

Making Life Better

with **Jesus**, in **Community**, on **Purpose**

a weekly email from **Pastor Lynn**

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Greetings –

This Sunday I'll conclude a three-part sermon series on **Building on a Foundation That Lasts.**

This Sunday we'll unpack some great verses on the enduring quality of LOVE. Such a broad, deep, word which, like Faith and Hope, is most clearly seen and understood by what it does. Without love we would not have words like grace, mercy, forgiveness. Story after story in the Bible defines and illustrates its worth. It is THE distinguishing mark of Christianity (John 13:35). Come stand with me on holy ground and be blessed as we realize again – God is Love personified.

Love from a Kid's Point of View

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

The genius of a great artist is that the longer you look at his/her work, the more you see. First glances miss a lot. A longer, reflective examination reveals details easily overlooked. Consider the words of Ephesians 2:10, **"We are God's workmanship, His masterpiece, created anew in Christ Jesus."** Each of us offers a unique tint, a specific tone that demonstrates the awesome creativity of the Creator.

What do you see when you look at First Christian? I hope you see and value what God sees and values – each unique person which, when combined with all our other unique people, forms a *masterpiece* of the great I AM. ***Amen – so be it!***



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