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Finding True Love This Valentines Day

"We love because He first loved us." - [1 John 4:19](#) Romantic love seems to be the love that lasts the shortest time for millions, yet it's the prime focus in most people's lives, especially around Valentine's Day. Yet, as wonderful as romantic love can seem at times, it doesn't have the power to satisfy our hearts, unlike the countless Hallmark [movies](#) seem to indicate. As finding romantic love seems to be the #1 goal for millions of people worldwide, it may be a distraction for countless people from loving God most. Sadly, many people believe romantic love is the ultimate love and that without it, they can't live, which is why they go to such extremes to find and possess it. Although, as Christians, we honor and cherish the relationship between husbands and wives, even that can cause us to put God's love in the back seat. But as we know, when it comes to love as Christians, our #1 goal and priority is to love God above all others, as [Matthew 22:37](#) explains as the greatest commandment: "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" God calls us to love Him most, which is difficult for many to accept, and they have a tendency to overlook His words in [Matthew 10:37](#), saying, "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." Still, many of us put Him on the back burner. But [1 John 2:15](#) explains what loving the world more than God exposes in us: "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them." Still, the call from God's heart when we find ourselves far from Him is found in [Joel 2:13](#), "Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity." God calls us in [Joel 2:12](#) to return to Him, "'Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.'" Some may remember the line from the classic 1970s film "Love Story," which taught our culture that "Love means never having to say you're sorry." The problem is that it's so untrue. Sadly, an unrepentant world jumped at the chance to embrace it. Never saying we're sorry restricts true love, hardening us at the core. Repentance keeps our hearts softened towards God, as [2 Corinthians 7:10](#) describes, "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to [salvation](#) and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." Love is God's trademark. He's the only source of true love and the only reason we are able to reach out and love others. As [1 John 4:16](#) describes, "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. [God is love](#). Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." Without Him loving us first, we would be loveless in our relationships with others because we can't stir up true love based on our own strengths and thinking. When we do as [Matthew 22:27](#) commands, to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, true love grows within us and spills out to those around us. As [1 Peter 4:8](#) encourages, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

Lynette Kittle

NEWS & NOTES			
Feb. 17 9:30 am Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Feb. 14-Sat. Ladies Bible Study			<i>Welcome visitors-please share a record of you visit by filling out the Welcome card or using the app on the laminated card, both located on the pew in front of you,</i>

Prayer Requests

*Pray for Carol Ligouri's granddaughter; M-I-L who is hospitalized with a brain bleed requiring surgery.
*Pray for Mary Warren's brother healing from hip surgery.
*Pray for **Ozzie** who was in an accident resulting in a skull fracture, brain bleed and swelling. (infant grandson of friend of Ray and Leah's)
*Pray for **Ronnie Sr.** who will have a procedure on Friday.
*Pray for **Toni Bonadio** recovering from a heart catheterization/stent placement this past week.
*Pray for **Akea Marshall** (Debbie Christy's grand niece) recently diagnosed with cancer.
*Pray for **Elliot's family**, his aunt passed away.
*Pray for Kimberly Keller's friend **Tia** her mother passed away this past week.
*Pray for the family of **Loveth Oby Duru** who passed away (cousin of Chidi Okoroafor),
*Pray for **Nancy Melson** who has experienced severe abdominal pain and her friend **Sally** (88y.o.) who has the flu.
*Pray for Dorthea's son, **David**, who is recovering from heart surgery.
*Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo, post bone marrow transplant**. Leo is in the hospital recovering from spinal surgery. Prayers for the whole family also.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Tom Byer**
*Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.
*Pray for **families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to**, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers **for our church leaders**.
Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Gina Porto
*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses and physical challenges :Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike & Paula Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Karen O, Anthony Katz, Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes, Jim Walkup's brother (Sam),
Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
*Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner Houe. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you.

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11 am

Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Week of Feb. 8, 2026

Song Leader:Kevon Turner

Lord's TableChidi Okoroafor

Closing Prayer/Announcements:Wiley Mullins

Usher:Maurice Samaha

Week of 2/8-2/14/26

Donations: \$2997 Expenses:\$3121

