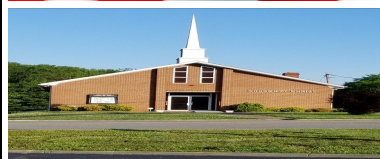




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And Now, The News...

When I was growing up in Abilene, Texas, the News was very important in my home. My father was the first TV news anchor in Abilene – signing on in 1953 when television came to our little town.

Over the years, we always watched the TV news. To this day, it is my habit to turn on the TV to Dad's old station to watch the news.

But the most important news is not what's going on in Syria or Syracuse or San Antonio. The most important news is what Jesus has done for YOU. And what he's doing right now for YOU.

When we remember that the word, "gospel," means "Good News," then it is understandable that the Gospel writers of the New Testament were news reporters. And what they reported was more than important – it was essential to joy and eternal life.

Paul wrote: "I want to remind you of the good news I reported to you, which you listened and on which you have taken your stand. By this good news you are saved, if you hold firmly to the truth, I delivered to you" (1 Corinthians 15:1-2, my translation). —Larry Fitzgerald

The Centrality of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is central to the Christian life. Jesus taught us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Matthew 6:14 reminds us that our own forgiveness hinges on our willingness to forgive others. Holding onto bitterness only weighs the soul down, but forgiveness brings freedom. It does not excuse wrong, but it releases the burden of revenge. When we forgive, we reflect the character of Christ, who forgave us completely. True healing often begins with a choice to let go.

Learning How to Love from the Master

It has been said that you should never marry a tennis player, because to them love means nothing! Love is a powerful force and utilized correctly, love is not only something, it is everything. How can we learn to love in such a way so that it makes all the difference? The best way would be to follow the example of the master of love – God Himself. In 1 John 4:7-11, three powerful principles of love come forth from the nature and actions of God. Let's examine them.

True Love is Perfect. In 1 John 4:8, we see that "God is love." God is not only the epitome of love, God is love – He is the totality of love. Because God is all love, He is then perfect in love. The word "perfect" biblically means "complete." God is complete in His love. There is no area of His existence or activity that is void of love. True love is all-encompassing.

True Love is Performed. Words are easy to say, but actions speak louder than words. 1 John 4:9 states that "the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." God's love was demonstrated through sacrifice of His Son on the cross for our sins. True love is always exhibited and there is even sacrifice made to display that love. True love is very giving. True love is always performed properly and for the benefit of the one loved.

True Love is Perpetual. Concerning God's love for us, 1 John 4:10 words it this way: "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." The idea is that God will always love us no matter what. Nothing will change His love for us – it is always present and will never end. True love is ever existent and no circumstances can ever change that.

Now, here's the thing for us to note concerning these: We are to love others in this fashion. The passage begins this way: "Beloved, let us love one another" (1 John 4:7) and ends with these words: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). So let's learn to love like God – perpetually performing with perfection. Of course, this will take much practice – so let's get started now!

—Edd Sterchi

The Lord's Supper

It was the will of Christ that His followers gather together on the first day of every week and share among themselves a portion of bread and "fruit of the vine" as a memorial of His sacrifice on the cross. We read of the saints observing this act of worship in Acts 2:42, Acts 20:7, and in 1 Corinthians chapters 10 and 11. And comparing with 1 Corinthians 16:2, we read that the first century Christians partook of this communion on every Sunday.

Paul instructed the Corinthian brethren (and us) to reflect upon the spiritual meaning of the elements, remembering the body and blood of Christ. He also told them to be united in their sharing of the memorial and wait upon each other so that they could join together in the observance. ***"The Lord's Supper" Continues on Page 3...***



Bible Quiz: Matthew 26:14-25

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "Then one of the twelve, called Judas ____..."
2. "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you? And they counted out to him ____ pieces of silver."
3. "The Teacher says, 'My time is at ____...'"
4. True or False: Jesus said, "One of you will betray Me."
5. "He who dipped his hand with Me in the ____ will betray Me."

"The Lord's Supper" Continued from Page 2...

We are striving to be a church just like what we read about in the New Testament. Consequently, we participate in this same act of worship in our weekly Sunday worship services. It is important for us to observe the Lord's Supper properly, with dignity and reverence.

It seems to me that we should always be evaluating our participation and doing what we can to maintain the proper attitude and respect in this event. In the near future, we might be making some minor changes to the way we do the Lord's Supper. If we do make some changes, they will be entirely scriptural and for the purpose of showing greater respect to the Lord.

—Larry Fitzgerald



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Yes, It's Gluten Free

A customer at a bakery pointed to a loaf behind the counter and asked, "Is that gluten-free?"

The baker replied, "Yes."

The customer then asked, "Is it dairy-free?"

"Yes."

"Sugar-free?"

"Yes."

The customer frowned. "Then what's actually in it?"

The baker smiled and said, "Disappointment."



5TH Sunday

Potluck!

Our next 5th Sunday
Potluck Lunch! Today
following Worship.



Potter Children's Home!

Mark your calendars for May
31st. The day of prayer & giving
for Potter Children's Home!

It is also Summer Stock The
Pantry Time! Please bring in the
following by June 7th:

Marshmallows, Sweet Con.
Milk, Caramel Syrup, Turkey
Gravy Mix & Dish Soap.





Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Multiple health concerns.

Randy Gauldin. Recent surgery.

Gary Hollandsworth. Upcoming surgery.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Clayton Hylton. Prostate Cancer.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Terry Mason. Recent pacemaker surgery.

Carol Pace. Recent mini-stroke & Colon cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

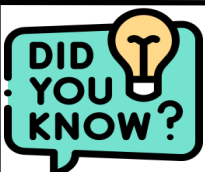
Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



Game Night!

Update. Instead of our June Pizza & Movie night, we will Game Night on Saturday, June 6th. Join us in the fellowship hall at 5:00pm for an evening of finger food & games!



Ladies Devo & Luncheon!

Ladies mark your calendar for our next Ladies Devo & Lunch. Tuesday, June 9th at 10a.m. in the fellowship hall. Questions please see Velvet.



Devo & Cookout!

Mark your calendars for our next devo & cookout @ the Wyatt's on Saturday, June 13th at 4:00 p.m.



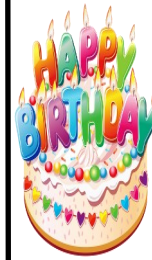
Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast will be on June 27th! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



July 4th Celebration!

Our 4th of July cookout is on Saturday, July 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall.



June Birthdays!

20TH

KAREN LOVELL

21ST

PETE LOVELL



June

Anniversary!

21ST PAUL &

SHERRY LIRETTE



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