

## MINDFUL MONDAY MAY 6th

*13 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12 For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13*

Paul shares this important, familiar message about love. We know he also mentions faith and hope but makes sure to state that love is the greatest of these. If we don't have love behind whatever we are doing, then it is meaningless. If we attend church and share our faith, are we just going through the motions, or do we have God's love leading us? We must have God's love in our hearts for there to be meaning in our message. When we have love, God can make a difference in the life of others. Love fills a need that we all have. By sharing this love, it also fills our own needs. This love must be an all-encompassing love and not only show kindness, but be patient, be forgiving, and never cease. So go out and show love, give God's love to others.

Today we give praise for upcoming graduations. We pray the graduates have your guidance. Casey's son, Carter will graduate from Central next weekend, so we pray for his journey and celebrate his accomplishments.

We missed our live music today as Penny is not feeling well. We pray she feels better and that her illness is short-lived.

We continue to pray for Jim's father as they've settled him back at Prairie Vista alongside hospice care. May they feel peace and comfort during this time.

We pray for Jason Richardson and his family as he continues his end-of-life journey. We pray for the family to feel peace and love during this time. May they find joy in the moments they can spend together.

We lift up the others on our prayer list that are in need of your presence; Lorraine, Candy, Jerry & Bea, Judy, Craig, Joanne, Floyd & Dona, and Virginia.

We give prayers for the pastors, congregations, and ministries that our on the weekly Regional Prayer list.

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