

ARISE ALLIANCE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Pastor's Corner

19th Century Poet and Philosopher Musician, Haddaway once sang, "What is Love?" A decade earlier, the music group Foreigner sang, "I wanna know what love is." Our world does not know what love is. Love to the world is an emotional response to begin around someone, being given gifts or compliments. Love to the world is a physical

experience that can be here today and gone tomorrow. The world's love is no more than infatuation that can be fallen into, or out of, at a moment's notice.

The world's love has been heightened to the pinnacle of human experience, with an estimated 100 million love songs being recorded in the modern age, yet our society still does not know what love is. The reason for this is because love, separated from the person of God, falls flat in a person's life. Love becomes meaningless without the One who makes it meaningful.

This is why John writes, **"... God is love. (1 Jn. 4:8)"** God gives meaning to the concept of love, because it flows from the very person of God. What we call love apart from God, is a shadow of what it truly is. This is why John goes on to write, **"We love because he first loved us. (1 Jn. 4:19)"** The very grace that allows us to breath and experience life, is a small sample of the love that God has. When we love outside of a personal relationship with God, we are merely tasting the Costco sample of what love truly is.

The love of God can only be fully experienced through the work of

Jesus. As he said it himself, **"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. (Jn 15:13)"** Therefore, to love, we must love by way of the work of Jesus, which brings us

"I want the love that cannot help but love; Loving, like God, for very sake of love."

- A.B. Simpson



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into God's full love. We do this by Jesus' words, **"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (Jn 15:10-11)"**

Beloved of God, let us show the world what love is. Let us answer the question that the modern lyricists ask in search of love. God is love, and to experience love is to know the one who displayed love on the cross, the Lord Jesus. Let us love the Lord and the people around us, that the world may know what love is. Amen.

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[A Note From the Youth](#)

Thank you all for your prayers for the teen's Out-of-Town Trip. Here's a breakdown of what happened. We had seven teens signed up to go on the trip. At the last minute one was sick and had to stay behind, while another had some family responsibilities that had to be taken care of. We left on the 21st of July and on the way up, another teen fell ill. She had not recovered by the ending, and we called her mom to pick her up. The mom drove six hours to Morenci, the closest town, and Marika and I drove two hours down the hill to meet her. This left four teens at the camp with two adult leaders.

While in Morenci, it started to rain hard. On the way back, the rain was consistent, but the creeks were about the same as they were when we left. Upon arriving back at the camp, the creek that runs through the property, had risen from nothing to to a rushing four feet. It washed away a makeshift wooden bridge and a lounge chair. The hardest part was keeping the ranch dogs from going into it.

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God is good and he protected us from not being able to get through the creeks. Which the next day, when we were schedule to go to the forestry lookout tower, the church van was not able to do, due to the soft mud at the entrance to one of the creek crossings. However, since we

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only had four teens left, they were able to go with the other two adults leaders and see the tower. Marika and I stayed back with a little boy were watching, and I was able to do some work prep around the area, for an October trip we'll be taking up there.

The rest of the week by uneventful and we made it back in one piece. Again, thank you for your prayers, as we needed them.

I am asking that you continue your prayers, because we are currently working on an outreach to our families in town. We like to do a family outreach that meets a need for both parents and their children around the months of August or September. So please pray as we put this together, and I will share more, as the outreach become more solidified.

Thank you for a third time for your prayers, and remember, all that we are able to do down here, is because you have partnered with us to do it.

Be In Prayer For...

- Our Country, our President, our National, State, and Local Representatives, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Medical, & Military.
- The Church worldwide and persecuted Christians.
- Wars in Israel, Ukraine, and possible wars in Africa. Pray for peace.
- Continue to pray for Milo's tumor, it has stayed the same and will be checked in three months.
- Megan whose doctors cannot find her root of illness.





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- Brad and his heart.
 - Tressa AFIB.
 - Shirley and her continued cancer battle
 - Yaokum Family going through hardships.
 - Prayers for Nathan in car accident.
 - Stephen's cancer.
 - Prayer for the Cowell family who lost their grandfather.
 - Family connected to the Church.
 - Gary Shippey's continued recovery, and, Janelle, his wife's passing.
 - MaryAnn cancer.
 - Polly and Glaucoma.
 - David and Laura medical issues.
 - Brian and his continued medical issues.
 - LaVar and foot infection.
 - Candice's cousin and his salvation.
 - **Sue and hospital visits.**
 - Bill and his heart.
 - John going through Chemo.
 - Jim recovering from shoulder surgery.
 - Louise and her multiple throat surgeries.
 - Pray for Judy, Bill passed away this month.
 - **A Teen's Grandma who is dealing with medical issues.**
 - **For Sue M. who has been hospitalized.**
 - **Barbra who has cancerous lesions.**
 - Young man trampled by a bull.
- Finally, please send in prayer requests through email or Postal.**
Also, sign up for our Prayer Tree by calling Ken at (928) 916-7777



Teens Taking in the View of the
Largest Copper Mine in the US

Looking Towards the Future



Our current facilities have served us extremely well of roughly thirty years. However, after years of wear and tear we have been slowly fixing things that need to be addressed. Since 2016, we have opened up two classrooms, and updated the nursery and another classroom. We have made space for our Hideaway St. program, renovated the bathrooms, added a pantry off the kitchen, added offices off the Fellowship Hall, changed an office to our refreshment room, repainted and updated the foyer, and made room for a Christian College to have office space.

Now we are changing our sound booth due to the stairs that lead up to it being a falling hazard, and we are replacing the carpet throughout the building, as it too has become a tripping hazard. So the picture on this page will be the last time you see the back end of the sanctuary the way it has been for three decades. Our hope is that this will allow for better movement of people as they come and go in and out of the sanctuary, and give our sound booth volunteers a little more space to do the great work they do.

However, with every physical update, renovation, or fix we do, we cannot lose focus on what is important. The physical building means very little in the work of Christ's kingdom. The building is for use to aid us in the kingdom work of sharing the Gospel. It keeps us out of the elements and provides space to share the Good News of Jesus with all those that enter. Yet it will be burned away one day. So let us keep eternity in focus as we make these changes. God bless you all.

In Christ's Grip, Jeremiah

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