

Welcome to Worship

Jan 19, 2025

Prayer Notes:

IN the FOYER:

- assistive hearing devices are available (ask an usher)
- Right to Life Association Newsletters and memberships

On the Calendar:

- Jan 22 (Wed) @ 7:30am Men's Morning Bible Study
- Jan 22 (Wed) @ 7:00pm Prayer and Bible Study
- Jan 24 (Fri) @ 7:00pm Fired Up Friday
- Jan 25 (Sat) @ 1:00pm Studying the Bible (Young Adults)
- Jan 26 (Sun) @ 10:30am 1 John 2:12-14
- Jan 31 – Year End Ministry Reports due
- Feb 1 (Sat) @ 10:30am Sonshine Saturday



Fired Up Fridays



*Among Us
...returns*

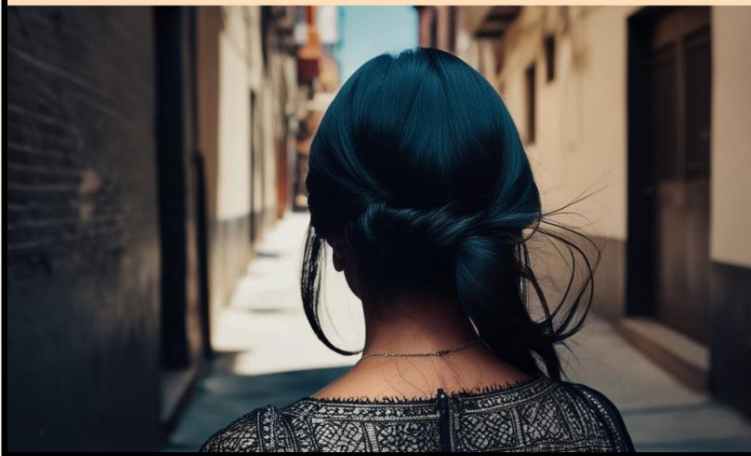
at DFBC @ 7:00pm on Jan 24



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY



Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 1 John 2:9



See Poster in foyer for details.



Northwestern Ontario Ride
February 8, 2025

- Sat. Feb 2 @ 10:30 - noon
- at Dryden First Baptist Church
- games, snack, story & craft
- ages: JK - Gr 6



Sunshine Saturday 2025!



LIVING LIKE YOU ARE A BELIEVER

Words of instruction from John

Jan 12

1 John 2:3-6
Christ Our Advocate

6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Jan 19

1 John 2:7-11
#1 - The New Commandment

9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

Jan 26

1 John 2:12-14
#2 - The New Commandment

14 ... because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Feb 2

1 John 2:15-17
Do not love the World

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world.

PRAY FOR THESE WORKS OF THE CHURCH.

Dryden First Baptist Church

Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am

Junior Church (4-9) and Toddler Program (2-3) occurs during the worship hour.

Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.

Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.

Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm

(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church

Facebook - Sonshine Saturday

YouTube - Christian Canuck

Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



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Treasurer - Gordon Robinson

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Introduction

- hear this story that comes from "Moody's Antidotes" about how a young boy experienced the power of love found in Christians:

In Chicago a few years ago a little boy attended a Sunday school I know of. When his parents moved to another part of the city the little fellow still attended the same Sunday school, although it meant a long, tiresome walk each way. A friend asked him why he went so far, and told him that there were plenty of others just as good nearer his home.

"They may be as good for others, but not for me," was his reply.

"Why not?" she asked.

"Because they love a fellow over there," he replied.

- the church the young boy attended, probably lived out the love described in the Bible and this poem

Love ever gives, forgives, outlives,

And ever stands with open hands.

And while it lives, it gives,

For this is love's prerogative-- to give, and give, and give.

Background

- a) John gives assurance of salvation
- b) John writes to combat the false teachers who distort the message of Christ
- c) [1 John 1:5-2:11](#) to correct the false teachings of the false teachers
- d) [1 John 1:5-2:2](#) teaching the importance of the gospel
- e) [1 John 2:3-6](#) teaching that if you know God, you abide in God and you will obey the Lord
- f) [1 John 2:7-11](#) teaching that if you are in the light then you love one another

1 John 2:7-11 (today)

- John is combating the false teachers who claimed that love was not characteristic of a Christian
- but as we see in the life of Christ that love is characteristic of a person who has been brought from darkness to light
- if you are in the light then you walk in love

1) (2:7-8) New and Old Command

(2:7) Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

a) John's hearers are "beloved"

b) it's an old command

- in Leviticus 19 the people of Israel were commanded by God to love one another

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

- John of course, experienced firsthand the love of Jesus and his teaching on love

John 13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

(2:8) At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

c) yet it is a new command

- hear again about the amazing love of Jesus Christ

John 15:12-13 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

(looking at the portion) which is true in him and in you,

- these Christians sought to live a life of love in the Lord

(looking at the portion) because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

- but what John is reminding us of is the wonderful work of Jesus Christ

- John 8:12 declares that Jesus "is the light of the world"

2) (2:9) Hate Your Brother #1

(2:9) Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

a) Whoever says...

- this is now the third time that John has written "whoever says"

1 John 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1 John 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

b) in the light

- those who are in Christ are "in the light" and it means that a person:

1. has fellowship with God 1:6
2. knows God 2:3-4
3. is in God 2:5
4. abides in God 2:6

c) love and be in light or hate and be in darkness

3) (2:10) Love Your Brother

(2:10) Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

a) whoever loves

b) no cause for stumbling

- this phrase can be taken two ways

1. when a Christian is unloving and this causes people who are not Christians to stumble and reject Christ
2. when a Christian acts unloving they are stumbling – which is rebellion against God

- both of these are true

4) (2:11) Hate Your Brother #2

(2:11) But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Application

1) Remind Yourself of the Love of God, the Father and the Son

a) What do you fill your mind with?

b) Do you fill your mind with wonderful truths?

- Israel did not do anything to deserve the love of God, but in His grace, showed them His wonderful love

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

- Israel was loved by the Lord and became the child of God

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

c) Do you think about God's grace and mercy?

- God enables us to be called children of God through His grace and mercy

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

- Jesus Christ shows His amazing grace and love through His death on the cross

1 John 3:16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

d) Do you think about the above things?

2) Know the Power of the Gospel – You are in the Light!

a) Reality Check – Jesus is the true light

b) Reality Check – a person is in the dark without Jesus

c) Road map – only Jesus brings people from darkness to the light

- a Christian is in the light because Jesus Christ is the light of the world

Luke 1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

d) Life transformation - become a child of the light

- hear what Paul says about this life transformation accomplished by Jesus in the book of Ephesians

Ephesians 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

3) Live a Life of Love

a) if you know Jesus, you are called to love others

b) Paul needed to address “unloving” behavior in the church at Corinth

- do you remember what Paul said about love in 1 Corinthians 13?

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

c) let the grace of Christ light the way for us to love one another