnight.
2. Drain and rinse the beans.
3. In the bowl of a slow cooker, place beans, broth, onion, pepper, jalapeños, salsa, garlic, chili powder, cumin, salt, pepper, cayenne, and paprika. Stir to combine.
4. Cook on high for 6 hours, until beans are completely cooked.
5. When the soup is done, you can either leave it as is, process or blend half the soup until smooth and return it to the pot, or process or blend all of the soup until smooth.
6. Serve warm; top with avocado and cilantro.