

# ***This is love...***

The Bible is an extreme love letter; it brings to light the deep compassion our Father in heaven has for us, His children. From Genesis to Revelation a 'red thread' intertwines itself throughout the entire story, highlighting God's sacrificial and redemptive love. We can all share a scripture that ministers to our soul more than another at any given moment and I have one such verse in mind.

I John 4:7-11 shines brightly as he writes, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

'Not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins,' really stirs me. He loved me first. Ashamedly, I cannot say that I had a heart for Him at one time in my life. As a matter of fact, I was running away from Him. I had absolutely nothing to bring to the table besides a hard heart, chaos, and iniquity. I was a wretched sinner, separated from my Creator. And then Cavalry happened. This is where the love of God was made manifest. For God so loved me, that He gave His only begotten Son, offering me a new and eternal life.

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8) I was saved by grace and I am loved by Him, the Author of my salvation and Redeemer of my soul. He loved me first.

I have all that I need in Him; yet, I still have a draw within myself to live a life that is all about me. In essence, this is what was whispered to Eve in the garden of Eden, "Eve, it's all about you." Paul explains this dilemma in II Timothy 3, "People will be lovers of themselves...not lovers of the good...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." Matthew 24 speaks of this in saying, "...the love of most will grow cold."

This is the battle that I can find myself in. Do I love "self" more than God? This question swirls about in my inner being and then the answer becomes clear by my actions and words that spring forth. I hear Jesus telling the teacher, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength...and love your neighbor as yourself."

Because of His extreme love for me,

  
Nick

# DUNKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH

## Graduation - February 2024



***“I am not now what once I was, nor am I yet what I want to be. But what I am, I am by grace, and when I see him face to face, I shall be like him perfectly. I once was dead yet thought I lived. But now I live though dead I am. For now I live in Whom I died, for I to the Lord am crucified. And my life and my song is Calvary’s Lamb.”***

## Return Home!

### 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL HOMECOMING

March 8-10, 2024

DUNKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH

**“For this son of mine  
was dead and is alive  
again; he was lost and  
is now found”  
Luke 15:24**

#### FRIDAY 03.08.24

5:30 PM | Dinner | **Main Dining Hall**

6:30 PM | Campfire | Fellowship | **Pavilion Area**

#### SATURDAY 03.09.24

6:00 AM | Cowboy Breakfast Around Campfire | **Pavilion Area**

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM | Open Breakfast Buffet | **Main Dining Hall**

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM | Kickball Game | **Ball Field**

| 60 Years of Dunklin Video Showing (1 HR) | **The Tabernacle**

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM | Golf Chipping Contest | **Field Behind Campbell Dining Hall**

| Basketball Free Throw & 3 pt. Shot Contest | **Basketball Court**

12:00 PM | Lunch on the Grounds | **Pavilion Area**

1:00 - 2:00 PM | 60 Years of Dunklin Video Showing (1 HR) | **The Tabernacle**

1:00 - 3:00 PM | Dodgeball Tournament | **Tennis Courts**

1:00 - 4:00 PM | Bounce House's, Games, Fun (Kids & Adults) | **Ball Field**

4:45 - 5:45 PM | Catered BBQ Dinner on the Grounds | **Pavilion Area**

6:00 PM | Worship and Testimonies | **The Tabernacle**

| Nursery Available (ages 0-3) | **Nursery Building**

| Kids Movie Night (ages 4-11) | **The Good Sam Building**

#### SUNDAY 03.10.24

7:45 AM - 9:00 AM | Open Breakfast Buffet | **Main Dining Hall**

9:30 AM | Worship and Testimonies | **The Tabernacle**

| Nursery (ages 0-3) | **Nursery Building**

| Kids Church (ages 4-11) | **Good Sam Building**

12:30 PM | Lunch on the Grounds | **Pavilion Area**