

# WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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## How's Your Love?

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13:1 NIV*

Today as I reflect on the honor and privilege of hosting in my home some of my former students, kids I taught as 2nd and 3rd graders, who are now in their 20's, I am overwhelmed. Overwhelmed with joy. Overwhelmed with love. Overwhelmed with the sheer goodness of God.

You see, as a teacher, I poured my life out on my students, loving them, praying for them, cheering them on. Watching them grow from kids, to teenagers to the young men they are today.

And as we sat, talking, enjoying our time together, reminiscing for a bit, what I saw and heard through them, touched my heart profoundly.

After all the teaching, all the lessons, all the activities, fun and hard work, what they remember the most, what shaped and formed them the most, was that their teacher loved them. Not just on the "good" days, when they obeyed and helped and seemed to get it all right. But on all the days...simply because of who they were.

And so today I'm reminded of 1 Corinthians 13. We can be as gifted as can be. We can speak and teach and write and do. We can give and serve and even move mountains! But if it is not done with and in and out of love, it is worth nothing. Wow!

But...the converse is also true. We can stutter. We can fumble. We can be seemingly not as gifted or talented as the next guy, but when we love, truly love the people around us, they know it! They know it.

Love, true, godly, unconditional love, is what changes people, what grows people, what makes the difference in all of our lives!

And so my question for us today is this: How's our love?

How's our love for the people around us? The people in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces and churches? When people think of us, what's the first thing that comes to their mind?

My hope, my prayer, is that it is love.

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails... from 1 Corinthians 13 NIV*

## Dates & Times to Remember

### **Community Prayer Walk**

Date/Time Change: August 15 at 9:45 am / August 22 at 11 am

Contact: [Dawn](#)

### **Basics of Cooking**

Date: August 15

Contact: [Janine](#)

### **Kidz 3rd Sunday Fun Day**

Date: August 16

Contact: [Susie](#)

### **Heaven in Business**

Date/Time: August 22, 8:45 am

Contact: [Denise](#)

## Other Information

**Candlelight Prayer House:** *Candlelight Prayer House* is now open and our new [website](#) is here! Find out all the info, including our newly scheduled hours on new [Candlelight Prayer House website!](#)

**The Greenhouse:** Want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus? Want to learn to walk in the giftings God has placed inside you? [Find out more today!](#) Have additional questions? See our [FAQ's page](#).