

Greater Parkview Church

NEWS IN THE PEWS

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Bishop Carl E. Jones, Sr.



What's Love got to Do with it?

We live in a world now where I don't believe that people really know what "Real Love" or should I say "Real Godly Love" is. Listen, many of you find yourselves looking for love in all the wrong places. As a matter of fact, it was Tina Turner who penned the well-known hit "What's Love Got to Do With It" and she goes on to say "Love is nothing but a second-hand emotion." Well, I beg to differ, love especially Godly Love is far more than that.

There are three types of love that have been identified in the world. The first type of love is "**Eros**" which is a physical kind of love based on a strong feeling one has for another. The second type of love is "**Philos**" which is based on a friendship between two people. This has been called the "Give & Take" kind of Love. The third and highest type of love is "**Agape**" or "**Unconditional**" Love. The Greek word "*agape*" is often translated "love" in the New Testament. How is "Agape love" different from the other types of love? In essence, Eros love is "physical," Philos love is "mental" and Agape love is "spiritual." Thus, it is made up of the three fundamental elements of man: physical, mental and spiritual.

The essence of agape love is **self-sacrifice**. Agape love is unique and is distinguished by its nature and character. Agape love is above Philos love and Eros love. ***It is a love that is totally selfless***, where a person gives out love to another person even if this act does not benefit her/him in any way. Whether the love given is returned or not, the person continues to love, even without any self-benefit. I believe the last sentence explains the depth, breadth, width, and height of the love Jesus displayed when He came to die for you and me. Now, if Jesus loves US unconditionally; I think we would do well to love Him and each other in the same manner. DON'T YOU? After all, I.M.A.G.E is Everything! Until next time be Blessed. Bishop Jones

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Office Hours:
Tuesday/Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bible Study
Wednesday
12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m.

Van Service Contact:
Minister Jamie Woody
Brother Lucious Lewis

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ February – Esther’s Women’s Ministry – Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ GPC Praise Team Rehearsal Saturday – 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ Joshua Men’s Ministry Sunday – 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Listen in to AM 1480 WCNS Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

SICK & SHUT IN

Brother Tim Black
Sister Lynne Bone
Mother Jackie Kirkling
Brother David Ricketts

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO
PRAY FOR OUR GPC
FAMILY & OTHERS...**

Happy Birthday!

**TO ALL THOSE WITH
A FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY**

Without God our week
would be:

Sinday,
Mournday,
Tearsday,
Wasteday,
Thirstday
Fightday and
Shatterday.

The Perfect Pastor

(from the Christopher Book, “Three Minutes a Day,” Vol. 22, 1983)

“The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin, but never hurts anyone’s feelings. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor.”

“The perfect pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, and donates \$30 a week to his parish. He is 29 years old and has 40 years’ experience.”

“The perfect pastor makes 15 house calls a day and is always in office.”

“If your pastor does not measure up, send this to six other parishes that are also dissatisfied with their pastor, then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors – and one of them should be perfect.”

“Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old pastor back in three months.”

Submitted by

T.J. DAVIES JR.,
CAPTAIN (RET). KOREA

**Kindness is the oil that takes
the friction out of life.**

*And be ye kind one to another;
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another.*

Ephesians 4:32

FREE ANNUAL CREDIT REPORTS

All U.S. residents can obtain a free copy of their credit report from each of the three credit reporting agencies. The goal is to prevent identity theft, resolve consumer credit disputes, and improve the accuracy of consumer credit reports.

You may request your free reports online at www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free 877-322-8228. Consumers may also send a request by mail to: Annual Credit Report Request, P.O. 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

BIBLE TRIVIA THEY DID IT FIRST

1. What king had the first birthday party in the Bible?
2. Who won the first beauty contest in the Bible?
3. What is the first book of the Bible named after a woman?
4. Who was the first disciple chosen by Jesus?
5. Who told the first lie?
6. Where was the first piggy bank?

(Answers on page 3)

REFLECT

I need to slow down. And I’m asking the Lord to help me do it. I want to move slowly enough to be aware of all the joys He has hidden for me. I want to slow down enough to grow as He wants me to grow. I want to be quiet enough to hear His voice. I need His wisdom to know how to spend my time and how to order my days.

- Kathryn Hillen

ERA: a period of time characterized by particular circumstances, events, or personages.

An Era Closing

As an Era comes to a close,
As the things of the past gently fade away, they surrender up themselves to change,
To a change undeniable, a change ever pressing forward.
The seasons change bringing forth something New, Fresh and Beautiful.

As an Era comes to a close, we slowly give into the change, not necessarily that we would want too, have to, or need too, but the change comes forcing us to deal with the times at hand, taking note that this Era is truly coming to an end, and as we move onward to give into true worship to our Lord and Savior, God our Father and the Holy Spirit who brings about change.

Change is hard, but Change is good unto our Lord!

JP SAIL

A BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

Submitted by Bro. Morris Tampa

Eatonville, Florida is considered "the oldest black-governed township in the United States" and records indicate that it was established in 1887 and located six miles north of Orlando, Florida.

Part of the reason Eatonville is so famous, is due to a famous black author and story teller, **Zora Neal Hurston** wrote several books and was a resident of the town. Her father became mayor of Eatonville. Most of her novels were based on Eatonville as one of its settings. She wrote several short stories and wrote 7 novels. Oprah Winfrey made a movie from one of Ms. Hurston's books titled "**Their Eyes Were Watching God**" which starred Halle Berry.

Pastor **Ron Kimble** of **The Life Center Church** would always make known that the church was located in "Eatonville" and not Orlando. He wanted all to know of the importance of the town and its people, past and present. The words to the poem "Ode to Eatonville" came to me after a church service. It was completed within my 20 minute drive home.

On August 18, 1887, only ten years removed from Reconstruction (1863-1877), a group of twenty-seven registered voters, all Negro men (led by Joe Clark) convened with the purpose of founding, what would turn out to be, the first incorporated African American settlement community in the United States. Eatonville, the town born on that day, was named for a White man, Josiah Eaton, who served as mayor of the neighboring town of Maitland from which most of the future Eatonville residents originated.

The Town of Eatonville is the oldest municipality in America. Eatonville was a way for the black community to create its own culture and town, without having to deal with the unfair rules and acts of the white men. Eatonville is a town rich in black history, tucked away just north of the City of Orlando and home to a little over 2,000 people.

(Answers from Page 2) 1. Pharaoh (Genesis 40:20); 2. Esther (Esther 2); 3. Ruth; 4. Simon Peter (John 1:42); 5. The serpent (Genesis 3:4); 6. In the temple at Jerusalem. It was a chest, ordered by King Joash, who had a hole bored in the lid to keep priests from stealing funds (2 Kings 12)