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700 South Converse Street. Spartanburg, SC 29306

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Bishop's Heart Submissive Love



Charles Swindoll (Strike the Original Match) compares working on marriage to remodeling a house: It takes longer than you planned, It costs more than you figured, It is messier than you anticipated, It requires greater determination than you expected and sometimes the only thing that keeps us going is hope! Hope enables our faith to love and endure the challenges in marriage or our relationships.

God calls us to this higher kind of LOVE! There are four primary Greek words for love, each of them emphasizing different aspects of this complex idea: Storge, though not a word found in the New Testament, was a general love of natural affection. Eros, represented a love of physical attraction, of passion, a self-centered love seeking pleasure and satisfaction. Phileo is the love of friendship and companionship. All three of these words were used in Greek and Roman literature to depict various aspects of love, and they had one thing in common—if circumstances changed, love might change and fade away. However, Agape is the highest form of love in Christianity. Agape is the love of choice and commitment. It is not love out of obligation and attraction. It is not dependent on the qualities of the one loved, or even on circumstances. Agape love is a sacrificial love that unites and heals. It is the love of God that we see through the cross of Jesus Christ. This love saves and restores humanity in the face of sin and death.

With these types of love in mind let's see what love looks like stretched out into a demonstration through submission.

In Ephesians 5:21-33 Paul gave several practical ways in which Christians can express radical love thru mutual submission. Submission in the context of a Christian relationship includes the idea of loving someone so much until we put their needs above ours. We don't lovingly submit for our personal benefit, but rather out of "reverence for Christ." When we serve others, we serve the Lord. (Matthew 25:35-40) Thus Paul makes it clear that submission isn't abusive, degrading, harmful, or revengeful. Submission is volitional love. Submission out of reverence for Christ is love, faith, hope, trust, commitment, honor, encouragement, and respect. It is a love that displays the character of Christ. This passage begins with a call for mutual submission. For the wife, this submission takes the form of respect! For the husband, this submission means loving his wife so much that he gives up his selfishness to help her and strengthen her. A marriage relationship should pattern itself after the marriage of Christ and His church. Love is an action word that is always giving. Now, we understand John 3:16 with deeper clarity: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Beloved let us submit ourselves to the love of God through Jesus Christ and love one another is submission to the will of God



Monthly Events

Monday, February 6th, 2023

Come worship with us for our Miracle Monday Service at 7:00 pm!
Apostle Ryan McJimpsey of City Gate Ministries International and King Dez Network will be our guest.



Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

Happy 31st Anniversary to our Bishop and CoPastor! If you would like to be a blessing to them you may sow a seed in the wooden box on the pulpit in front of the podium.



Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

Happy Valentines Day



Sunday, February 12th, 2023

SUPER BOWL JERSEY SUNDAY

Wear your jersey for Super Bowl Jersey Sunday!





Monthly Events

Sunday, February 12th, 2023

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies in the concourse every Sunday until March 19th



Sunday, February 19th, 2023

CBC Fellowship Meal

Join us in the gymnasium for a delicious fellowship meal.
See the CBC app for pricing and details.

Sunday, February 26th, 2023

Cultural Sunday

Celebrate Black History month and wear your African/cultural attire.



Save the Date

Join us March 6th for our Miracle Monday Service at 7:00pm. Dr. Kimberly Moore of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church will be our guest.



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Trustees: Joann Gibson, Dartan Days, Tim Holmes, Willie Pearson

Deacons: Claude Sears, Ricky Jones, Danny Foster, Myron Glenn

Deaconess: Doris Sears, Myrna Foster, Mary Glenn



Just remember, while you worship and while you tarry...

NO FOOD OR DRINK in the AV Room or Sanctuary!

Paxton

Ministry Leaders and Members- If you would like to purchase or pick up your key fob please see Minister Aleasha Jackson.



The Deacons will resume communion and visitation. If you desire visitation and communion please call Minister Akia Jackson at 864-582-2550 ext. 228

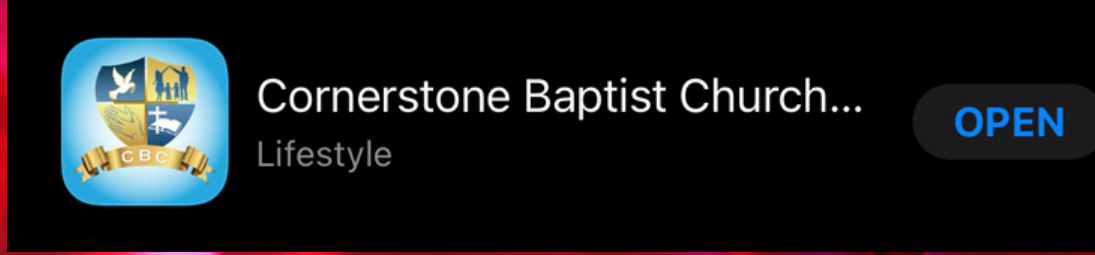


Join us for Intercessory Prayer at 8:00 am, Sunday School at 8:30 am, and Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am.

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Follow us on Facebook and on YouTube for all worship experiences & virtual Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm! Download our CBC App and save 864-689-2996 in your contacts on your phone for important notifications.



Encouraging Corner with CoPastor

Love Isn't...

“LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL OR PROUD LOVE NEVER GIVES UP, NEVER LOSES FAITH, IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL, AND ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE.”

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 -7 NLT

Recently I was going through our family pictures and I pulled out our wedding album. In a nostalgic moment, I was immediately immersed in all of the memories of that snowy day on February 8th, 1992. I also ran across our wedding program and I remembered how important this passage of scripture, the “Love” scripture, was to us all those years ago. These verses are still the foundational core scriptures for our family. What was a core scripture for Bishop and I then has been tested and tried over the past almost 31 years. In my reflection, I began to take note, and after reminding myself through the scripture of what LOVE IS... I began to ponder in my mind... “what love IS NOT.” The scripture says love IS NOT jealous (anxious, resentful, envious, possessive, or intolerant). Love IS NOT boastful (arrogant, cocky, pretentious, or pompous). Love IS NOT proud (vain, stuck up, scornful, egotistical, haughty, snobbish or domineering). Love never gives up. Love doesn't quit, it doesn't drop out, it doesn't pull out or relinquish its' claim. Love doesn't lose faith. Love IS tenacious, it does NOT lose commitment, principle, theory, thought or belief. Love IS hopeful. Love IS NOT DOUBTFUL, and disgruntled, disappointed, bitter, disillusioned, discontented or dismayed. Love endures - it lasts, and it lives on. Love has no end. It doesn't expire. Love IS NOT temporal. Love doesn't terminate, it never discontinues.

Love IS NOT separate from God for He IS love. His Word, His statutes, correction, and commands are written in LOVE. There is no LOVE apart from His design, His Word, and His plan. Let us remind ourselves as believers not only what LOVE IS but rather redefine our love by what the scriptures tell us LOVE ISN'T. Then we can truly love as Jesus did. Stay encouraged. You are loved!

Shalom!

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