

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

self-consciously prioritize love over the external, over any role in ministry, involvement in service, or engagement in good works.

Verses 1-3 also tell us that lots of head-knowledge does not substitute for a lack of love. The ability to teach does not excuse a lack of love. Doing a ton of good deeds outwardly does not make up for a lack of love. Do you want to walk the true and biblical way of love? Do you want to have the right mindset in church that honors God and blesses others? Then you must self-consciously prioritize loving your brothers and sisters in Christ over ministry, service, and good works. Compared to self-giving, sacrificial love, those outward things are incredibly easy. Love is difficult; and supernatural Christlike love is impossible without the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

Verses 4-7 list fifteen attributes of Christian love. Once we self-consciously choose to prioritize loving each other with the love of Christ, this is what it will look like as God gives us growth and maturity. This week, we will look at the first five attributes of Christian love.

1. Love is Patient. To love each other in the Spirit, we bear with one another through difficult times and disagreements. We remain calm and self-controlled toward each other, resisting worldly anger and bitterness.
2. Love is Kind. To love each other in the Spirit, we do good to each other and speak well of each other. We must flee all gossip, slander, selfishness, and cruelty.
3. Love Does Not Envy. To love each other in the Spirit, we must not grow jealous of each other. Therefore, we must pray for gratitude and contentment, the two great giant slayers of greed and envy.
4. Love Does Not Boast. To love each other in the Spirit, we do not brag about ourselves or exalt ourselves over against each other. A child of God does not see himself or herself as better than other children of God; we are equally recipients of grace. For the love of God and the Name of Jesus Christ: Do not make much of yourself and make little of others.
5. Love is Not Arrogant. To love each other in the Spirit, we do not walk around with an air of self-righteousness and pride. If boasting is done with words, arrogance resides in the heart. It is a mindset, a spirit, an attitude. Arrogance leads to a belittling and critical spirit. It hurts people and dishonors God. In love, let us humble ourselves and honor others instead of honoring ourselves and stomping on others.

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**Nursery Workers** – February 15<sup>th</sup>

I AM (Crib) - Tammy Watters and Janie Steplowski

II AM (Toddlers) – Marie Reid and Mia Citro

PM– Combined I/II – Bella Fortunato and Jennifer Evans

**Prayer Intercessor** – 15<sup>th</sup> – Gerry Cicone

**Greeters** – February 15<sup>th</sup> - John and Denise McDonald

**Ushers** - February 15<sup>th</sup>– Bob Doss, Jim Dougherty, Andrew Evans\*, Eric Heinze, Vince Minichiello\*, and Peter Vaughan

**Today's Ushers** - Brian Akers\*, Bradyn Citro, Bill Fornoff, Richard Perrine, Bill Tomlinson\*, and Don Watters

\* ushers who greet in the lobby



**NORTH HARFORD  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*To live for Jesus and not ourselves.*

**February 8, 2026**



## READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week's readings are:

- Exodus 33-36    Psalms 34    Proverbs 11:1-8
- Exodus 37-40    Psalms 35:1-14    Proverbs 11:9-16
- Luke 1-4    Psalms 35:15-28    Proverbs 11:17-24
- Luke 5-8    Psalm 36    Proverbs 11:25-31
- Luke 9-12    Psalm 37:1-20    Proverbs 12:1-7

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Facebook)
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship* (Church/Facebook)
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Trustees' Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Rm. 1)
		Boys Bible Club (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys)
		Girls in Action (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls)
		Mission Friends (Nursery-K)
		Youth on Mission (7 <sup>th</sup> —12 <sup>th</sup> graders)
<b>Friday</b>	7:00-9:30 PM	Youth Group

\* Nursery Provided (birth-3 years old), Downstairs in Rooms 8 and 9

## MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

HVAC Update

*Behold Our God*

Reading: Colossians 1:9-10, What to Pray for Each Other

*There Is a Redeemer*

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Offering

**SERMON:** Remembering Each Other in Prayer

Ephesians 1:15-23 (Pew Bible Page 1568)

*10,000 Reasons* | Closing Prayer

## EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

Reading/Prayer: Hebrews 3:12-15, Do Not Harden Your Hearts

*Amazing Grace*

Reading & Prayer: Psalm 95, Let Us Worship

*There Is a Fountain*

**SERMON:** The Fear of God

Jonah 1:1-16 (Pew Bible Page 1167)

Closing Prayer

*If you are able, please help set up tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall for the Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study after the Evening Service. Thank You!*

## VISITING WITH US?

We are glad to have you with us this morning, and we hope God speaks to your heart through the great and wonderful truths of the Bible. Please visit the **Guest Resources** desk in the lobby, where you will find a variety of free gifts for you, including a study Bible for adults and a study Bible for teens. Email us at [info@NorthHarford.org](mailto:info@NorthHarford.org) if you have any questions or special prayer requests.

## UPCOMING PRAYER SERVICES

**February Prayer Meeting Attendance:** 25

**March Prayer Meeting:** Sunday 3/1

- 6:30-7:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

**March Prayer for America:** The focused prayer for our nation and leaders will now be apart of our Prayer Meeting.

## WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

### TRUSTEE MEETING

The trustees will meet on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in Room 1.

### YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Please pick up your 2025 giving statement in the lobby. Thank you for your faithful giving.

## ON THE HORIZON

### FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Our first Fellowship Supper of 2026 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 PM. If you are able, please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share. If you'd like to join the Kitchen Committee that helps at these suppers, please contact Sallye Hoover.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8 AM, the men will have breakfast together in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy delicious food made by the Men's Ministry. There will be a time in God's Word and a time for fellowship. Pastor Anthony will teach from Proverbs on "The Wisdom of Solomon." Sign up in the lobby or on the Church Center app.



### LADIES' COMEDY AND PIE

We hope you will join us on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2 PM for some laughs and pie. We will meet in the Youth Café to watch some funny skits from comedians and enjoy pie. Please bring a pie or a snack to share. Feel free to wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket. Sign up in the lobby or on the Church Center app.



### EASTER CHOIR

We will have choir-led singing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The choir will also be singing one special on both Sundays. Choir members must be baptized believers, youth and adults. Choir practice begins after church on February 22nd in the sanctuary.

### BUSINESS MEETING

We will have a business meeting on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:45 PM.

### SISTER TO SISTER

Sister to Sister meets in the Youth Café on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. They share prayer requests, have a devotional from the Bible, and pray together. Their next gathering is on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH NEWS

### 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

Church calendars are available in the lobby, on the member's page of our website, and on our Church Center app. Any changes or updates will be published in the bulletin, the weekly email, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

### SBA SOFTBALL

If you are interested in playing softball on a team through the Susquehanna Baptist Association, please contact the church office.

### JANUARY GIVING

General Fund: \$39,482.57

Baltimore Rescue Mission: \$905.10

Lottie Moon: \$400.15

Other Missions: \$806.54

**Total: \$41,594.36**

*Budget: \$65,407.34*

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

### THE WAY OF LOVE

In my last article, I discussed the supremacy of love in the local church. As God's children, we are called to love each other with the love of Christ for the glory of God. In this article, I want to discuss what that looks like in our lives. What is the way of love? What does it mean to live out the love of Christ toward one another in the church? There are many aspects to it, but thankfully, we have a passage that maps it out.

Our passage is 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, which says, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

The first step is the self-conscious prioritizing of love. That means each of us making a sincere and whole-hearted decision to give maximum effort toward showing Christlike love to one another. Verses 1-3 reiterate the supremacy of love in the local church. These verses explain how love is more important than ministry, service, and good works. Without love, those other things are a front, a religious show that is self-serving. Lack of love exposes false religion done for the wrong reasons. We must lead with love. We must

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## AM Sermon: Remembering Each Other in Prayer Ephesians 1:15-23

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We remember each other in prayers of **THANKS** and in prayers of **PETITION**.

1. Prayers of **THANKS** for God's work in each other's lives (vv. 15-16)

a. For each other's **FAITH** in Christ (v. 15a)

b. For each other's **LOVE** in the Spirit (v. 15b)

2. Prayers of **PETITION** for God's work in each other's lives (vv. 17-23)

a. For growth in the knowledge of God (v. 17)

b. For being grounded in hope (v. 18)

c. For God's work within us (vv. 19-20)

d. To grasp the authority of Christ (vv. 21-22)

e. To grasp the nature of the church (vv. 22b-23)





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### **KIDS KAMP REGISTRATION**

Kids Kamp is a day camp held at Camp Wo-Me-To for 9-12-year-olds. This year's camp will be from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 AM - 4:30 PM. Cost is \$140. There are discounts for families sending multiple children and scholarships are available. A \$50 deposit is required per camper at the time of registration. Register by May 31<sup>st</sup>.



### **JARRETTSVILLE BASKETBALL CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for Jarrettsville Basketball Camp (August 3-8). We need people who know basketball to be coaches, but you don't need to know basketball to help. We will need team helpers to assist the coaches, people to direct traffic, people to serve at the first-aid and drink stations, and more. Can't help during the week? You could help the team set up for the camp on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up on the sheet in the lobby or on our Church Center app. See Brian Akers with any questions.



### **JARRETTSVILLE BASKETBALL CAMP REGISTRATION**

Jarrettsville Basketball Camp is held outside at the church for students in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade (grade completed as of June 2026) to learn and practice fundamental basketball skills and hear about Jesus. The FREE camp is from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11:35 AM, with check-in beginning at 8:30 AM. Register by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

