



# Faith Tabernacle Church

*Bringing the "Gospel of Jesus Christ" to the heart of Halifax, and the whole world!*

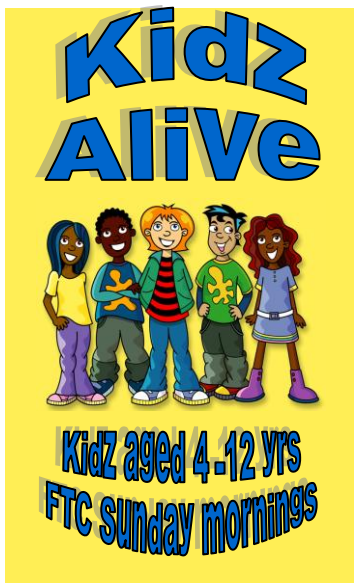


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**Kidz Alive is our exciting Sunday School program for children aged 4-12 years.**

**It consists of Bible lessons, object lessons, memory verses, games and lots of enthusiasm packaged into a dynamic format.**

**Kidz initially join the main service, and then head off to the Kidz Zone for a great time of learning and fun with the Kidz Alive Gang.**

# The Proof of Love

By Pastor John Cheyne

How wonderful it is to love, and to be loved. Perhaps more importantly, it is wonderful to know that you are loved – loved unconditionally. To know that we ourselves are loved unconditionally gives us the courage to dare love others as God has first loved us.

Recently I noticed on the pavement someone had chalked the words, "Smile Jesus loves you." What a message. You would think that folks would be pleased to know that they are loved. However, as I watched, the people bustled on their way, oblivious to the slogan written beneath their feet. The old and the young alike hurried along on their journey – having no regard for the words upon which they trod. When I passed that way later in the evening, although the chalked words held tenaciously to the concrete, the message was scuffed beyond recognition by the careless tramp of so many feet.

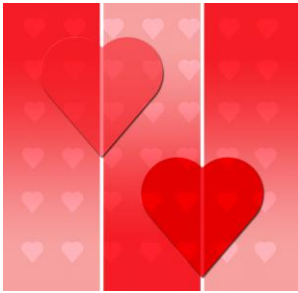
David Limbaugh has written a book called, "Persecution: How Liberals Are Waging War Against Christianity," and in it he observed: *"It's one thing for Christophobes to be nervous about Easter and Christmas, given their obvious association with Jesus Christ, but surely holidays like Valentine's Day should escape their scrutiny. Well, not quite. A public school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, permitted its students to exchange Valentines of all varieties, including those showcasing pop stars. All varieties, that is, except one honoring Jesus Christ. Eight-year-old Morgan Nyman was told she could not pass out her homemade cards saying, 'Jesus loves you.'"*

The year is 279 AD, you're in Rome and just met the love of your life. The sun seems brighter, the birds sing more sweetly, and you are skipping along without even touching the ground, until you stop in your tracks. You've just remembered, marriage has been banned for all the single men are being packed off to the army. Now what?

There was one priest called Valentine. He loved God and he knew that marriage was from God – he'd been secretly marrying couples anyway. On February 14<sup>th</sup> he was caught and executed – leaving a note for the jailer's daughter before he died. Since then lovers have been exchanging notes, cards and gifts on this day and so it's become known as Saint Valentine's Day.

So what about you? Do you expect the postman to deliver you a vast mountain of cards on Valentine's Day – or will it be as expected, no secret admirers and the one person you thought might have invested \$2 on a card forgot, or thought you weren't interested in such foolishness?

Before you get too depressed, or excited, remember to keep smiling because God loves you – yes, you. You don't think so? To prove it He did more than send a \$2 card with a cheesy rhyme. How's this for a Valentine's message? "I love you so much that I give my life for you so that if you believe in me you can have eternal life." Now that is true love. God loves you so much that He actually let His own Son give up His life for you. Now that is a Valentine's message worth receiving.



This Valentine's Day and every day – as we celebrate the gift of human love – let's remember the ultimate proof of God's love for us. Jesus died for us because He loves us. There is no greater love than that – you can't possibly be more loved by anyone.

Psalm 136 tells us 26 times that God's love for us is forever. The last verse reads, "Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever (Psa.136:26.NIV)." God is Love, true love comes from Him and through Him and by Him. On this day of LOVE, remember to tell Him how much you love Him too.

Smile, Jesus loves you. God bless. Pastor John

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## The Ultimate Kind of Love

*By Jhoanna G. Miners, Missions Leadership Team*

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, chocolates, flowers, and greeting cards are exchanged as a sign of affection to loved ones and friends. Remember grade school and the great exchange of mini-cards and cinnamon-flavoured hearts? As we grow older, our experience and reaction to Valentine's Day also changes. I remember *girls' night* with the single sisters during university, and *date night* with a dinner and a movie once married. No matter our reference

point, however, February is the month where most people seem to be conscious about a concept of “love”.

Growing up in the church has given me many opportunities to hear sermons and teachings about the different types of love. For this moment, let’s focus on the ultimate definition of the ultimate kind of love: **GOD**.

1 John 4:7 reveals that the source of love is God, because God is love (verse 8).<sup>1</sup> Verses 9 and 10 continues to say that “this is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins”. We see here that God reached out to humanity and selflessly and sacrificially gave Jesus, so that through His death and resurrection, we can be saved. Verse 18 also highlights another important ingredient to God’s kind of perfect love, and that is courage or no fear.

God’s kind of love, therefore, is generous, is sacrificial, is courageous, and gets people saved! One can summarize missions work with these same four pillars.



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<sup>1</sup> It seems simplistic, but don’t be fooled. We are finite in our capacity to comprehend the mysteries of a glorious and infinite God that I am glad that we have eternity to get to know the depth and vastness of who He is. At the same time, let’s praise the Lord for in His mercy, He has revealed His glory through Jesus (Colossians 2:9).

Whenever we say YES to God's call to join the mission field, we are motivated and guided by God's love to reach out to those who have never encountered Jesus, and to those who are in desperate need.

In early January of this year, Marina and her team entered the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). The DR Congo needs the love of God. It is a vast country, the 12<sup>th</sup> largest in the world, with over 70 million people. It is rich with economic resources like 70% of the world's Coltan – a mineral vital for mobile phone technology. However, due to the political and military unrest in the DR Congo, the people remain poor and oppressed, as armed conflicts continue to pillage both the people and the land.

In Kinshasa, the capital of DR Congo, Marina writes to us and shares about the need that surrounds her and her missions team. She writes:

*“Looking around the grounds are still heavily polluted, many people unemployed, meeting people who have university degrees but there are no jobs for them, lack of water, electricity. We have visited medical clinics, orphanages and ministry for the blind. The needs are overwhelming; most people who work in the clinics and ministries are trained volunteers. There is a need for clean water, clean streets, garbage disposal, sanitation, hands, and knowledge”* (Marina, DR Congo, January 2012).

We see here that the need is great, but it is the love of God that motivates and sustains people like Marina to be with and encourage the local people of the DR Congo. In response to the need, Debbie will join a team of 10 from all over North America for a short-term mission trip to the DR Congo in late February. They will not only engage in pastoral visits to the missions team that is operating there, but Debbie will also have an opportunity to apply her life skills as a medical professional and minister to the local people.

As a church family, we ask that we continue to pray for the DR Congo, and our missionaries serving in this area for it is in this moment that we can pray for the fullness of God's love to be revealed in each circumstance. And just like what Marina wrote in her recent email, let's continue to sing this song together on their behalf:

*I lift my eyes up to the mountains, where does my help come from?*

*My help comes from You, Maker of heaven, Creator of the world.*

*Oh how I need You Lord. You are my only hope. You're my only prayer.*

*So I will wait for You to come and rescue me. Come and give me life!*

*(Psalm 121)*

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*Holy Humor: A little boy decided he was going to read the Bible, so he opened his grandma's huge, old leather-bound bible that had been passed down through the family for generations. As he turned the pages, a fragile, old pressed leaf fell out. He gently picked it up and ran to his grandma, "Grandma! Grandma! I found Adam's underwear!"*

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## **What Does Love Look Like?**

*By Pastor Sheila MacDonald*

Have you ever taken time to really think about what love is and what it's about and somehow try to capture the whole concept of it in your mind??? If you look the word LOVE up in Webster's Dictionary it will tell you that it means things like: fondness, an affection of the mind caused by that which delights, a score of nothing, reverential regard, and so on. All of these may be true but what does it look like in real life??? Mr. Webster tells us that Cupid is the god of love – and maybe in mythology he is – but you need to know that the true God of Love is the Lord Almighty, the Great I Am, El Shaddai, our Heavenly Father, God of the Universe, - He is THE God of Love and you and I have the awesome privilege of knowing Him and experiencing His love, His unconditional love. In the pages following, you will see a visual of what God's love in the heart of man looks like, as well as His expression of love to all mankind.

# The Faces of Love



Helping Mom With The Babies



Cooking Breakfast For The Homeless in Halifax



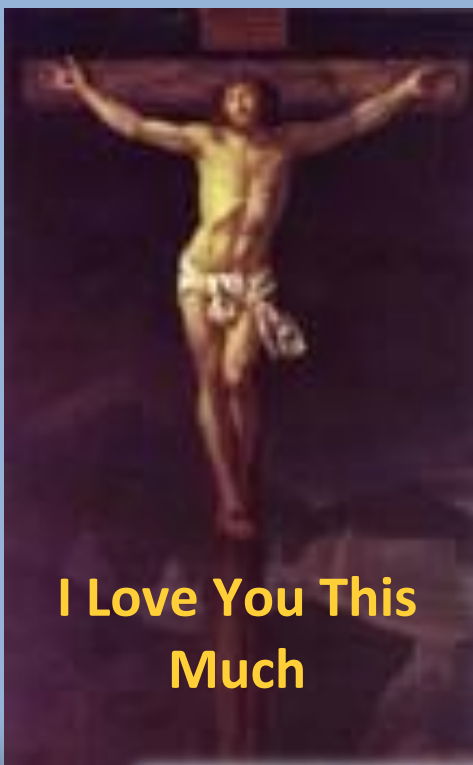
We'll Help With The Breakfast



I'll Show You How To Do It



Reaching Out To Kids via G-ROC



I Love You This Much



She's Our Baby Sister



Some G-ROC Work Results



Brotherly Love



Filling Backpacks For Standing In The Gap For Those In Our City



Playing Baseball with My Dad



Building A Classroom at Watoto in Uganda

# The Faces of Love



Youth Helping Youth in Kenya



Nanny with the Great-Great Grandkids



Standing In The Gap For Those In Need in Our City



Sharing The Load in Kenya

# FTC Weekly Activities...

## Sunday Services:

10:30 am and 6:00 pm Public Services  
10:30 am KIDZ Alive. Ages 4-12

3:00 pm G-ROC Mulgrave Park

## Monday:

7:00 pm Prayer

## Tuesday:

4:00 pm G-ROC Bayer's Westwood  
6:45 pm Family Night  
7:00 pm Bible Studies

## Wednesday:

6:00 pm Young Adult's Prayer  
7:00 pm Youth Leaders Worship/Prayer

## Thursday:

9:30 am ALFS – *Active Living for Seniors*  
10:00 am Moms 'n Tots  
4:00 pm G-ROC Demetrius Lane  
6:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study  
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

## Friday:

7:00 pm Youth: Champions for Christ  
9:00 pm – 1:00 am Standing in the Gap

## Saturday:

12:00 pm G-ROC Uniacke Square  
3:00 pm G-ROC Greystone

Remember that one of the best opportunities to represent our church to our community is how we park our cars when attending services and events at FTC. Take the time to park courteously and obey all of the relevant parking restrictions in the streets around the church.



Thank you.

# Welcome to



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### Sunday Services

**Morning Worship**

**10:30 am**

**Evening Service**

**6:00 pm**

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### Pastoral Staff

**Pastor John Cheyne**

**Pastor Sheila MacDonald**

## *Faith Tabernacle Pentecostal Church*

*If we can assist you in any way please let us know by filling out this section of the magazine, tear it off and place it in the offering bag...*

I am new in the city

I would like a phone call

Children's Ministries -  
Kidz Alive / BG Club

Youth Ministries *Ages 12-18*

Young Adult Ministries

Ministries for Families

Ministries for Adults

*Nursery Facilities  
Wheelchair Accessible  
Elevator  
Scent-Free Seating Area*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Take us Home With You!



Stop by the Info Booth in the lobby to obtain or reserve your DVD copy of today's service.

Also available are DVD's of the Tuesday Bible Study.

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Why not pick up a copy for someone who has not been able to join us in Worship today?

## What's Ahead? February



### COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

### GOLDEN TREASURES LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

### J2N PRAYER & WORSHIP

February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

### BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### PRAYER MINISTRY FOR MISSIONS

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 - 6:45pm

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm &  
Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### SAFE KIDS FULL TRAINING

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm