



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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**Sunday – March 5, 2023**

## **Heart to Heart...**

As we co-labor together in our work for the Lord, I am so thankful for Christ's body here. I give thanks for all of you. I think of Paul and his Holy Spirit inspired words: ***"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now."*** (Philippians 1:3-5) We share in this labor of the gospel together. We are the body of Christ. Some speak, some carry, some pray, some encourage but the whole body here is working together for one purpose and that is to bring a saving message to our friends, neighbors and loved ones before they step into eternity and to build up the body of Christ in love (Ephesians 4:16). ***"Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."*** (Philippians 2:1-2)

As we labor together, today we will put 4 men among us to serve as deacons of this congregation with our other deacons already in place. God is growing us. We also have many among us that may not hold the position known as a deacon, but they excel in their service to the Lord. What wonderful brethren we have. There are many works going on behind the scenes that many will never know about in serving the Lord from their faith.

Be prayerful for all the brethren. Be alert. Be of sober spirit. One day, this will all be over and we will be forever with the Lord. What a day that will be. Until then, ***"Let all that you do be done in love."*** (I Corinthians 16:14). Think about it!!!

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