

# Love and Compassion Ministries

*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

May 1, 2014 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER



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Love And Compassion Ministries is sad to announce the passing of Lyle D. Smith of Fort Myers, Florida.

Lyle went to be with the Lord April 4, 2014 after a long battle of bone marrow cancer. He was 77 years old.

Born in Batavia, Illinois to Jacob and Lillie Smith he graduated from University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in financial accounting. He worked for the Eli Lilly Company for 31 years within the accounting department. Upon his retirement he moved to Fort Myers, Florida.

He was an active member and Sunday school teacher at McGregor Baptist Church for many years. He teamed up with Love And Compassion Ministries in July 2000 where he taught finances to inmates at the county jail. For the past eight years Lyle has been treasurer for LCM.

Lyle believed in what Love And Compassion Ministries is doing. He participated in all events and was such a great supporter of the ministry in so many ways. Every year he would send out a letter asking people to support the ministry. He gave of his time to keep the books and file the correct financial forms with the IRS. He got along with all the board members and they loved him. He was a very wise and Godly man that loved to spread the Word of God's grace and love.

He will be greatly missed!

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## What is the definition of true love?

Is it when two people commit to love one other in sickness and in health?  
 Is it when a soldier drops on a hand grenade to save others around him?  
 Is it a strong surge of romantic and sexual emotions that overwhelm you?  
 Is it affection you have for someone that isn't bound by the laws of human behavior?  
 Is true love a once in a lifetime experience?  
 Is it when you make sacrifices for someone's happiness or well being, even if they may never realize it?  
 Is it when you can't even imagine hurting them, emotionally or physically?  
 Is true love a relationship wholeheartedly, without any desire or expectations of getting something back in return from the relationship to justify your actions?

I Corinthians 13:4-8 <sup>4</sup> Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. (NKJV)

As most people know, money can't buy love, but many have tried!

### I Can Tell You How You Can Experience True Love Without spending a dime.

You see, you have someone that loves you so much even while you are in the state you are in and no matter how bad your past has been, He still loves you.

## John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God loved us enough to send His son to this earth to die for our sin.

*"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."* I Samuel 16:7b (NIV)

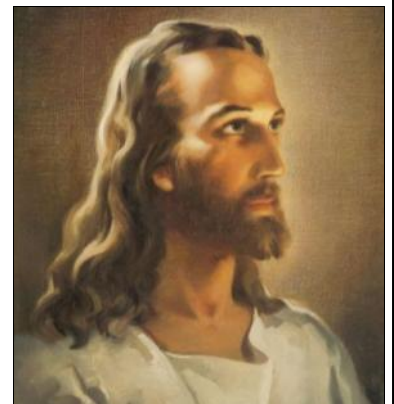
Jesus loved us enough to pay the price He did not owe and we could not pay! The price of our redemption was high. We never could have redeemed ourselves with corruptible things such as silver and gold. Only through the shed Blood and Broken body of Jesus Christ could eternal life be obtained for us. Yes, the price was high, but Jesus paid it all!

Jesus was born into this world with a mission. He was born with a specific purpose. Yes, Jesus was born to die! Jesus' death on the Cross was not only divinely appointed, but it was necessary, because a great price had to be paid to redeem us from our sin. In the natural, thinking about death makes us uncomfortable. Why? Because we weren't created to die; we were created to live eternally, but when Adam disobeyed God, death entered the world (Romans 5:12). So God sent Jesus to die on the Cross to restore us to life.

Love is best seen as devotion and action, not an emotion. Love is not exclusively based on how we feel. Certainly our emotions are involved, but they cannot be our only criteria for love. True devotion will always lead to action. *Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.* I John 3:18 (NIV) Christ was devoted to us enough to give his own life for us (Romans 5:8). Love is the greatest gift God ever gave man.

Now my question to you is, do you love Jesus? Jesus said in John 14:15 (KJV) **"If ye love me, keep my commandments."**

**This is the true characteristics of love!**





## GOD'S PLACE



Love And Compassion Ministries wishes to purchase 700 acres of land just outside of Lee County where we will shape

the land into 'God's Place'. This area will be a place where the homeless; individuals who have physical, mental, and emotional problems; juvenile offenders; people that have lost their jobs and/or homes; the drug and alcohol addicted and hungry people of this area will be welcomed.

God's Place will be a learning facility, recovery program, safe house, and growth community that gives hope to the drug addicts who have lost everything, hope for those alcoholics who just can't seem to get free of the bottle; hope for the homeless who feel like outcasts of society; hope for those who are temporarily homeless due to a job situation or illness that has drained them of finances; hope for the youth who feel they have only a prison or gang that will accept them; hope for those just released from prison or jail with little or no skills, and of course, hope for our veterans with their mental, physical, and emotional problems.

God's Place will combine biblical teaching (not a specified religion), responsibility, education and hands-on experience to allow each person a chance to better his or her life. God's Place will be a place where they will be given the opportunity to develop self-sufficiency, including educational opportunities and a trade that can be used anywhere in the United States.

Many supporters have asked the question why call it **God's Place**. They fear we can not sell the idea to supporters with that name. I can say we have lost many grants because we would not back down from telling them that Jesus Christ is the answer to all our issues.

Luke 12:27 - 42 says: <sup>27</sup> "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. <sup>30</sup> But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; <sup>36</sup> and 'a man's enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.' <sup>37</sup> He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup> He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

It is important to call such a facility **God's Place**! People need to know everything will be done to bring honor and glory to our Lord, Jesus Christ at God's Place. We need courage to do so. We need people that love the Lord, has compassion for others and can love the sinner while hating the sin. We need people to join us in this great battle to help us make God's Place a reality.

Are you one that God has set aside for such a time as this? We need people who believe "Nothing is impossible with God!" Please pray for us, help us get the word out about **God's Place**, get others to sign up for our monthly newsletter at (newsletter@lovecompassion.com) and support us financially. Thanks!

Go to [www.lovecompassion.com](http://www.lovecompassion.com) - [Resources](#) - [God's Place](#)

# Happy Mother's Day

In the U.S., Mothers' Day is a holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May. It is a day when children honor their mothers with cards, gifts, and flowers. First observance was in Philadelphia in 1907. Although it wasn't celebrated in the U.S. until 1908, there were days honoring mothers even in the days of ancient Greece.



Mother's Day  
May 11, 2014

Later, in the 1600's, in England there was an annual observance called "Mothering Sunday." It was celebrated during Lent, on the fourth Sunday. On Mothering Sunday, the servants, who generally lived with their employers, were encouraged to return home and honor their mothers. It was traditional for them to bring a special cake along to celebrate the occasion.

In the U.S., in 1908 Ana Jarvis, from Grafton, West Virginia began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the anniversary of her mother's death. A memorial service was held there on May 10, 1908. The following year they celebrated Mother's Day in Philadelphia where Jarvis had moved.

Jarvis and others began a letter-writing campaign to ministers, businessmen and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. They were successful. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national observance that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

Many other countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year. Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, as in the U.S.

## Some Motherly Advice...

Always change your underwear; you never know when you'll have an accident.

Don't make that face or it'll freeze in that position.

Be careful or you'll put your eye out.

What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?

You have enough dirt behind those ears to grow potatoes!

Close that door! Were you born in a barn?

If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

Don't put that in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!

♥ Obey your mother! ♥



## What the Bible says about Mothers...

- Genesis 3:20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.
- Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
- Leviticus 19:3 Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God.
- Deuteronomy 5:16 Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
- Proverbs 10:1 A wise son brings joy to his father but a foolish son grief to his mother.
- Isaiah 66:13 As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.
- Ezekiel 16:44 Everyone who quotes proverbs will quote this proverb about you: "Like mother, like daughter."
- Luke 1:43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
- Luke 2:51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
- John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

## Want more of God?

Being obedient is one of the major foundations to our spiritual growth, and even though God does not expect us to be perfect, He does expect us to make an effort to reach beyond ourselves to Him for strength. In admitting our weaknesses and shortcomings, not our excuses, we rely on His grace to help us complete the task that He has set before us, as we serve our Lord with humility.

How much more could Christ sacrifice for us? How much have we sacrificed for Christ? Have we given our Lord our time, money, desires, will, that big meal, that new car and what about that favorite TV show? What are we willing to give up? Do we have self-control and a sacrificing love for others?

Are we willing to give Christ our gifts, abilities, and natural drives? Are we willing to complete what God has put our hands to? Luke 9:62 says: And Jesus said unto him, **No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.** Are we allowing satan to distract us from the work Jesus has set before us? If so are we fit to call Him our Savior? One day we will stand before God and give an account, why we left the task He put before us.

What activities are distracting us? Night out with the boys, softball practice, TV, etc. What things are we juggling that we do not need on our plate? We need to ask ourselves, do we want more of God? If so, then we must give up something else. How are we handling our foundational relationship with God? If He can't trust us with what He has already given us why should He give us more power and responsibilities? Remember the guy that put his talent in the ground? How much are we willing to give up? It will determine how much we will receive.

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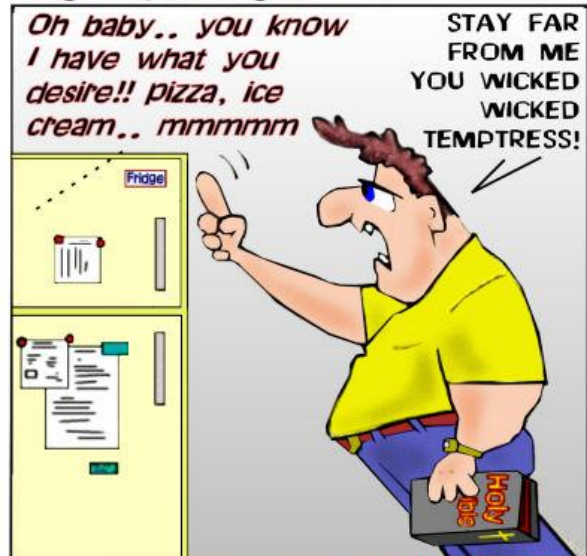
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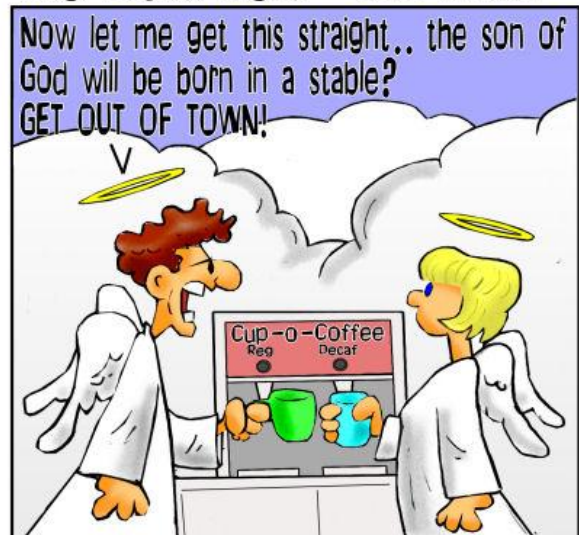


**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



Flee from the FRIDGE! **1 Timothy 6:11**

**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



Imagine the buzz around Heaven's coffee maker when God's salvation plan for mankind was revealed. **Luke 1:25ish**



Friends and Partners,

Christians have so much to be thankful for. Of course we are thankful to have the knowledge of being able one day to spend eternity with our Lord and Savior, but we also need to be thankful for the many blessings our Lord pours on us everyday. With the Holy Spirit living within us, we have rights and privileges as sons and daughters of the almighty God (our Father) that non-Christians do not have. We have been set apart from the rest of this world.

I believe we have the ability to walk in the supernatural if our hearts have been prepared and minds renewed. Our spirit must come into submission to our Holy Father and know His Will. We must be sensitive to people, places and things around us. As we communicate with our Lord through truth and spirit, we will be able to sense the enemy that is around us. For all that is with us is not of God! Satan wishes to stop what our Lord has started in us, but with the power of the Word of knowledge and the out pouring of the Holy Ghost, this will be the year of separation.

Things are changing. **The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!** The future is bright for our Lord has heard the cries from his people, the homeless, people on drugs, alcohol, people hurting and hungry. God is in the process of opening doors of blessings to true believers. The Church is beginning to wake up to God's desires. People's eyes are being opened and their hearts are being unlocked to God's power. I believe that many will be restored to a true relationship with our Savior this year. Our Lord is drawing many to Himself.

*Romans 13:11-14 says: 11- And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12- The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13- Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14- But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

Paul is trying to tell us that the time for slumber has long since passed. Too many Christians are sleeping on the job today, living their lives as they please without any thought for the will of God or the return of our Lord Jesus Christ! Time to sleep has well passed! Now it is time to become active in the business of the Lord. Now is the time, not tomorrow. Every day, people are dying and going to Hell without knowing Christ. The forces of evil are growing stronger and working harder to stop us from reaching the lost of this world. There is a tremendous need for believers everywhere to wake up from their slumber to recognize the seriousness and the lateness of the hour and to get busy serving the Lord with all of their might. If you know someone who needs to receive salvation, please contact us through [PrayerRequest@LoveCompassion.com](mailto:PrayerRequest@LoveCompassion.com). We will pray for them, and if you wish, we will contact them.

It is time to get busy with other believers, receive grace and love as never before. It is time for a great revival. Rejoice and be glad for victory is for everyone who has received salvation (God's free gift of life and blessings). God is anointing us and giving us power to overcome and to do great things in His Name. Remember, satan is trying to divide us as God is trying to unite us as one.

If you are a believer, now is the time to get to work for the Lord! May we all recognize the crisis of the hour and dedicate ourselves to being all God wants us to be.

In the Presence of our Lord,

*Ron Willis*

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers.

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the BODY of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!