

### Those to Serve

(B) Mike Lovell  
(FV) Calvin Burks  
(O) Jorge Garza  
(A) Doug Pruett  
1st prayer Judd Wall  
2nd prayer Jack Wall  
Announcements: Keith Stifflemire  
Singing: Kevin Grant

### *Happy Birthday*

**Eloisa Garza March 2nd**  
**Anson Day March 28th**  
**Doug Pruett April 1st**  
**Steve Sugg April 6th**  
**Connie Mallett April 30th**

### *Happy Anniversary*

**April 1st**  
**Calvin & Tammy Burks**  
**April 18th**  
**Jack & Cindi Wall**

### **Quotes & Sayings**

Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses. By Ann Landers

To love someone is nothing, to be loved by someone is something, to love someone who loves you is everything.  
By Bill Russell

### Prayer List:

Kadence Payne  
Windham Family  
Elyza-(Esperance Garza  
Daughter)  
Anita Adams  
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)  
Cheryl Burks  
Virginia Lovell  
Dora Martinez  
Letha Sheldon  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

### **February 20th**

*Presidents Day*

### **February 26th**

*Noon Fellowship*

### **March 5th**

*Mission Fund*

### **March 12th**

*Men's Business Meeting*

### **March 12th**

*Daylight Saving Time Begins*

### **March 20th**

*Spring Begins*

# *Edifier*

## **Evant church of Christ**

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**February 19, 2023**



*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

**Will Vann, Preacher**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**863-899-0987**

**10:20 am Worship**

**Email: [wvann@yahoo.com](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**[www.evantchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evantchurchofchrist.org)**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## Types Of Love

Over the upcoming weeks, we will be focusing on the subject of love during the Sunday morning sermons. These lessons will be coming from **First Corinthians 13** where Paul discusses the various attributes of love. Before we get into this series I wanted to discuss the different types of love that are used in the New Testament.

Phileo, "To love; to be friendly to one; to be kindly disposed to one, wish one well." This love is used as a spectrum much like how we use love in English today. It covers everything from the love of objects like "the best seats in the synagogues" (**Mat. 23:6**), to love for Christ (**1 Cor. 16:22**). This love is characterized by what motivates it, i.e. the object of the love. The Pharisees loved the best seats because of the notice that was brought to them and one should love Christ for the sacrifice He made. One might love puppies or kittens because they are soft and cute, but this love can easily end just as soon as the object of the love stops producing the desired effect. If the best seat no longer brings the attention desired, or if the puppy chews up your favorite shoes the love ceases. Just so, if our love for Christ is only because of our gratitude for being saved then when something else surpasses that gratitude, "i.e. the passing pleasures of sin," then our love for Christ can cease.

Eros, "love is the physical, sensual intimacy between a husband and wife. It expresses sexual, romantic attraction. Eros is also the name of the mythological Greek god of love, sexual desire, physical attraction, and physical love." Although this word is not used specifically in the Scriptures the idea is still there. "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (**Heb. 13:4**). Here we can clearly see this type of sensual love being spoken of by the Hebrews writer. As stated before, phileo is a spectrum that encompasses a wide range of love, and eros is expressed in the New Testament under this umbrella term. Notice the introduction to **Hebrews 13** is "let brotherly love continue." Eros like phileo is a love that is dependent on the object of the love for motivation. When I was in the Navy my roommate and I saw a very attractive girl as we were out and about. Just after we noticed her she put a cigarette in her mouth and lit it. At that moment she went from being a very attractive girl to undesirable in both of our eyes. Like this example, there are many things that can shut down this type of love because it is reliant on external stimuli.

Storge, "cherishing one's kindred, especially parents or children; the mutual love of parents and children and wives and husbands;

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loving affection; prone to love; loving tenderly; chiefly of the reciprocal tenderness of parents and children." Like eros, storge is not used in the New Testament, at least not in the affirmative. Twice in the NKJV, **Romans 1:31** and **Second Timothy 3:3**, the negated form of this word is used and it is translated as unloving. The KJV does a good job of translating this word as, "without natural affection." Even though the affirmative form of this word is not used it is still seen in places like **Ephesians 6:1-2**, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother.'" Storge, like eros before it, is also dependent on the object of the love to exist. If this were not the case then Paul would not have exhorted Titus to have older women "admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children" (**Tit. 2:4**).

Agape, "Of the love of one person to another; especially of that love of Christians toward Christians which is enjoined and prompted by their religion." Agape is love that does not depend on the object of that love for its motivation. It is a selfless love that desires only the best for the one who is loved. Phileo, and subsequently, eros and storge are motivated by who or what the object of that love does, but agape is motivated by God as shown in **first John 4:19**, "We love Him because He first loved us." This type of love is demonstrated perfectly in **Romans 5:8**, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Recently on the social media site TikTok, a young lady made some waves with a video she posted. This particular young lady is a self-professed transexual and has posted several times about how her family is not excepting of her choice to transition into a man. She was planning on going home for Christmas and had sent a message to her mother asking her family to use the name Mike as that was what she now wanted to be referred to. After she sent the message she received a letter from her grandmother which read, "I am writing to tell you that I will not address you as Mike...My anguish in your chosen name and what that means has to do with your eternal soul. Know that I love you more than words ever could convey to you. No matter how you decide to identify yourself does not change my love for you honey." This is agape love! This is a love that is not based on what the granddaughter wants, but on what the grandmother knows that God wants for her. This is tough love, a love that may cause hard feelings, but is far stronger and far more enduring than any other type of love that may be professed.

By Will Vann