



# Love Stories

Spring 2025

## Our Affiliate Attains National Licensure

It is with great joy and blessing that we announce that as of April 1, 2025 we have officially become an Operating Affiliate of Love In the Name of Christ! When we think of all the work, prayer and petitions that have been done over the last seven years to make this dream a reality for Greater Lennox and Turner County, Love In the Name of Christ is now here to build on its cornerstone.

With the reality of becoming a fully Operating Affiliate comes Opportunity, and we are asking God to guide us as we plan for growth and open our hearts to opportunities. We are now able to grow our programming and start offering classes for the public, as well as our Transformational Ministries, which are at the heart of Love INC. We hope to be able to grow more churches to come along with us as Partner Churches as well, expanding our ability to grow in service to others and to live our mission of “helping churches help people.” We are praying that more volunteers will join us, to help meet the needs of our growing programming and the needs of the neighbors that we serve. And lastly, we hope to be able to grow our resources to secure our future as a ministry, as well as to be able to fund our programming and offer additional services to our neighbors in need.

Each individual and family that we serve, each volunteer that offers their heart in service, every donor that blesses us with a gift is just another example that Christ has directed us to this place, at this time, in His name, to share our compassion with others.

*Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord. And he will repay the lender.  
Proverbs 19:17*



## True Sacrifice

by Michelle Paulson, Executive Director

As I write this the tulips are just about done blooming, and the rest of the flowers in my garden are pushing through the dirt as spring has made itself known. We have recently finished the season of Lent, my favorite season in the church. Who better to teach us about sacrifice than Christ himself? There is no greater sacrifice than to die on the cross for our sins. Are we willing to sacrifice for others to the point of even becoming uncomfortable?

Love of comfort is a form of self-worship. Our modern times seem addicted to comfort; we worship grandiosity. We desire more “things” and must work harder to achieve them, when actually God is found in the simple and ordinary, allowing us to be still and rest in His presence. What does God say about this? *“Set your minds on the things that are above, not on earthly things” Colossians 3:2.*

There is no love without sacrifice. In order to love another we have to sacrifice a piece of ourselves; be willing to go outside of our comfort zone. By setting aside our earthly obsession with comfort and taking on the spirit of sacrifice that Jesus embraced on the cross, we are living out our love for God. Love In the Name of Christ exemplifies our caring for people in need while being drawn closer to Christ’s heart by following His example. Think about making small sacrifices each day that would clearly demonstrate your love for God and your neighbor. When you are ready to live out those sacrifices, come and see us or give us a call. You will be able to put those thoughts of sacrifice into action in wonderful and beautiful ways here at Love In the Name of Christ.

*“Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.”*

The Late Holy Father, Pope Francis

## Love In the Name of Christ Celebrates One Year Anniversary with a Full House

There was a full house on Sunday March 16th at Faith Presbyterian when Love INC celebrated its one year anniversary. It was a blessed event for the board of directors to see the church full of supporters from the local communities and churches that the ministry represents. A free pork loin lunch was served to celebrate all that has been accomplished this last year.

Love INC has open office hours where volunteers assist in staffing and neighbors in need are welcome to call for assistance. We also receive many requests for assistance through emails and from our website. Many of the individuals that we have been blessed to serve are those who are working, who have young families and are struggling to make ends meet.

With their our year behind them Love INC now plans to launch new classes and programming in the future that the public will be invited to take part in. The board looks forward to seeing what God has planned for the future of this young ministry, and for the communities that it serves. Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry, not only this past year, but since its first prayerful possibility.





## NEW LOVE INC GAP MINISTRY

“Loads of Love” is a GAP ministry that has grown out of an identified need in our communities, sponsored by both Delaware Reformed and Turner County Presbyterian churches. Held the last Saturday of the month, these churches assist those in need at the Lennox laundromat with paying to wash their laundry, which has become a very costly expense for those who do not have their own laundry in their home.

The “Loads of Love” ministry offers an opportunity to wash up to 4 loads of clothes and linens per household at the SunnySide Laundromat in Lennox on the following dates from 5-7 pm. Refreshments will be available. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can call Julie 712-348-4952 or Love INC 605-681-6550 to reserve a spot.

Saturday, April 26  
Saturday, May 31  
Saturday, June 28  
Saturday, July 26  
More dates TBA!



**Grill Raffle on Father's  
Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**\$10 each or 3/\$25**



**TIMBERLINE XL PELLET  
GRILL**

**\$3,799.99**

1320 sq in cooking area

Love In the Name of Christ is having a fundraiser, with an amazing Timberline Grill Valued at \$3,799.99. We will be drawing for the grill on Sunday, June 15th – or Father's Day – which will be a fantastic Father's Day gift. Tickets are available for purchase from any board member or from the executive director. The raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Thank you in advance for supporting Love INC, and good luck!

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