



Understanding Love

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

MEMORY VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT

Several weeks ago, because of calendar considerations, we leap-frogged ahead in our study of 1 Corinthians to consider chapter 15, Paul's teaching about the resurrection of Jesus. After that, we returned to our usual chapter-by-chapter sequence. So it's fitting that we conclude our study of 1 Corinthians with chapter 13 and what the apostle taught about love. As you may recall from last week's study, this teaching on love falls in the middle of his detailed discussion of spiritual gifts (chaps. 12–14). The broader passage from which this week's lesson is taken consists of chapters 13; 14; and 16 of the epistle. The following major points about these chapters may be noted:

- Love: the superior way (13:1-13)
- Prophecy: a superior gift (14:1-25)
- Order in church meetings (14:26-40)
- The resurrection (15:1-58)
- Collection for the Jerusalem church (16:1-4)
- Paul's travel plans (16:5-12)
- Final exhortation (16:13-18)
- Conclusion (16:19-24)

As we focus our attention on love in this study, we'll see that the main point Paul made was that believers are to be motivated by love when serving others. This principle is not only a fitting summary of 1 Corinthians 13, it is a terrific reminder to us of our primary takeaway from our study of this important letter in the New Testament.

KEY DOCTRINE

Kingdom

The full consummation of the kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Coming Up @ EBC

- ♦ **Apr 20-May 4**
Secretary on vacation
- ♦ **May 1-Election Day**
- ♦ **May 3-National Day of Prayer**
- ♦ **May 13-Mother's Day**
- ♦ **May 28-Memorial Day, office closed**

THANK OFFERING for WINDOWS

You may have noticed that work has begun on replacing the windows in the church building. We have over 80 that need to be replaced. Our Thank Offering from 2017 has been extended into 2018, as we have such a large need. Without your generous spirit, we would not be able to continue to maintain our place of worship. Thank you for giving.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Pastor's Message

Dear Eastland Baptist Family,

I'm grateful for the way you have been praying for my family and me as we have been transitioning from Apex, NC to Nashville, TN. We have been praying for you daily and we are excited about the way God is going to use us in the weeks and months ahead. Every day, over 100 people move into our community from somewhere else in the world. That's over 36,000 people a year! Sadly, many of them have no church home and fewer still have a relationship with Christ. As a church, God has called us to not only be a light in the darkness, but also to be intentional about our relationships with others who do not know him. I would like to invite you to join with me in prayer for our city. While there are many needs in our area, I would like for you to start by specifically thinking of three people in your sphere of relationships (coworker, neighbor, and/or friend) who is in need of salvation. Next, I want you to pray with me every day for those people by name at 12:12pm. Set an alarm, ring a bell, or ask someone to remind you, but every day at 12:12pm, let's pray for these by name, expecting God to do great things.

I'm convinced that together, through prayer, we will see God move in mighty and miraculous ways as we partner with him on his mission to seek and save those who are lost. It's a privilege to be your pastor and I'm grateful for each of you.

Pastor Jason

A NOTE FROM GINNY

On April 9, 10, and 11, I was delighted to attend the 22nd Annual TBC (or TBMB, as it is now known) Secretaries Conference, held at Victory Baptist, in Mt. Juliet. This year, the theme was, "Created, Called, Committed, Crowned," (Romans 8:30) and was also a retirement celebration for Ms. Lana Rose, who works with church secretaries, minister's wives, and more. Ms. Rose will be retiring at the end of April, and moving back to her home state of Ohio. Ms. Lana is very well-known and beloved by all who meet her. She will surely be missed. She has helped me in the past and I appreciate her and feel blessed to know her. In the picture to the right, she is being "Crowned" by Bro Willie McLaurin, who works with her at the TBMB and currently serves as the Special Assistant to the Executive Director for the TBMB.



The Associational Secretaries from across Tennessee were responsible for putting everything together and making the conference a great success. The meals were delicious, the fellowship and friendships were invaluable, and the conference schedule had some wonderful topics and leaders who really knew what they were talking about! I learned a great deal from each class I was in and look forward to implementing some new ideas here at Eastland.



We had great fellowship & worship with Bro Jim Murray (pictured left), as our Worship Leader. You may recognize Jim's name as a singer with The Imperials, and the Gaither Family Band, among others. He blessed us with his voice and leadership.

I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to attend this conference and look forward to many more in the future. Thank you Eastland Baptist family!

| OPERATING BUDGET | |
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| Apr 15, 2018 | |
| Worship Attendance | 35 |
| Sunday School | 26 |
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| BUDGET OFFERING: | \$ 789.00 |
| DESIGNATED: | |
| TOTAL: | \$ 789.00 |
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| Needed weekly for Operating Budget: | \$ 3,975.00 |
| Needed to date for Operating Budget: | 55,654.00 |
| Rec'd to date for Operating Budget: | 30,305.95 |
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| 2017 Thank/Windows received to date: | 5,570.59 |
| Other Income receipts to date: | 21,459.15 |

4/22 TELLERS: Brenda Hutto & Martha Howland

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastor Search Committee and, I believe, the entire congregation are delighted with the unanimous vote to call Jason Rumbough as our next Pastor. As Bobby Goodwin said Sunday, the Lord has answered our prayers! Jason and Kelli feel called to revitalization at Eastland. They will bring new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to our Church. Please pray daily for Jason, Kelli, and their children as they prepare to move to Nashville and begin their new ministry. The Pastor Search Committee extends a heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers throughout the course of our Pastor Search. ~ David Watts and the Pastor Search Committee

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY HOLD ON CHIMES MAILING FOR APRIL/MAY

The Church Secretary will be on vacation from April 20 through May 6. There will not be a Chimes mailed for the two weeks she is out. The Chimes mailing will resume the week beginning May 7. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are able to come in and answer the church phone on Tuesday, April 24th, we need your help! That is the only day we do not have covered while the secretary is out. If you're willing to pitch in, please contact the church office and let us know. Thanks in advance!

Continuing prayers for:
 Gary Anderson-Faye Crane-Thomas Crowell-Rob Darnell
 Lorene Givens-Cindy Gothard-Sharon Hardaway-Sheila Kiley-Ann Stone-Ray Scherer



In our prayers this week:
 Juanita Cutrell (Surgery on 4/17, at Centennial)
 Kay Hinson
 Patsy Huddleston
 Patsy & Fred Johnson
 Beth Niemi (breast cancer, Charlie's sister-in-law)
 Transition Team
 Steve Phillips (brain tumor, friend of Vicki Watts)
 The Scott & Blackard Families
 Roger Sparks & Family in loss of home to fire
 Vicki Watts
 Youth Department/Youth Leader

If you have a prayer request or an update to the prayer list, please let us know.

4/22 Deacon Prayer: Patrick Waller

4/22 Nursery Worker: Megan Waller

MEETINGS IN CHURCH BUILDING

If you are meeting in the church building during office hours, please notify the office when you come into the building and also when you leave. Thank you.

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**MONEY!** Now that we have your attention, can we count on you to count? How about volunteering to be a Teller on Sunday's? If you're interested, please see Charlie Niemi, our Receiving Treasurer. Thanks!



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The one who falls and gets up is so much stronger than the one who never fell. Don't be afraid to take chances in your life.

Trust God to see you through!

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10-Juanita Cutrell

16-Jane Crocker; Tiffany Manning

23-Katelynn Saunders

28-Tom Taylor

30-Geneva Watkins



Sunday

9:00-Welcome Center opens

9:30-Sunday School

10:50-Worship Service

Check out our Sunday sermons on our website!

WELCOME

Wednesday

6:30-Bible Studies for all ages