

Kokomo Christian Fellowship

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Being Rooted and Grounded in Love

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

-Ephesians 3:16-19 KJV

...Being rooted and grounded in AGAPE, May be able to comprehend... And to know the love of Christ.

No doubt if we have been followers of the Master for any period of time, we've probably run into these well-known words of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul. What I see here is almost like a cycle of love. (I have inserted the word, agape, to remind us that we are talking about something altogether deeper, more active and more self-sacrificial than what our culture has associated with this word.)

The first part of this cycle is being rooted, or established, and founded in love. This could be the love of God toward us, but it could also be the love of God that we are to let flow through us to others. This being the case, one sense of the above verses would be that if we break the cycle of love, by not allowing our actions, reactions, thoughts, and words towards others to be rooted in unconditional love, then we will be lacking in our on-going revelation of God's love towards us. If we will walk in the Spirit, and put off what our natural reaction tends toward, we will continue to allow the agape of God to flow through us. As we do this, God will grant us revelation of the magnitude of the love of Christ - a love which flows, not only to us, but to all humanity.

These verses are about magnitude. Many unbelievers on the streets today know that God supposedly loves them, but they obviously don't KNOW it, or they'd do something about it. Then there are believers who have actually tasted His love and know it to a degree. But Paul's prayer was that we would move on to a depth and a maturity of Christian existence founded upon a vision of the size of God's love for us personally and toward all humanity.

That is a revelation that we need to keep growing in, and in order to do so, we need to do the best with the revelation that we have so far, by expressing it to others. If we don't use what we have of this knowledge, we break the cycle of love and we stop the flow of a greater revelation to us.

As I was exposed to this verse recently, I was challenged to ask myself: "Have all my words, thoughts and attitudes toward others been rooted in the unconditional love of God recently?" If not, I may be disqualifying myself from seeing how much He loves me. May it not be so, for this is the fuel that we need to press on in His Kingdom.



-Pastor Nicky

Pastor Phil Russell preaching at our community service in May.

Home Group Dinners June 7th, 5:00 PM

We are looking forward to the fellowship and encouragement of the home group dinners this month! If you have hosted previously, please let Rick Dennis know if you are available to do it again this month. Also, please let Rick know if you will not be attending so he can better know how to arrange the groups.



The Robbins Ladies did a great job on the Mother's Day Presentation. We're thankful for them!

"Christianity began in simplicity with a supernatural birth, and continues to live in the miraculous through childlike faith."

-Loran Helm (A Voice in the Wilderness Chapter 11, page 9.)



**Church Picnic
at the
Hummel Home**





Outreach Night at KCF

Here are some pictures from our recent outreach night. What a great time we had visiting those who can't come to church while other groups went visiting contacts that Pastor Nicky had made. All came back with glowing testimonies and everyone was encouraged. One group stayed back to pray together which was also a blessing. We look forward to doing more of this in the future.

ENCOURAGING QUOTES BY A. B. SIMPSON

"The meaning of self-denial is not an infliction of personal torment nor penance, but it is simply the giving up the very principle of living for ourselves. It is completely changing the direction of our being and will, so that no longer in any sense do we act with reference to how anything will affect us, but our one thought is how it will affect God or others."

"When we fail to hear His voice, it is not because He is not speaking so much as that we are not listening."

"A sanctified life is a life conformed to the Scriptures in every particular. It commences with our hearts; it reaches to our ears, and then it is accomplished in our feet."

"The church was never intended to be a natural and intellectual organization, but a supernatural instrumentality wholly dependent upon the power of God."

New Website Finished

We're excited to have the new website finished. If you haven't taken a look at it yet, go to www.kokomochristianfellowship.org. A big thank you to all those who helped in editing, writing content, and making suggestions.

Newsletter Notice:

Next month Marilyn Buddenhagen will be taking over the church newsletter for the time being. We are so thankful for her willingness. Please send announcements and anything else needing to go in the newsletter to Marilyn's e-mail at: designs.mjb@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Church 7:00	5 First Friday Outreach	6
7 Church 10:00 AM Home Group Dinners 5:00 PM Hale Anniversary	8	9	10 Jerry Fasbender's Birthday	11 Church 7:00	12	13
14 Church 10:00 & 6:00 Tim Hicks' Birthday Dennis Anniversary (Rick & Anola)	15 Kilmer Anniversary	16	17	18 Church 7:00	19 Service at KRMission 7:00 PM Rose Jackson's Birthday	20
21 Church 10:00 & 6:00 Brett Sander's Birthday Father's Day	22	23	24	25 Church 7:00	26	27 Revive Outreach 7:00 Prayer 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Go Out
28 Church 10:00 Northwood Commons 5:30	29 Dennis Anniversary (Grahm & Sarah)	30				