



The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

February 2022

Hi church family,

1 Corinthians 13:13 - ESV - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

We've all heard this verse a hundred times. As with many Bible verses, John 3:16, and the 23rd Psalm, for example, we've heard them so many times that they have lost all meaning. So let's take a look at this verse.

Why is love greater than faith or hope? The Bible says, after all, that without faith it is impossible to please God. Jesus said faith can move mountains. But Scripture also says in 1 Corinthians 13:2 that if you don't have love, faith is nothing.

And what about hope. Another of the best known Bible verses, Jeremiah 29:11, says that God gives us hope. Hope means "an expected outcome," so it is more than wishful thinking. Romans 5:3-4 says that the desired result for our sufferings is hope.

One reason is because faith and hope are personal things. They don't need to be

shared. You can be a hermit and still have faith and hope. But love is different. Love makes you want to shout the object of your love from the rooftops. It is an expression that needs to be given away to have any meaning.

But the biggest reason is this. Love is the ONLY way that people will come to know the Jesus we serve. It is a way to identify each other. Jesus said in John 13:35 - NLT - "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

How can we be so different from the rest of the world that they will be starved for the God we know? By the love that exists between Jesus' followers.

And so I leave you with this quote from Baptist pastor Martin Luther King, Jr. - "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."

And I would add - into a disciple.

I love you each.

Pastor Brian

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***Mohican Men's Fellowship –
at Brandon Baptist Church***
**Make plans to attend the Mohican Men's
Fellowship on Monday, February
21st at 7:00 p.m.**
Sign up today in the Fellowship Hall.



Games Night
Saturday, MARCH 5, 2022
5:30 - ???
 Originally scheduled for Feb. 26

Pizza, subs, salad, chips, brownies and
 chocolate chip cookies

Have we enticed you yet with the food?
 Well let's bring on the

FAMILY FEUD
 "And the Survey Says..."

Everyone come and join the fun whether
 you play as a participant or be in the
 audience. Our weekly surveys have been
 bringing in good answers. Bring a favorite
 game to play after Family Feud is over.
 Sign up sheet will be in the Fellowship
 Room. Also invite a friend and let's have
 some fun!





FIRST QUARTER MISSION 2022

Christian Jewish Foundation

and the

HeartCry Missionary Society

Funds will be divided between the two.

Goal: \$1000.00

1st Quarter Mission giving will be divided between CJF Ministries and HeartCry Missionary Society. CJF Ministries (www.cjfm.org) exists to make the Good News of Jesus the Messiah known to the Jewish people first and then to the nations. They employ radio, missionaries and publications to reach people with the Gospel, equip the Body of Christ and educate the local church about its Jewish roots. Eric Chabot is a local missionary affiliated with CJF Ministries. Eric specializes in apologetics training as a teacher, author and evangelist working with students at Columbus State and The Ohio State University. Heart Cry Missionary Society is a new mission for our church. According to their website heartcrymissionary.com, "The goal of our ministry is to glorify God and bring the greatest possible good to humankind through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries." They equip and mobilize 245 missionaries in 45 different countries. HeartCry was founded by Paul Washer while serving as a missionary in Peru.



February Mini Mission

Our Mini Mission this month is the

Johnstown Northridge Community Food Pantry

The Johnstown Food Pantry serves both Johnstown and Northridge school district areas in fighting hunger. If you wish to donate money make checks out to the church and put on memo line "Food Pantry". The Food Pantry can purchase perishable items such as milk, bread, fresh fruit and vegetables with the money. Or you can donate non-perishable food items. Some suggestions are canned chunky soups/mixed fruit/pears/peaches/mixed vegetables, bread/cake/brownie mixes, after school snacks, juice boxes, individual containers of fruit/beefaroni /anything like that, chips, toilet paper, paper towels, and personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoos, body wash, and body wash. Plastic tubs will be in the Fellowship Hall for the non-perishable items.

