



Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love



"SEE HOW HE LOVED HIM"



The Jews said this of Jesus when they saw Him weeping over the death of Jesus' friend, Lazarus. (John 11:36).

Jesus spent a good deal of time with this family -- Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus. Their home may have been the closest Jesus came to having a place He could call home. They all loved one another. The Jews could see it in their interactions. Their love was truly genuine and observable.

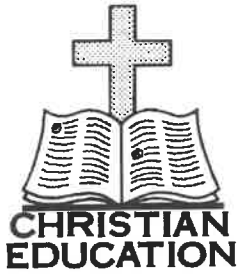
This month, once again, greeting card companies and gift shops are urging us to tell others how much we love them. Then after the middle of the month, the greetings and gifts are thrown away, eaten, or simply take up space on a shelf. Where has all the "love" gone? Maybe it will appear again next February.

But see how Christ loves His people. His love is not a temporary, one month event. His love has no end. He brought Lazarus back to this temporal life not only to show how He loved him, but also to demonstrate He has power over death. We are reminded in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." He rescued us from eternal damnation because He loves us. He willingly gave us His life in our stead because He loves us so much. He proved that He has power over death once again when He came forth from the grave. See how He loves. He daily showers us with many spiritual and physical blessings. He loves us very much, more than anyone else ever could.

And how, then, do we respond to this love? John the Apostle further reminds us in John 4:19, "We love, because He first loved us." When others see you, are they able to say, "see how he loves his fellow man"? Share God's love with one another. Verbalize His love and exhibit the love of Christ in your actions daily. Send another this everlasting Valentine, not just once a year, but every day, every year. The Good News of Christ's love is too good to keep to yourself.

In Christ's Loving Service,

Pastor Jeff G. Gavin



We hope you will come and join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** in the lower level of the school building . . . **open question forum**.

Please join us for our **Mid-Week Bible Class** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the school building.

PASTOR . . . has resumed taking Fridays as his "Day Off". Even though he may sometimes be in his office, he is scheduling no work; so Please do not Visit him, or Phone him on Fridays. If there is a true Emergency, call him on his Cell: (630) 776-2382. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS . . . ALTAR FLOWERS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$20.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, (*or confirm your "standing order"*) please contact please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **(847) 593-7670** or email Pastor at jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!**



Please Note: When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.

OUR WELCOME PICTURES

Each Sunday you are now welcomed with a slide show of pictures on our large screen monitor. We hope you do look at these pictures; as they are not just random images, but carefully selected images that reveal the theme of the day, and are designed to depict and enhance the spoken content of the day's sermon.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we also wish a "Happy Anniversary" to those couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.



If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . **"Happy Anniversary"**:

Scott & Chrissy Harris
Peter & Holly Koeppen

February 4
February 24

VOTER'S MEETING . . .



The next Voters' Meeting will be on **Monday, February 24 at 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.**

The Agenda for this Voters' Meeting will be:

1. Board and Committee Reports



Michelle Clesi	February 2	Lawrence Hernandez	February 14
Carol Pfingsten	February 4	Chrissy Harris	February 22
Jacob Woods	February 4	Samantha Klatka	February 23
Lily Weissgerber	February 7	Mark Christensen	February 25
Elaine Dodge	February 8	Michael Pfingsten	February 26
Joey Nather	February 8	Scott Harris	February 27
Kristi Brockie	February 9	Jacqueline Ambrus	February 27
Carrie Pass	February 12	Micheal Ocampo-Pugh Jr.	February 27

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office for a correction...Thank You!

May God Bless You on your Birthday