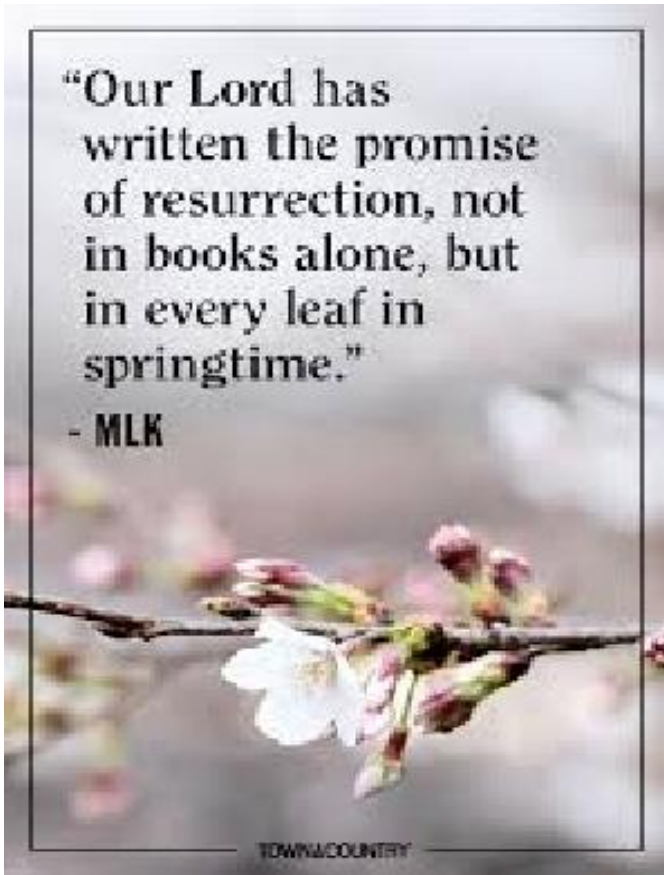




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Sermon Posted for Today

"The Resurrection and the Life"

Scripture is John 11:17-27

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Sermons on Audio

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website- [Please click here.](#)



Viewing a series of videos with John Clayton discussing scientific evidence that [God Does Exist](#)

Birthdays

Wendy B.....May 13
Magdalena M.....May 27

Prayer List:

- Julie Van Alstine's mother is in the hospital and her procedure went well. – Good News – Please keep her in your prayers
- The Covid-19 situation worldwide, and that it can be contained
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Maureen as she has been not been well lately
- Sue Jones is asking for prayers for her niece's father Andrew Heron and his wife Mae and their family. Andrew begins chemo for stage-four cancer on Wednesday. Mae is in a longterm care home for Alzheimer's. Because of Covid-19 - No one can visit. Their daughter is Bev Boden, Brian and Mary's daughter in law. Please pray for this family.

Contributions:

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Tintern Church of Christ

Attached is the link to the sermon from Noel Walker at Tintern Church of Christ from April 19, 2020 ([Click Here](#))



Below is the link for the worship of April 19th, from the Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ. The Link can also be found on the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ Facebook Page ([Click Here](#))



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Chris & Dianne Gardner



Love Randy Morritt

Love is an abstract quality and is therefore indefinable in precise terminology. It finds expression in both nouns and verbs; and it appears as both, throughout the Bible. The dictionary defines love as “. . . an emotion, sentiment, or feeling of pleasurable attraction toward, or delight in something, as a principle, or a person, or a thing, which induces a desire for the presence, possession, well-being, or promotion of its object...,” plus such terms as “strong feeling of affection...devoted attachment...great tenderness.” These terms are obviously more descriptive than definitive.

The Greek language employs several words for love, each one rich in finer shades of meaning and precision of expression. Two of these are found in the New Testament: φιλέω (*phileo*), and ἀγαπάω (*agapao*).

Phileo is sometimes translated brotherly love. It denotes an inclination prompted by sense and emotion; and means to love in the sense of being friendly, to delight in or long for, to love to do, or to do with pleasure. It is used to describe the tender affection that God the Father has toward his Son,” ([Jn 5:20](#)). *Phileō* can also be used for relationships among human beings, whether positive or

negative. ([Jn 11:3](#); cf. vss. 5, [36](#); [Tit. 3:15](#)). John uses it to describe God's motivation in disciplining and chastening his children, ([Rev 3:19](#); cf. [Heb. 12:5, 6](#)); and Jesus uses the word in warning those who have more affection for family than for Him. ([Mt 10:37](#); cf. [1 Cor. 6:22](#)). *Phileo* is also used of a kiss as a sign of recognition and brotherly affection or of betrayal, in a negative sense. ([Mt 26:48](#); [Mk 14:44](#); [Lk 22:47](#)).

On the other hand, *agapao* properly denotes a love founded on admiration, veneration, and esteem. It means to have a preference for, wish well to, regard the welfare of ([Matt 5:43](#), f.). It is to be full of good will both in thought and deed ([Luke 7:42ff.](#)). It is employed in expressing God's love to man ([John 3:16](#)); man's love to God ([2 Thess 3:5](#); [1 John 2:5](#); [3:17](#)); and man's spiritual love of his fellow men ([John 15:12f.](#); [Rom 13:8](#); [Gal 5:14](#)). *Agape* acquired special significance as the name applied to the love feasts, a common meal in connection with and prior to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, of early Christians. ([1 Cor 11:20-22](#); [2 Pet 2:13](#); [Jude 12](#))

Because there is of necessity some overlapping in the meanings of *philia* and *agape*, the nouns for love, they are in some instances used inter-changeably, though their basic difference is maintained (cf. [John 14:23](#) and [16:27](#)). [Jn. 21:15-17](#) is a good example of this.

One clear distinction may be seen in application. Since love as an emotion cannot be commanded, *philia* may not

be used in a command to love. Contrarily, love as a choice may be commanded; hence, Jesus commanded His disciples to "love (*agapate*) your enemies" ([Matt 5:44](#)). Actually, the two terms may be used in conjunction without a threat to semantics. ([1 Pet 5:14](#)).

Love is one of the characteristics that separate disciples from the world. If a disciple loves his life in the sense of desperately hanging on to it, he will ironically lose that which he loves; but if a disciple hates his life (i.e., gives it up for Christ), then he will keep his life for all eternity ([Jn 12:25](#)). If disciples were still of this world, the world "would love" them; but because Jesus chose them out of the world, they are hated ([15:19](#)). But the wonderful news is that God the Father himself loves those who love Jesus and believe that he came from God ([16:27](#)).

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