

# Those To Serve

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Morning Worship

### Announcements

Steve Phillips

### Song Leader

Ed Hanson

### Opening Prayer

George Thomas

### Preside

George Thomas

### Assist

Steve Phillips

### Closing Prayer

Zac Hall

## Evening Worship

### Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

### Closing Prayer

George Thomas

### Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

## Wednesday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

### Song Leader

George Thomas

### Invitation

Steve Phillips

## Building And Communion for The Week of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Zac Hall

## Lawn And Ground for The Week of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ed Hanson

# The Park Street Proclaimer

## Prayer List

Susan Tigner, Ed Jones, Brandon Hall, and Tina Thomas.

## Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer and Marty Britt

## Shut – Ins

Debbie McGuire and Millie Robertson

## Upcoming Events

Questions and Answers – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Singing – 25<sup>th</sup>

Ladies Digging Deep – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

Ladies Day at 39<sup>th</sup> street church of Christ – March 7<sup>th</sup>

Gospel Meeting at 39<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

## Discovery and R&R

There are new issues of these publications on the back table!

## Birthday

Julie Thrasher 17<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary

Danne Hall 15<sup>th</sup>

## Passage to Ponder: 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.

## Sunday Sermons

Am – God is Consistent in His Love.

Pm – Can We Follow

## Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 9:3

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 35:1



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

**Preacher: Zac Hall**

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## Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17  
Believe – John 8:24  
Repent – Acts 17:30  
Confess – Romans 10:9-10  
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21  
Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

## Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to [olathecoc@gmail.com](mailto:olathecoc@gmail.com)

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

# The GOAT

Zac Hall

In almost every area of life today, there is what many call the “GOAT debate.” GOAT simply means the “Greatest of All Time.” In basketball, fans debate between LeBron James and Michael Jordan. In football, the argument often centers on Tom Brady versus Peyton Manning. Everyone seems eager to decide what—or who—deserves the title of greatest. When it comes to the Bible, many people would say that John 3:16 is the greatest verse of all time. While it may be difficult to declare any single verse as the absolute greatest, there is no denying that John 3:16 reveals some of the greatest truths ever spoken. Within this one verse we find the greatest love, the greatest sacrifice, the greatest opportunity, the greatest tragedy, and the greatest reward.

First, John 3:16 shows us the greatest love: “For God so loved the world.” The love described here is *agape* love. In the Greek language of the New Testament, several words are used for love but *agape* represents the highest form. It is a sacrificial love, a love that seeks the good of others above oneself. This is the kind of love God has shown to humanity. God’s love was demonstrated on the grandest scale imaginable. He was willing to give up His only Son so that we might live. Even knowing that humanity would fall into sin and that Jesus would have to die, God still chose to create us. That is love beyond comprehension. As Paul the Apostle wrote in Romans 5:8, Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The greatest love is a love that gives, sacrifices, and redeems.

Second, this verse reveals the greatest sacrifice: “that He gave His only begotten Son.” From the earliest pages of Scripture, sin has required sacrifice. Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. In the Garden of Eden, sin brought physical death into the world. Under the Law of Moses, countless animals were sacrificed year after year for the sins of the people. Yet Hebrews 10:4 makes clear that the blood of bulls and goats could never truly take away sin. Those sacrifices pointed forward to something greater. There was only one sacrifice powerful enough to remove sin completely—the perfect, sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 10:11–14 explains that while priests stood daily offering repeated sacrifices, Christ offered one sacrifice for sins for all time. His blood, precious and without blemish, accomplished what no other sacrifice could (1 Peter 1:18-19). This was the greatest sacrifice ever made.

Third, John 3:16 offers the greatest possible number of believers: “that whosoever believes in Him.” The word “whosoever” is filled with hope. Under the Law of Moses, God gave a special covenant to a specific nation. But through Christ, salvation is offered to all people. The Gospel is not limited by nationality, race, or background. Jesus died for the whole world, providing every person the opportunity to come to Him. Scripture teaches that God desires all people to be saved and to come to repentance (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). The invitation is open to all. Anyone who believes and obeys the Gospel can receive the blessings promised in this verse. The greatest offer is extended to the greatest number.

Fourth, we see the greatest tragedy: “should not perish.” The phrase itself carries deep sorrow. Some translations render it “will not perish,” but the conditional nature of the promise reminds us that belief must be accompanied by obedience. A person can still be lost if he refuses to follow God’s will. To perish eternally is a heartbreaking thought. After all that God has done, after the love shown, and the sacrifice made. How could anyone reject this?! Eternal separation from God is described in Matthew 25:46 as everlasting punishment. To be separated from the presence of God forever is the greatest tragedy imaginable.

Finally, the verse promises the greatest reward: “but have everlasting life.” This is the glorious contrast to perishing. Everlasting life is the reward for faithful obedience and genuine belief. It is the ultimate result of God’s love and Christ’s sacrifice. Every truth in John 3:16 builds toward this magnificent promise. To hear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” and to dwell in the presence of God for eternity is the highest blessing anyone could receive. There is nothing greater than everlasting life with God. In every sense, it is the GOAT—the greatest of all time.

When we step back and consider the greatness found in John 3:16—the greatest love, the greatest sacrifice, the greatest opportunity, the greatest warning, and the greatest reward—we must ask ourselves how we will respond. Will we accept this incredible gift? Will we live in obedience to the One who loved us so deeply? Knowing the greatness contained in this single verse should move us to live the greatest life we can for God.