



Nuggets of Treasure

Love



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Matthew 22:37-39 (AMP) "And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect). This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself. These two commandments sum up and upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets." We are commanded to love God and our neighbor but it involves more than just saying "I love you." The greatness of this is we are given grace (God's enabling ability) by the Holy Spirit to walk in these two commands.

What does it mean to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds? Our heart, soul, and mind should function in harmony in loving God; it involves all of who we are. It means we love Him with our total being we hold nothing back. It means having an intimate relationship with Him. We will continually draw close to Him. We will consider Him in everything we do, every aspect of our lives. We will want and tend to what He desires. How we love the Lord will be reflected in our lives and others will see the love. What is important to Him will be important to us. What He deems valuable we will deem valuable. Our life will center around Him.

We will have undivided loyalty to Him. A right relationship with the Lord God is the key to everything else in our lives.

Hazel Hartwell Simon wrote these verses we can consider.

Love makes obedience a thing of joy!

To do the will of one we like to please

Is never hardship, though it tax our strength;

Each privilege of service love will seize!

Love makes us loyal, glad to do or go,

And eager to defend a name or cause;

Love takes the drudgery from common work,

And asks no rich reward or great applause.

Love gives us satisfaction in our task,

And wealth in learning lessons of the heart;

Love sheds a light of glory on our toil

And makes us humbly glad to have a part.

Love makes us choose to do the will of God,

To run His errands and proclaim His truth;

It gives our hearts an eager, lilting song;

Our feet are shod with tireless wings of youth!

When we love the Lord God, it is a joy to serve Him and do His Word. We will know He is always there for us as He loves us.

Love for God will be reflected in our relationships with others. We will love our neighbors, those people that come into our lives, across our paths. In the same way, we take care of ourselves, and we are concerned about our interests and what we desire and will do for others. We will see the value of others and care about them. We are capable of loving others with the help of the Holy Spirit. When we love God, we will be concerned about the welfare of others, regardless of where they come from, who they are, or what they possess. Love should be our guiding principle in life. Love is an action, something demonstrated.

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Upcoming Events 2023

May 5 Cinco De Mayo



May 12 Mother's Day



May 27 Memorial Day



June 16 Father's Day



July 4 Independence Day



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"There is not one blade of grass, there is no colour in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice. "—John Calvin

"Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die, I risk my whole eternity on the resurrection. "—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"We never shout across spaces to an absent God he is nearer than our own soul closer than our most secret thoughts."—A.W. Tozer

"What are you afraid of? Let God act. Abandon yourself to Him. You will suffer, but you will suffer with love, peace and consolation. You will fight, but you can carry off the victory, and God Himself, after having fought with you, will crown you with His own hand. You will weep, but your tears will be sweet, and God Himself will come with satisfaction to dry them. You will not be free any longer to give yourself up to your tyrannic passions, but you will sacrifice your liberty freely, and you will enter into a new liberty unknown to the world, in which you will do nothing except for love. "—Francois Fenelon

Birthday Blessings
No Monthly Birthdays

Happy Anniversary
5/20 Joe & Paula Adams

HAPPY
Anniversary

Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

VOLUNTEER



Oasis Food Center Update

April 2024

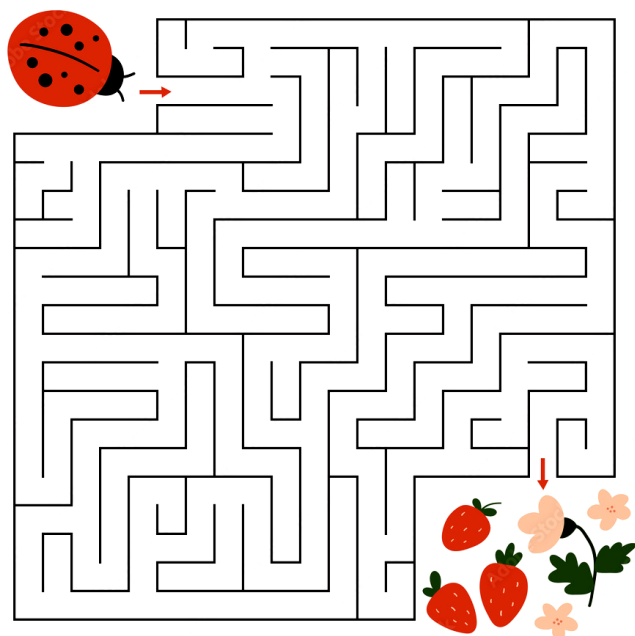
Families: 1,270
New Families: 68
Total People: 4,842

Year to Date 2024 (as of 5/1/24)

Families: 5,847
New Families: 372
Total People: 22,842

Year to Date 2023

Families: 15,676
New Families: 855
Total People: 60,772



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May Word Search

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May	May Day	Flag
Spring	Star Wars Day	Moms
Mother's Day	Garden	Parade
Memorial Day	Flowers	Warm
Cinco de Mayo	Basket	Sunshine

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**Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!**

**Sunday Morning
10:30 am**





RECIPE CORNER

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We usually only want to love those who love us in return, but Jesus tells us something different; we are to love even those we believe to be our enemies. When we are offended or hurt, and we do not forgive, we are refusing to love others. Matthew 5:44 (NKJV) "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you," We should actively seek the well-being of others, regardless of the hurt and mistreatment they seek to inflict upon us. Only with the help of the Holy Spirit can we do this. We must continually rely upon Him. When we walk in the Spirit, we will not carry out the desires of the flesh. Jesus is telling us we need to have unconditional love. It is not based on reciprocity. We are not to love like the world loves but love like God loves without limit. Love is a decision it is not based on feelings. In John we are told by Jesus to love in a particular way; to love as He loved. How did He love? He took the initiative to love first. He laid down His life for others, sacrificial love. We decide that we will walk in love with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Lemon Pudding Cake with Fresh Mixed Berries

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup superfine sugar, plus more for dusting
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2/3 cup reduced fat buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Garnish:

- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup fresh blackberries
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

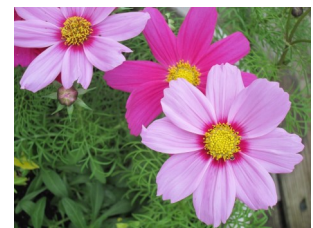


Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Butter and lightly sugar 4 ramekins (about 1-cup size).

In a mixer, add egg yolks, buttermilk, lemon juice and lemon zest and beat until well combined. Reduce the speed to low and sift in flour, sugar and salt. Continue to mix until combined. Beat egg whites until you get stiff peaks then combine the 2 mixtures by gently folding them together, a little at a time. Divide evenly amongst ramekins then bake in a water bath - set ramekins in a roasting tray and fill with water halfway up the sides of the ramekins.

Bake for 45 minutes until the top springs back when gently pressed and the cakes have a nice golden brown color. Allow to cool slightly, then carefully invert onto a plate. Serve with fresh berries and dust with powdered sugar.



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Jesus tells in Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God." Exactly what is faith? It is trust, belief, confidence, reliance, certainty or assurance. An acronym for "faith" forsake or forget all I trust Him.

F=Forsake or forget

A=All

I=I

T=Trust

H=Him

What do we forsake or forget? What we perceive or see, the circumstances or situations. Forsake how we think we are going to solve it ourselves, and instead rely on Him. Forsake what we believe is impossible or insurmountable. Forget our timeline and trust Him to know how and when. We need to forsake worry and anxiety and trust the Lord. We forsake moaning and complaining about things and instead be assured that He is in control. Trust Him, that all things are possible with Him. We trust Him because we are assured of His ability, and love, and He is all-knowing. He tells us He will never leave or forsake us. We forsake what we are uncertain of and trust Him, we trust Him with our families, with our finances, jobs, and health. Psalm 56:3 (AMP) "What time I am afraid, I will have confidence in and put my trust and reliance in You."

Everyday Godly Living

Life in general involves some form of trust or faith. For example, we go to a doctor whose degrees you have never verified, who states what he believes is wrong with us. He gives us a prescription we cannot read. We take it to a pharmacist we have never seen before. He gives us a compound we do not understand. Then we go home and take the pill according to the instructions on the bottle. We sit in chairs trusting they will hold us up. We fly in an airplane, and we do not know who actually built it or put it together. Someone services it that we do not know. Someone flies it that we do not know. We purchase an automobile, and we do not know the person who designed or built it. We get in and drive it. We purchase food at the grocery store not knowing who grew it or how they grew it, or where it was boxed, butchered, etc. All in trusting, sincere faith!

The Word of God is full of promises that we can look to and trust. The question is do we have confidence in God and His Word? We please Him by having continual confidence in Him. Faith is taking God at His word.

When we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we trusted Him. So as a believer, faith in Him is involved in our continual walk with Him our entire life. Reliance on our-

selves can cause bigger situations to deal with. Continual trusting, and relying on the Lord we are not trying to cope with things on our own; instead, we are going to Him the greater source. So, we go to Him in prayer and leave all matters in His hands. Peace comes as we continually trust the Lord in each situation of life. Trusting the Lord is the stabilizing force in our lives. Isaiah 26:3-4 (NKJV) "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength." We should have a fixed stance or mindset that we will trust the Lord. Psalm 68:2 (AMP) "Trust in, lean on, rely on, and have confidence in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us (a fortress and a high tower). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that!]" We must trust, rely on, and have confidence in Him at all times.





MAY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Feed the Needy 12 pm – 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	2 Feed the Needy 4 pm – 6 pm	3	4
5 Cinco De Mayo 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	6	7	8 Feed the Needy 12 pm – 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	9 Feed the Needy 4 pm – 6 pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth	13	14	15 Feed the Needy 12 pm – 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	16 Feed the Needy 4 pm – 6 pm	17	18
19 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	20	21	22 Feed the Needy 12 pm – 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	23 Feed the Needy 4 pm – 6 pm	24	25
26 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	27 Memorial Day	28	29 Feed the Needy 12 pm – 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	30 Feed the Needy 4 pm – 6 pm	31	