



#### Schedule of Services

##### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

##### Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM  
7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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# Love One Another

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**H**appy New Year to everyone. It is my prayer that the Lord will richly bless us with the spiritual blessings we need and with the physical provisions we need to fulfill His will. Each year, a theme is chosen by the elders to help the congregation focus on a specific spiritual topic. This year the theme is, "Love One Another."

The three words, "I love you," are often uttered but sometimes not truly understood, especially from a spiritual standpoint. Often, the phrase is used when something has been given to another, or if a warm, fuzzy feeling is felt in the heart when a kind or thoughtful act has been done. Biblical love and affectionate love have been freely interchanged leading many to be misguided about the topic.

There are two different words translated as love in the New Testament. The first term comes from the word *phileo* and it means to have tender affection for. The second term comes from the word *agape*. W.E. Vine says of *agape*, "Christian love, whether exercised toward the brethren, or toward men generally, is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with the natural inclinations, nor does it spend itself only upon those for whom some affinity is discovered. Love seeks the welfare of all, and works no ill to any; it seeks to do good to all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith (Expository Dictionary of N.T. Words, p. 21)."

This type of love is a learned love and we must learn how to love one another like Christ loved. This year, each of us should make a concerted effort to love others like Jesus loved. Over the next year, we will have several sermons dealing with the topic of love.

Lord willing, this year will afford us the opportunity learn how the Father loves, and how Jesus loves, and how the apostles fulfilled Christ's command to love one another. We truly cannot love one another unless we know how the One who came before us loved. Through our study of this very important topic, our love for God, Christ, and His followers should be strengthened. As we begin a new year together, let's challenge ourselves to increase our knowledge about the love of God and then implement that knowledge in our interaction with each other and all men. –K.A. Pugh

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I have read there were just 12 companies included on the original Dow Jones Industrial Average in 1884. They were: American Cotton Oil, American Sugar, American Tobacco, Chicago Gas, Distilling & Cattle Feeding, General Electric, Laclede Gas, National Lead, North American, Tennessee Coal & Oil, U.S. Leather Preferred, U.S. Rubber. Only one of those companies remains on the Dow Jones Industrial Average (which contains 30 companies today): General Electric.

We live in a changing world, but we do not have a changing God. He is the same today as He was in the beginning. He is dependable.

*For I the LORD do not change*  
Mal 3:6 ESV

Depend upon God. Trust in Him today and every day. TLM

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