

“Oh How Great is the Love of God”
2 Samuel 9:1-13

“Beloved (ones loved with agape), let us love (agape) one another, for love (agape) is from God, and whoever loves (agape) has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love (agape) does not know God, because God is love (agape).” (1 John 4:7-8)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love (agape) one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love (agape) one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love (agape) for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

“But God shows His love (agape) for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

- The Covenant Love From God to Man: (2 Samuel 9:1-4)
 - If I have not experienced *AGAPE* love I cannot give *AGAPE* love (2 Samuel 7:20-22).
 - When I have experienced *AGAPE* love I will want to give *AGAPE* love to others (2 Samuel 9:3).
 - As those who have experienced and been benefactors of *AGAPE* love we never have a reason not to express *AGAPE* love to one another.

- The Covenant Love from Man to Man: (2 Samuel 9:5-13)
 - *David's Private Covenant with Jonathan:*
 - 1 Samuel 18:1-4
 - 1 Samuel 20:14-17
 - 1 Samuel 24:21-22
 - David's blessings to Mephibosheth:
 - All *AGAPE* love is expressed for *Christ's sake*, not the *individual's worthiness* (2 Samuel 9:1,3).
 - David restored everything that had been lost (2 Samuel 9:7).
 - David provided servants to meet all of Mephibosheth's needs (2 Samuel 9:9-10).
 - David treated Mephibosheth as one of his sons; he ate at his table (2 Samuel 9:11).
 - David was not ashamed to call Mephibosheth his son despite his crippled condition (2 Samuel 9:13).

- The Humility of Loving and Being Loved Like This:
 - 2 Samuel 7:18
 - 2 Samuel 9:8
 - *The key to expressing AGAPE love is to remember without Christ's love I am a “dead dog”. There is no reason for God to save any of us outside of His love.*

Worship: Bless The Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music His Mercy Is More — Matt Boswell
Be Thou My Vision — Norton Hall Band **Closing Song:** My Worth Is Not In What I Own — The Gettys

Service Times: Sundays: New Members Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, October 22nd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. These notes and gifts can be given to Elder Zach anytime throughout the month, he will collect them all and give them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month, if you would like to give toward this gift, you can either use the giving box in the entryway, please make sure to use a giving envelope to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month, or by Venmo, again, making sure to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We are having a Fall Get-together and bonfire at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron) on Saturday, October 28th, at 6pm. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring things like supplies for s'mores, or to bring hot cider, hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee, etc. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** We will begin a new course two weeks from this Monday, on October 30th, from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall: "The Book of Acts" which could also be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit Through the Apostles." The book of Acts records the birth of the Church, consisting of Jews and Gentiles, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is mentioned more than fifty times, and we learn about how the Holy Spirit Regenerates, Baptizes, Fills, and Sanctifies believers. We see the Gospel going forth from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, we read about the conversion of the Apostle Paul and his calling to the Gentiles, resulting in Paul's three missionary journeys and then being sent to Rome for execution. The Book of Acts shows us the principles for Discipling believers, building the Church, and Evangelizing the World, and fulfilling the Great Commission. If anyone is interested in this course, please let Elder Richard know so we can print a syllabus for you for the study.