



The Stidham Story

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Dave's Diary

Several weeks ago, a church member asked me about the four Greek words for love. When we read passages in the Bible, the English translate all four of the Greek words to one word-love. Without a Bible Concordance, it is sometimes difficult to know which definition is being used. Allow me to explain the different Greek words for love.

Agape means love in a spiritual sense. It often refers to a general affection or deeper sense of 'true unconditional love'. This love is selfless; it gives and expects nothing in return. This is the love that is discussed in 1 John 4 and 1 Corinthians 13.

Eros is a 'physical' passionate love, with sensual desire and longing. Romantic, pure emotion without the balance of logic; Someone you love more than just a friendship. It is the love that can be applied to dating and marriage.

Philia is 'mental' love. It means affectionate regard or friendship in both ancient and modern Greek. This type of love has give and take. It is a dispassionate virtuous love, a concept developed by Aristotle. It includes loyalty to friends, family, and community, requires virtue, equality and familiarity. It is a love that is between family, friends, and or enjoyment of an activity as well as between lovers.

Storge means 'affection' in both ancient and modern Greek. It is natural affection, like that felt by parents for children. It is rarely used in ancient works, and then almost exclusively as a descriptor of relationships within the family. It is also known to express mere acceptance or putting up with situations as loving the child but not caring for their actions; Something most parents have felt at one time or another.

We sometimes find the word love in the Bible where we would not define the situation as love. Perhaps these four descriptions explain and simplify the four Greek words for love.

Blessings,

Dave

I WOULD APPRECIATE GETTING THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES BY AUGUST 21.

THANK YOU
JUDY HENDERSON

Things going on in the church for the Month of August 2014

Bible Study each Monday night at 6:30pm- - August 4,11,18,25

Bible Study each Tuesday morning at 10:00am- - August 5,12,19,26

Lighthouse Prayer Group each Thursday mornings at 10:00am- -August 7,14,21,28

Trustee Meeting -Tuesday August 12 at 7:00pm

Food Pantry Day -Tuesday August 12 at Bauer Center at S. 4th and Fountain St. 12noon-2:30pm

Food Pantry Day -Wednesday August 13 at Bauer Center at S. 4th & Fountain St. 12 noon-2:30pm

Ad Council Meeting -Tuesday August 19, at 7:00pm

Choir Practice-Wednesday August 20, at 7:00pm

Memorial Service for Marilyn McAdams- will be here at church on Saturday August 30 at 10:00am.

Fifth Sunday Meal-Bring salads and desserts, drinks and table service will be furnished. Main course will be announced in church and put in the bulletin.

SIGN UP SHEETS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE FOR AUGUST: Worship Leaders, Ushers, Children's Story, Children's Church and Acolytes.

FLOWER GARDENS: Help in watering and pulling weeds.

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP: Monday August 11th-Friday August 15th.

Index cards will be on table in Fellowship Hall as what needs done. If you wish to help please take a card and when job is complete put a check mark on card and return to the table. The church is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm. I will have cleaning supplies for you. If questions, please see Judy Henderson or Bill Davis.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

If God is our destination, the Bible is our road map.

God is at work in ways that we cannot always see.

Small acts of faith can create big waves of love.

Cathy's Corner

As Art Linkletter said years ago, kids **DO** say the darndest things. Enjoy these interpretations from children about their Sunday School lessons:)

STORY OF ELIJAH

The Sunday school teacher in a little country church was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times "Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar? A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once , while she was driving, "he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

DID NOAH FISH

A Sunday school teacher asked, " Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied David. "How could he, with just two worms?"

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out , "Aces!"

MOSES & THE RED SEA

Nine -year-old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what the teacher taught you, his mother asked." "Well, no Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

THE LORD IS MY SHEPERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task- - but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barley get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous.

When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, The Lord is my shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

CHURCH SMILES

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here , asked the postal clerk?" "Only the ten Commandments," answered the lady.

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign- - - Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: "Do not step in exhaust."

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the Pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

**Give me a sense of humor, Lord
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk!**

HELP!

YOUR church needs **YOUR** help to meet its obligations for the program and activities that have gone on and are planned for the rest of this year!!!

Please keep as current as possible on your estimates, and as can be done when and where possible, add additional amounts to keep Stidham able to meet the needs of our community and our extended Christian ministry where needed.

At this time we are around \$10,000.00 behind on keeping up with what Stidham has done for the year 2014 to date. **YOUR** help will keep **YOUR** church able to complete this years programs and ministries successfully!

Thank you **ALL WHO MAKE** Stidham such a vibrant friendly church. With **ALL** of us working together we got our goals and the needs that come up accomplished.

Your Finance Committee
Bill Lutgen, Chairman

A THANK YOU NOTE

Dick and Bonnie Watts want to thank the Member Care Committee for the beautiful flowers that were delivered the month of July. Bonnie said the day they came things were not going to well, so it made a bad day into a brighter day for them.

MATERIAL FOR MAKING QUILTS

On the tables against the back wall in Fellowship Hall are boxes of scrap material that you can use to make prayer quilts or other projects you want to do or are working on.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS NEEDED!

Paid position. Sunday mornings-8:45-11:45am

Wednesday evenings during choir practice- 6:50pm-8:10pm

Please contact Jeannie Poulson 508-320-1607 or the church office 474-2806

BAKED STEAK DINNER COMING UP SOON!!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

PRAYER LIST

Everyone needs a prayer every day. Let us give thanks and ask God to be with those who are on our prayer list and all those who are going through personal struggles, health issues, and other worries that they may have. Share your faith and love for one another as life works in different ways. Amen

Midge Hockema, Amanda Hale, Dick Watts, James Wesley Klinger, Jill Plantenga and Family, Rob Inskeep, Roy Becker, Larry Burkert, Our Military, our world leaders and all that are mentioned in our worship service on Sunday morning and for those mentioned silently.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

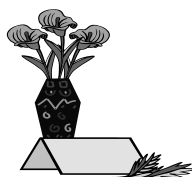
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1-LeeRoy Williams
- 2-Margaret Hoffman
- 3-Dick Benedict
- 4-Alice Francis
- 5-Sue Whitehead
- 6-Jeannine Newman
- 7-Beatrice Hoffman
- 15-Virginia Perkins
- 20-Betty Ann Cleaver
- 23-Jean Bennett
- 24-Bill Davis
- 29-Opal Kuhl
- 30-Bryan Hoffman



- 10-Noble & Gretchen Kizer
- 14-Jonathan & Natalie Blount
Rusty & Sandy Nolfi
- 21-Dennis & Sandy Wheeldon
- 24-Bruce & Barbara Baugh
- 27-Larry & Jane Hand
- 30-Clyde & Audrey Burghardt



SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION FOR JULY 2014

ATTENDANCE

OFFERING TOTALS

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP SERVICE	DATE	BUDGET	SPECIALS	TOTAL
7/6/14	19	72	7/6/14	\$3,895.25	\$.00	\$3,895.25
7/13/14	20	90	7/13/14	\$3,334.27	\$270.00	\$3,604.27
7/20/14	18	71	7/20/14	\$3,131.25	\$250.00	\$3,381.25
7/27/14	10	56	7/27/14	\$2,951.35	\$ 20.00	\$2,971.35

REMINDER— It is very important that we continue to do our part in our monthly giving as we estimated at the beginning of the year so we can meet our monthly budget.

Thank you, The Finance Committee.

A Tale or a Truth

This is an imaginary tale of a child from Cary Home as she/he reluctantly gets ready for school this August.

I am thankful I have a backpack, to stash the pocket folders, the three-ring binders with loose leaf notebook paper intact to be available for the recording of assignments with my #2 pencil or my mechanical pencil as I proceed through my walk of learning each day. Sometimes I need a spiral notebook to complete the detail of a subject, the colored pens come in handy there too. I'm happy to have the yellow highlighters, it emphasizes something I will refer to later in my walk of learning.

When I give a report I use the 3x5 lined index cards where I jotted down important info with colored pencils and bright crayons, they give me reassurance. Oh! Yes! I do use my super eraser for I do sometimes make a mistake I need to correct. The glue comes in handy for a project I could not complete without a pair of scissors. I really rely on the pencil box to keep all of my pencils, pens, eraser and my ruler in hand. The plastic bags are great for separating things I need in a hurry.

To keep me well and healthy I use the tissues and sanitizing wipes every day. I lost my earbuds and a replacement is a blessing for use with my I pad tablet.
Thank you! A student from Cary Home.

This is a composite of the possibilities students that need our assistance could face. Maybe it will reassure a child that there are caring anonymous people here and now. I cannot imagine how it would be to not have a parent be here for me when I needed school supplies. Our giving could be the little spark to ignite a child into doing their best this school year. Their best is all I ask of the one I help today.

Education is very important to developing a child to do their best. There are parents that are successful in home schooling their children. Others are fortunate enough to afford private schools. Some who have religious preference go to a school of their faith. Most of our children attend the public schools available in the community where we live. The success of the education depends on caring and attentive adults both within the school and those of us encouraging and standing on the side lines or sitting in the bleachers.

Proverbs 19:18 tells us to educate and discipline our children while we still have the chance. In Proverbs 22:6 I quote "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Keep a sharp eye out for the yellow school bus that will be on the streets and roads in the next fifteen days. Children are sprinters and forget to look both ways. Remember they are our future and a blessing today.

Stick that school supply list in your pocket and head for Walmart. See you there.

Love and prayer,

Betty Greene

SEE NOTE ON (PAGE 8) IN THE NEWSLETTER UNDER MISSION PROJECT FOR CARY HOME.

MISSIONS PROJECTS

Here is a list for the year of Food Pantry Items needed each month!

JANUARY—IS THE MONTH FOR STIDHAM MEMBERS TO DONATE MONEY-MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO STIDHAM UMC AND MARK YOUR PEW ENVELOPES "FOOD PANTRY" AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

FEBRAURY– CANNED MEAT OR TUNA

MARCH—SPAGHETTI SAUCE OR NOODLES (NO GLASS JARS)

APRIL—PAPER PRODUCTS

MAY—CASH DONATIONS

JUNE—CANNED FRUIT

JULY—MACRONI & CHEESE

AUGUST—PAPER PRODUCTS

SEPTEMBER—CASH DONATIONS

OCTOBER—PEANUT BUTTER

NOVEMBER—SOUP & CRACKERS

DECEMBER—OATMEAL OR CERAL

TABS AND CAN COLLECTION FOR RILEY HOSPITAL

Leave your tabs and cans in the containers in Fellowship Hall and Kevin Fry will pick them up and turn them in. He will be cashing in the cans every 4th quarter, so continue bringing them in.

MISSION PROJECT FOR CARY HOME

School supplies needed. Lists of supplies and boxes to put supplies in, are on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please get items that are requested only. Thank you for your help!

LIGHTHOUSE PRAYER GROUP MISSION PROJECT

The labels collected will be sent to Henderson Settlement. Please see the display in Fellowship Hall showing how each label is to be turned in. There is a basket for you to put your labels in. There are white sheets in Fellowship Hall by the basket showing you what companies are participating in the program.

The Lighthouse Prayer Group would appreciate your help in making this a big success!

