

Winn's Creek Baptist Church News

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The Pastor's Corner

In 2017, Walt Disney pictures is going to release a live action version of their 1991 movie, "Beauty & The Beast". I think most of us have seen it the animated version. It's a cute love story. But have you ever noticed that in English, we often use the word "love" in many different ways? We can make statements like, "I love the movies!", "I love potato chips!", "I love the Pittsburgh Steelers!", or "I love my dad!" All of these can mean different things, yet we use the same word.

However, Most of the New Testament was written in Koine Greek. In this language, there are a number of different words for love. In Disney's version of the "Beauty and the Beast", we can see at least three different types of love portrayed.



One type of love is called EROS. Eros is the Greek word for a type of love that's a sensual love. We get the word erotic from this type of love. It's a physical attraction. In "Beauty and the Beast", this can be seen in the love that the village girls have for Gaston. There's nothing wrong with this type of love... but it is somewhat superficial, and it can come and go.

Another type of love is called PHILEO. This is the love that we have for a friend. In Romans 12:10, when the Bible exhorts believers to love each other, this is the word that is used. An example from the movie would be the teapot or the candlestick welcoming Belle to the castle. This type of love is a true concern for the welfare of another.



But then there's a third type of love. The word AGAPE is used in Greek to describe the highest level of love...a sacrificial love that gives all for another. Where do we really see this in the movie? It actually occurs right near the very beginning! When Belle's father was imprisoned by the Beast and she came and offered to be the Beast's prisoner in his place... that's Agape love.



We can clearly see all three of these loves expressed in the movie. Of course, as Christians, the love that God has for us is AGAPE...He was willing to send His Son to die in our place. That's sacrificial love.

But there's even one more interesting image from the film. I don't think it was intentional by the people that wrote it...but I think that God has placed this truth in our hearts, and we see it portrayed in art, again and again.



It's the scene pictured on the right, and here we actually see an illustration of the atonement. It unfolds as follows: at the beginning of the movie, the Beast "sins" by not welcoming the lady with the flower. Because of his sin, he is forced to be the beast. It's true love that breaks the spell...but before the spell is broken, the Beast has to die (he was stabbed by Gaston) and be reborn (true love makes him come back into his original form as a human). It's really a reverse incarnation. Truly, that is the "Tale that's as Old as Time". - Pastor Jim.

"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son." Romans 5:6-10 (NLT)

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MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(To add a name, please contact Joani Layman, 434-476-7982)

- 1st Wally & Cindy Cole – A
- 3rd Devin Hall – B
- 4th Ricky Loftis – B
Beth Gassen – B
- 5th Leatha Dalton – B
- 6th Richard McLaughlin – B
Nicholas Grove – B
- 8th Tom & Vivian Sweeting – A
- 10th Stephanie Talley – B
- 12th Amy & Kyle Ledyard – A
- 13th Luther Conner – B
Savannah Dawson – B
- 14th Charles Ingram – B
- 17th Madisyn Paige Henderson – B
David & Samantha Clark – A
- 18th Matt & Mitzi Gunn – A
Monica Conner – B
- 21st Wayne & Kitty Holt – A
- 22nd Tommy & Pam Paynter – A
- 24th Larry Layman – B
Garnett & Tammy Hall – A
- 28th Barbara Satterfield – B
- 29th Vickie Loftis – B

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 17, we will honor all our graduates during morning worship (11 a.m.) and, immediately following, at a covered dish meal in the fellowship hall.

Please bring one or more food items to share at this fellowship meal as we recognize the achievements of our graduates.

Beverages will be provided.



Parents and grandparents of graduates: Please contact Pastor Jim with the *name, high school/college, and future plans of your graduate*. You may call him at 434-476-6181 or email him at jimflamesfan@gmail.com. **The deadline for this information is Sunday, May 10.**



Ministering at IMPACT VIRGINIA

Winn's Creek has agreed to help provide meals for the workers at one of the Impact VA work sites in Danville. We will need to provide food and drinks for 15 people at noon each day during **June 22-26**.

We are asking for folks to help provide food on any one of these days. You can (1) provide the food and have it ready for Pastor Jim to pick up and deliver to the site in Danville by noon, or (2) you can prepare it and take it to Danville yourself.

If you are interested in helping, please let Pastor Jim or Cecelia know. Thanks!

A MOTHER'S DAY THOUGHT



By the time a woman realizes her mother was right,
She has a daughter who thinks she is wrong.

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Lee and Lisa Davis
invite everyone to share in their joy as
they celebrate the
Renewal of Marriage Vows.
The ceremony will take place at church
on Saturday, May 30 at 3:00 p.m.
A reception will follow.



Congratulations to Kyle and
Amy Ledyard on the birth of
their daughter, Afton Denise,
at their home in Indian Land,
South Carolina on March 9th.

Baptized
IN THE NAME
OF THE
Son AND THE
Holy Spirit

Jennifer Smith was baptized upon profession of faith on Sunday, April 12th. Jennifer and her husband Thomas have three sons: Michael Barclay, Austin & James Smith.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday, May 3, 3:00 .m. – DRBA at Hitesburg Baptist Church – Pat Wright, president of the WMU of Virginia, will be guest speaker.

“Pat grew up in WMU where her ‘Grannie’ was the Women’s Missionary Society director at her church. She and her husband Allan live in Williamsburg and attend Walnut Hills Baptist, where she has served in all capacities of WMU, including working with international students. She believes WMUV is as vital today as ever and is proud to be a part of such an historical and significant effort to share God’s love in Virginia and around the world. Pat is an inspirational and delightful speaker.”

Thursday, May 7, 6:45 p.m. – National Day of Prayer observance – Halifax Co. High School

Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. – Sports Adventure Day held at Childrey Baptist Church; sponsored by Childrey, Clover Bottom, Hunting Creek, and Mulberry Baptist Churches.

The Sports Adventure Day will focus on teaching elementary through early high school-age children basic sports skills, such as softball, basketball, and archery. The guest speaker is Rev. David Hanks, pastor of Mulberry Baptist Church in Nathalie VA. **Preregister kids, or adults sign up to help, by calling 434-349-1149.**

DON'T FORGET...THIRD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN MAY (17TH) WILL BE A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON HONORING OUR GRADUATES!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays (unless otherwise announced)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Wednesdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:00 p.m. Men's & Women's Bible Study – Ray Vander Laan DVD series
8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursdays (unless otherwise announced)

7:30 p.m. Praise Team practice (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Sun., May 3 3:00 p.m. DRBA meeting at Hitesburg Baptist – UMWV speaker
Thurs., May 7 6:45 p.m. National Day of Prayer observance at Halifax Co. High School
Sun., May 10 – Mother's Day *Honor your mother by worshipping in church this Sunday!*

Sat., May 16 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. – Sports Adventure Day at Childrey Baptist – **Preregister!**
Sun., May 17 11:00 a.m. Graduate Recognition during worship
Following Covered Dish Meal to honor graduates

PLAN AHEAD:

Sat., June 6 10 a.m.-2 p.m. BLOODMOBILE