

The Broadcaster



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Valentine's Day is just around the corner and everyone will be talking about love, sending love notes, etc. But will they realize what is the greatest love? In English, our word "love" is used to cover a wide variety of meanings (ōI just love your hair,ō ōI love my car,ō ōI love my wife,ō ōLove the LORDö), but Koine Greek, the language of the New Testament, had several words for love, each one defining a particular shade of meaning. I want to examine especially the three main Greek words for "Loveö.

First there was "eros," from which we get "erotic," referring to sensual or sexual love. This was, of course a purely selfish love. Much of what passes for romantic love today might fall under this word. It could be the first step toward a deeper love represented by the other two Greek words. According to Wikipedia, the classical use of erotic love "was generally referred to as a kind of ...madness from the godsí described through an elaborate metaphoric and mythological schema involving "love's arrows" or "love darts", the source of which was often the personified figure of Eros (or his Latin counterpart, Cupid [seen today on many Valentine's day cards]).... At times the source of the arrows was said to be the image of the beautiful love object itself. If these arrows were to arrive at the lover's eyes, they would then travel to and 'pierce' or 'wound' his or her heart and overwhelm him/her with desire and longing.

Then there was "phileo" which is used of friendship and affection, thus adding to the purely physical attraction of "eros" the elements of personality and character. The Greek lexicon defines phileo as: ōto approve of, to like, sanction, to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, befriend, to show signs of love to, to be a friend to, to be fond of, i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling ." We also derive the city name "Philadelphia", from "phileo." I'm sure you heard Philadelphia called the city of brotherly love. Thus, "phileo" can also be the natural love of one family member for another. So now we have come a step further than eros. Yet ōphileoö still falls short of what true love is meant to be.

But the New Testament added a new one--"agape." "Agape" is a giving love, entirely unselfish. The greatest love is the agape love of God. "God so loved,..that He gave..." (John 3:16). Agape manifested itself in actionö the act of giving. I John 4:8 tells us that God IS agape. Thus, This giving type of love is a characteristic of God. So, how can we sinful human beings exhibit it? The first part of the verse explains that it is by knowing this God. We come to know Him by accepting his greatest gift of love to us, eternal life (Romans 6:23) through the sacrificial death of His son for us. The complete verse of John 3:16 reads: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only son, so that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life." This speaks not only of eternal existence, but of a quality of life filled with His love through His Holy Spirit which starts the moment we accept it. Once we accept God's free gift of salvation, we can begin, through His holy spirit to experience His agape love and, through the same Holy Spirit, to let it overflow and thus show it forth to those around us. The first fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22 is agape. Paul gives us a picture of what agape looks like in I Corinthians chapter 13. Read verses 4-7 to check your own love level.

----James M. Becher

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED.

Pastor Michel took us through Genesis, now Jim Becher is taking us through Exodus. All scripture is profitable, and the history of ancient Israel holds many lessons for us, as well as many pictures and pre-figuring of Christ and Spiritual truth. If you are free Wednesday mornings, please do come and join us at 10:30 a.m. in the church library for this intriguing and profitable study.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THIS STUDY

In March we will start a Lenten Study entitled *How NOT to be a Pharisee*. This 6-week study looks at Jesus' interaction with a group of first-century Jewish religious leaders called Pharisees. The Gospels show us that the Pharisees received the brunt of Jesus' criticism. The ability to see sin in others and ignore it in your own heart is one of the distinguishing characteristics of a Pharisee. Unfortunately, this tendency is as common today as it was in Jesus' time. This study will help us learn to pursue God with an open heart.

The timeslot is open on this study. Please see Annette or Linda if you have a preference for a morning or an evening study during Lent (March 5 – April 17).

CONTINUING IN FEBRUARY:

*Bethel On Sunday after church (breaks in between sessions.
Sunday 9:00 am Class—first three Sundays.*

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

POT LUCK & MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us on Saturday, *February 15th* for a romantic movie recently released, *In Love with a Church Girl*. Dinner starts at 6:00, followed by the movie and dessert.. Since it's the Valentine's weekend, please encourage your Valentine to attend with you!



Bring a dish to share and join in the fun.

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

On *February 21st*, Friday Night With Friends will meet at 6:30 PM at the ever-popular Olive Garden, 11425 Pines Blvd . We've been drawing large groups of Faith friends lately no matter what restaurant we choose. We're a happy, noisy group ranging in age from a few weeks old to the prime of our lives! Whether you've had a bad day or a good day, it won't matter because your day will only get better when you hang with Faith friends.



Please let Judy Otto know if you're planning to attend so we can call ahead and reserve a table. Phone or text: 954-258-2277.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We all enjoy Fellowship Hour after the worship service where we can visit and munch. There is a sign up sheet on an easel in the Narthex for volunteers to sign up to host Fellowship Hour. It is very easy—just sign your name on the Sunday you would like to host, provide some munchies and set up. You can also join with someone else as that makes it easier and more fun.



**BOOK SIGNING WITH
REV. DR. EDWARD HERNANDEZ**

Pastor Eddie as he likes to be called has led us in worship and also provided some teaching for the Elder/Deacon Retreat in January.

He is a noted author, evangelist, pastor, lecturer, and conference speaker. He was granted a Book Signing opportunity here at Faith by the Session following the worship service on February 2.

BIG THANK YOU

~ Thanks very much to the faithful donors who contributed the gift of life at the January 16th blood drive. Eleven units were collected.

Please mark your calendars for the next drive, which will be held on *May 15th*. Donors who wish to donate at the May drive may donate up until March 19th and still be eligible to donate on May 15th.

Thank you and God bless!
Jane Bodden, Organizer

Thank you to Wayne Adams for designing and providing the new name tags with the EPC logo. They look really nice!!!

Thank you to Marilyn Acevedo, Ralph Acevedo and Jesse Walaschek for chaperoning the Middle School and High School youth on a retreat in February!



CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers

Exp ó N/A (will train)

Age ó N/A (older than the children)

Gender ó N/A

Req. ó Must be Church Member

Benefits: Hugs are plentiful

Teach 1 Sunday ó Off next 2

Wanted: Sunday School Subs

See SS Teacher requirements

Extra Benefit – Get to meet most of the children (more hugs)

~Contact: Mary Ann Radler



**Outstanding Opportunity –
Join the VBS Task Force**

Beginning Feb 2014

Exp. ó N/A (will train)

Req. ó Breathing

Expectations ó Expect to have fun. Let us know if you would prefer crafts, painting, snacks, teaching, organization (any or all).

~Contact ó Sandy Venema or
Mary Ann Radler

MEN WANTED

The men of Faith are organizing to do the reenactment of the Last Supper. If you are interested in being a part of this great ministry, please see George Bennett. This will be held on Maundy Thursday, *April 17th*. He will need to know now if you are interested so parts can be assigned.

COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

Thanks to Mary Ann Radler we have more coupon books for sale for Broward and for Dade Counties. They are \$10 a piece and contain even more savings than the other books. The first page has 46 \$5.00 off grocery store coupons so you more than make your money back right there

There are coupons for all kinds of restaurants, pizza parlors, ice cream parlors, movie cinemas, golf clubs, indoor mini golf, skating, bowling, car rentals, airline flights, hotels, and more. Pick one up for yourself or to sell to family and friends.

Secret Sister Ministry



The Secret Sister Ministry is in the process of starting the 2014 Session, with the drawing of names on **Sunday, February 2nd**, immediately following worship.

The Secret Sister Ministry is a very inexpensive endeavor. The emphasis is on daily praying for the Sisters, while modest gifts, cards or notes for birthdays, anniversaries, special holidays, etc., are only given to let the Companion Sisters know that, in addition to praying, their Secret Sisters are continually thinking about them and celebrating with them.

So ladies, if you have been thinking about becoming a Secret Sister and are somewhat reluctant about joining this awesome Ministry that is in its Sixth Session, which is very rewarding and spiritually uplifting, please take an **“All About Me”** sign-up form from the Secret Sister Box, located in the Narthex. fill it out and either give it to **Ethel Thomas** or leave it in the Secret Sister Box, **as soon as possible**, so it can be prepared for the drawing of names on **Sunday, February 2nd**. And be ever mindful that when you join the Secret Sister Ministry, you will be welcomed with %Sisterly Love+that embodies praying, caring and sharing.

Special %banks+to all Secret Sisters for their continued support. Among other activities, we will continue to get together for movies, dinners and be gracious hostesses for the after worship fellowshiping.

It has been a most privileged and gratified journey for me to work with a bevy of dedicated Secret Sisters as their Coordinator since June 2010. I am looking forward to another delightful year.

Fathfully Submitted,

Ethel E. Thomas

Coordinator

A BIG THANK YOU to Ethel Thomas for all the effort she has given to make the Secret Sister Ministry such a wonderful opportunity to minister and care for each other. You are appreciated Ethel!!

IGNITE

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for a night of praise and worship unto the Lord. We will meet in the sanctuary and praise to music by Chris Tomlin, Hillsong, Jeremy Camp and many more other modern day worship leaders who seek after God's presence. We will meet at 7pm until 8pm every last Wednesday of the month- in February join us on the **26th**. . Mark your calendars and come praise with us.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4

WOMEN OF FAITH IS COMING BACK TO SOUTH FLORIDA!

Seating is limited! You can have a \$15 discount on ticket prices if you order and pay by February 6, 2014.

Sheila Walsh and Lisa Harper are leading the team for "From Survival to Revival" which will be held **June 6 and 7, 2014** at Church by the Glades, 400 Lakeview Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33071. Friday, June 6, the meeting is from 7-10 pm; Saturday, June 7, the meeting is from 8 am - 12:30 pm (note the change from our "typical" times).

Tickets are \$91 for VIP seating (\$76 after the discount) or \$81 Premium seating (\$66 after the discount). If you want to attend, we can gather at the church and car pool up to Coral Springs! no hotel room, no long ride to Orlando! This year we need to purchase our own individual tickets in advance, either online at www.womenoffaith.com or by calling WOF at 888-493-2484. Use code "15CORAL" at checkout to secure the discount. ***The deadline for the discount is February 6, 2014.***

PRAYER GROUP



Come join us on Sunday, **February 9** and **January 23** at 6:30 pm for Prayer and Praise.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

All Middle School and High School Youth are invited to attend Youth Group here at Faith on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. Led by Marilyn Acevedo and Mirta Flavell, they have all kinds of exciting things lined up in the months to come. Mark the dates on your calendar and invite your friends!!



Also there is a Youth conference called the LIFT TOUR on **Feb. 21-22** at Church by the Glades for \$39 a person. Please see Marilyn or Mirta for more info or see the brochure on the youth board in the Narthex.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR PRE-SCHOOL

Our Preschool Director, Debbie Wetzel has invited church members to a "Whole Hearted Parenting Class" by Maggie Macaulay.

It is a free workshop and the topic is "Teaching children self control". The class will be held on **March 4th** from 9:00-10:00 am.

ELDER MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2014

Below are the ministry assignments for 2014. Some of the ministries were combined and changed so check it out and see where you can help. Please contact one of the elders listed to offer your assistance or just come to a meeting. YOU are needed:

Administration/Stewardship: Denise Calderon and Linda Purrington
(1st Monday of the month at 7:30 pm)

Adult Growth/New Member Class: Annette Adams and Linda Purrington
(3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm)

Youth Christian Growth: Mary Ann Radler
(2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm)

Fellowship: Steve Minikus and Denise Calderon
(last Monday of the month at 7:30 pm)

Outreach and Missions: Ralph Acevedo
(2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm)

Worship: Cynthia Isaacs and Ward Casterton
(2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm)

Board of Deacons Chair: Rick Sackett

A COMMUNITY PICNIC IS BEING PLANNED

There are plans to host a Community Picnic on the church grounds on Saturday, *March 22nd*. Although plans are not finalized we are already talking with Grace Church and Pastor Sony about joining together on this project and even having a health fair as well.

There will be a lot to do and plans to be made over this next month. If you would like to help please contact one of the elders listed above and let them know of your interest in being apart of this great outreach opportunity.

We plan on cooking hot dogs and providing all kinds of games. It promises to be a lot of fun as we reach out to those who live around us in this community.

Come share in the fun and give a helping hand. Many are needed !!





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Feb. 21, 2004	Dino & Alicia Darrell
Feb, 27, 2009	Ryan & Allison McKirchy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 6	Matthew Clavijo
	Sandy Venema
	Cara Williamson
February 8	Thomas Flavell
February 13	Janet Stutz
February 14	Jake Clavijo
	Anna Levy
	Joyce Thompson
February 15	Steve Chung
	Loris Hussett
February 17	Veneta Burrell
February 20	Cynthia Isaacs
February 26	Ken Stutz

Ask" Faith"

Keep those questions coming! You can email ask-faith@outlook.com

for quick answers to any questions about our church or Christianity in general. Don't worry, your name will not be included in the article.



Q: What is the role of the pastor in the Presbyterian Church/EPC?

A: The EPC website states that EPC ministers are expected to hold a high view of scripture and be able to "receive and adopt the system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in Holy Scripture."

Q: If I'm right and my friend is wrong and really "in my face" don't I have every right to get totally mad and start yelling at him? Even Jesus lost his temper once and started tipping over tables.

A: Sometimes we use the term "righteous anger" when we feel someone has wronged us unjustly. You are trying to justify an outburst by citing the time that Jesus entered the temple and found it had been turned into a place for taking advantage of the poor. Jesus was furious about it because God was not being respected. Jesus also got angry whenever people were disrespected, taken advantage of or mistreated. During these times, He displayed righteous anger.

When Jesus lost his temper, it was never in response to personal injury. He only became angry when *others* were mistreated, not when *He* was treated unjustly. Look at what Jesus did when He was unfairly sentenced to death, the ultimate act of personal injustice. He said, "Father, forgive them." Although, it is not easy to follow His example when we feel wronged, remember this verse from Ecclesiastes 7:9 "Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools."

COIN CONTAINERS

to benefit the hungry are on the table in the Narthex. The cans are labeled "Food for the Famished." Please pick up a container today, take it home, put your coins/bills in it and bring it back the end of the month. Funds will stay locally and will help a variety of different needs.



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

In the hopes of getting more members in the choir and so Dionisio doesn't have to drive so far on Thursday night, we are trying Choir Rehearsals on Sunday after the fellowship hour.



We encourage you to go to Fellowship Hall after service, enjoy some yummy goodies and then come back in the sanctuary for choir. You don't have to read music- just enjoy singing to the Lord.

Come try it and see how much fun it is! See Dionisio with questions.

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2014

LITURGIST:

Feb 2 Cheryl Fernandez
Feb 9 Denise Calderon
Feb 16 Steve Minikus
Feb 23 Ralph Acevedo

COMMUNION: Elders/Deacons

1. Denise Calderon	5. Jane Bodden
2. Gary Venema	6. Ava Cotton
3. Ellen Bennet	7. Ralph Acevedo
4. Marge Bennett	8. Cynthia Isaacs

FINANCIAL COUNTING TEAMS:

Feb 2 Denise Calderon & Stacy Bennett
Feb 9 Ward Casterton & Stacy Bennett
Feb 16 Cheryl Fernandez & Cyril Williamson
Feb 23 Rick Sackett & Stacy Bennett

FLOWERS:

Feb 2 Carolyn McClain
Feb 9 Open
Feb 16 Open
Feb 23 Open

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Feb 2 Carolyn Khan
Feb 9 Needed
Feb 16 Secret Sisters
Feb 23 Needed

CLOSER: Cynthia Isaacs

USHERS:

Feb 2 Jane Bodden, Hyacinth Babb
Elvet Rhoden,
Feb 9 Annette Adams, Judy Rodgers,
Cindy Vanderlaan, Gary Venema,
Jesse Walaschek, Sarah Walaschek
Feb 16 Peg Royle, Cheryl Fernandez,
Ken Stutz, Janet Stutz,
Ali Saladeen, Molly Saladeen,
Andre Khan, Angie Ebarle
Feb 23 Bob Bailey, Anna Levy,
Jennifer Hurst, Marlene Allen,
Rick Sackett, Joyce Sackett
Dennis Morales

MEMBER/STAFF PRAYER FAMILIES:

Families of:

Feb 2 Melissa Howland
Elise Hudson
Feb 9 Jennifer Hurst
Loris Hussett
Feb 16 Cynthia Isaacs
Donald & Maria Jennings
Feb 23 Avinash Kanchan
Andre & Debbie Khan

It is our desire to specifically pray for the families of the members and staff of Faith. Families are listed (2 at a time) in alphabetical order through the year. Please include these families in your prayers each week.

ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY BROWARD OUTREACH

shampoo, conditioner, soap,
tooth paste, tooth brushes,
combs, brushes and lotion.

CHURCH WEBSITE AND E-MAILS:

www.faithpembrokepines.com Check it out
for upcoming events and information about
the church.

E-mail address for the church:
thefaitchurch@bellsouth.net

FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1. 10:00 Scout Troop
2. 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Chancel Choir	3. 9:15 FCDC Chapel 7:30 Admin Mtg.	4. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	5. 10:30 Bible Study 6:30– Middle & High School Youth Group	6. 6:30 Girl Scout Troop	7. 6:00 Girl Scout Troop	8.
9. 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study 12:00 New Members 6:30 Prayer Service	10 9:15 FCDC Chapel 7:30 Youth Christian Growth Mtg.	11. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	12. 10:30 Bible Study 7:30 Deacons Meeting	13. 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 6:30 Worship Mtg 7:30 Outreach Mtg.	14. 	15. 10:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Potluck Dinner and Movie Night
16. 9:00 Bible Study 9:15 Called Session 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study 12:00 Chancel Choir	17. 9:15 FCDC Chapel 7:30 Adult Christian Growth Mtg.	18. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	19. 10:30 Bible Study 6:30– Middle & High School Youth Group 7:30 Session Meeting	20. 6:30 Girl Scout Troop	21. 	22.
23. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study 12:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Prayer Service	24. 9:15 FCDC Chapel 7:30 Fellowship Mtg.	25. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	26. 10:30 Bible Study 7:00-8:00 <i>IGNITE</i> Worship Night	27 6:30 Girl Scout Troop	28. 6:30 Friday Night with Friends –Olive Garden	