



FIRST CHRONICLES

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“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” – Colossians 3:14

Is there a piece of equipment that is foundational for every other equipment that the person uses, is the most important piece to use, is used the most often, and covers every other piece of equipment? I was considering this the other day. I thought through sports equipment; military, first responders, or health care equipment; and even plumbers, electricians, truckers, and more. Was there a piece of equipment that could satisfy every aspect of this criteria? I couldn't think of one.

Why was I considering this? Because I wanted to know whether the love that we're encouraged to have in the verse above has any close equivalent anywhere else in life. The fact that it doesn't shows us how important it is. Godly love is the single most important attribute that believers can grow in, demonstrate to others, and experience in their lives. It is out of love that God sent Jesus to save us (John 3:16). It is love that Jesus commanded His disciples to show one another (John 13:34). It is love that must be sincere (Romans 12:9), must define how we speak the truth to one another (Ephesians 4:15), and must be shown to our enemies (Matthew 5:44). Love is our most important tool with which to be equipped.

Paul shows this in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. He says, “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.” No matter how much we know, no matter how much we can do, no matter how much we sacrifice—it is love that is more important. Why? Because Jesus is love—all that He said and did revealed and defined love. If we want to be people who are identified with Christ and show Christ to others, then we need to be equipped with love.

That is why Paul encourages us to put on love above everything else. Love is more important than compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other. But love is also the foundation for all of these things. We won't be able to do any of these well if we don't have love. In fact, I would contend that we wouldn't want to do any of these things if we don't have love. Love is the single greatest tool in our toolbox. If we are going to be equipped to serve God, we need to be equipped with love.

As we're about to transition out of our year focusing on equipping workers to serve God, be encouraged to grow in love. How? Pray that God would increase your knowledge of love through the Bible, that you'd be able to comprehend the greatness of His love (Ephesians 3:17-19), and that He'd give you opportunities to show it to others. Let us put on love because it will make every other tool effective.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, August 3 Henry & Joan Boneschans	Sunday, August 3 Judy Eben	Sunday, August 3 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, August 10 Doug & Donna DeBoer	Sunday, August 10 Gerri Spangler	Sunday, August 10 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, August 17 Greg & Sharon DeBoer	Sunday, August 17 Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, August 17 Kayla Reck
Sunday, August 24 Stan & Crystal deBoer Judy Eben	Sunday, August 24 Donna DeBoer	Sunday, August 24 Abby Kramer
Sunday, August 31 Jim & Sharon Douglass	Sunday, August 31 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, August 31 Sarah Gruis



As the NAB cross-cultural equipper, Bud Fuchs is experienced in cross-cultural ministry. His experience includes serving both as an international missionary and on staff at a church where he was responsible for ministry to international students. Recently Bud has developed a team that is reaching out to over 3,000 international students in Utah. He does on- campus visits at Utah Valley University each week to connect with students and has equipped the church to minister to this student population.

Conversational English is one of the greatest needs of international students. Bud hosts Conversation Cafes each week using a guided curriculum dealing with topics such as cultural shock, friendship and holidays. The goal is to help with both conversational English and adapting to North American culture.

Pray for former students facing persecution back home and those dealing with Utah culture; for the International Christian Fellowship picnics this summer; and for family health concerns.

Praise for the way God is using Bud and Lois in Utah to further His work.

Mission Board

Thank You So Much

Thank you so much for volunteering to help serve at the Bread of Life, you all were such a blessing to each person coming through the doors that night. Thanks too, for the generous donation to purchase 3 more heavy duty carts - this will make pushing those carts full of food so much easier! We appreciate you!
-The Food Pantry Folks

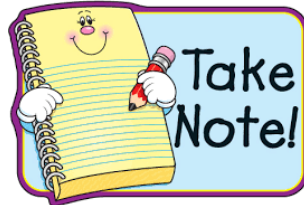
Thank you very much for allowing Kataya to ride in the van with everyone going to church camp! -Sarah Skoglund

Thank you to the church for the flowers. They brightened my days. Also, to everyone for the prayers. Thanks to Pastor for the visits and the prayers. It's so nice to have a caring church.
-Audrey Winter

Thank you for serving supper on June 17th. Your group served 291 adults and 14 children. The guests of The Banquet are grateful for your ongoing support. -God Bless, The Banquet



August	3	Lon Arends
	5	Harold & JoAnn Schneiderman Joan Boneschans Cole Kannegieter Theodore Kramer
	9	Jason & Connie Christians
	10	Rachel Busse David Eben
	11	Nathalee Macias
	12	Paul & Sharilyn Reemtsma
	15	Miley den Hoed
	18	Ashley VanTubergen
	19	Helen Eben
	22	Ryan & Cricket Arends Lila Walters
	23	Ross & Amber Kooiker
	24	Lesli Kramer
	25	Lon & Linda Arends
	26	Lexi Cottington
	27	LeAnn Doeden
	29	Kayla Reck Katie Wagenaar Dennis Winkowitsch
	30	Jeff Eben Shirley Winkowitsch



- Deacons, staff, and Advisory Board don't forget to mark your calendar for the leadership retreat on Friday, August 15th. We will meet from 6:00-9:00 pm and go through our upcoming calendar. There will be food!
- We will be having our Awana Leaders Meeting on Sunday, August 17, at 5:00 pm. If you are helping in Awana in any way, please be present. Please let Rachel (763-381-4265) know how many of your family will be attending for a pizza supper by August 10. Awana will start at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 3.
- Night by the Bonfire will be on Thursday, August 14, at 7:00. All ladies of the church are invited for a night of relaxation at Lynette's house. We will have popcorn and s'mores.
- Sunday School Promotion will be Sunday, August 31, at 9:00 am. There will be donuts and juice in the Fellowship Hall before the promotion, and then the kids will be dismissed for Sunday school.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Pastor Jesse gone July 15-August 5		
3 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship Pastor Jesse gone July 15-August 5	4	5	6 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	7	8	9
10 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb	11	12 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	13 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	14 7:00 PM Ladies Night (bonfire night)	15 6:00-9:00 PM Leadership Retreat	16
17 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Awana Leaders Mtg	18	19	20 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	21	22 Little Rock Corn Show	23 Little Rock Corn Show
24 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	25	26	27 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	28	29	30
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