

August 26, 2021

GIVE LOVE

The type of love mentioned in scripture is often misunderstood. Maybe it is because we use the word love for anything from food to a type of furniture or even a sports team. Another reason is probably because we try to measure love by feeling rather than substance. We think of love as simply a bubbly feeling, like laying in a room with puppies, and anytime we do not feel that way, then there is no way to love. But love, as taught in scripture, is nothing like that at all.

When Paul wrote his first letter to the church at Corinth, he explained that love is the "more excellent way." In **1 Corinthians 13**, he explains how you could have even the most miraculous gift but if you have no love, it would all be worthless. In **1 Corinthians 13:13** he says, "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Love may be rejected, but love is never wasted, and we would do well to incorporate the act of giving love to others in our daily lives.

So if love is the more excellent way and love is never wasted, then why is it that sometimes we feel discouraged about how people react to our love? When someone rejects our love, or takes the actions of our love for granted, why is it so easy to get upset? Well, it might be that we are still misunderstanding the biblical teaching of love. Maybe, we have not risen above only love those who can love us in return. Jesus taught the importance of loving everyone, even our enemies, and He actually taught about this kind of love as well. In **Matthew 5:47-48** He said, "And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." But that is not how it should be. Jesus calls us to a much higher love, a love that challenges us to love even those who hate us. (**Matthew 5:43-45**)

Sometimes we can also become frustrated or discouraged because we have lost sight of that which is truly unseen. We live in a society full of instant gratification and we can easily expect the same from the love and action we give. We forget that although our love may appear to go unnoticed or unappreciated, it can still have a lasting effect on that person. It might be even long after the event where the love is finally realized or felt. Although we may feel that we need instant results or

instant gratification for our work and love, but we need to remember who actually provides the growth in peoples' lives. Paul explained in **1 Corinthians 3:7**, "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." We must remember to continue to give and share the love of Christ no matter what the outcome is. After all, if we are doing that, then we have already been rewarded (**Matthew 6:19-21**).

Love can certainly be risky, and the chance of rejection is actually quite likely, but remember that this happened to Jesus as well. **Isaiah 53:3** says, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." We often don't want to risk rejection for the sake of those we love so we are afraid to share. Sadly, because of this, best friends will face eternity never having heard the truth of the gospel. **Romans 13:8** says, "Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Love is the one debt that can never be paid. We must continue to share the love of Christ constantly. **Andrew Spivey**

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on **Monday September 6th** in observance of Labor Day

FIRST SUNDAY SINGING

Corinth Church of Christ will host the First Sunday Singing on **September 5th at 2:30pm**. Please come and enjoy the fellowship of singing.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:11-12

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – John 16
Wednesday Read – John 17

BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of **John 14 & 15**.

1. What three things did Jesus say He is?
2. What are we to do to show we love Jesus?
3. Who is the Comforter and what will he do for Jesus' followers?
4. Who is the Vine, the branches, and the Husbandman?
5. Name the fruit of the Spirit from **Galatians 5:22-23**

WINDLANDS EAST ASSISTED LIVING

Bob Brown and his son-in-law **Zach Tooley** conduct Sunday services at the Windlands East Assisted Living, 200 E. Webster, Madison on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 PM. If anyone would like to assist in the worship services by presenting lessons, song leading, communion or prayers, please see **Bob Brown or one of the elders**.

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to **Ray & Gayle Key** on the passing of Ray's brother, **Homer Key**, on Friday, August 20th. Funeral services were held in Gallatin on Tuesday, August 24th.

SENIOR GROUP

Senior Group will meet again on **Thursday, October 7th**. We will skip September's meeting and try to go every other month for now. More details will be available soon.

TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

Youth, Grades 6 and up are encouraged to attend TNT on **Tuesday**, September 7, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room.

Please keep in your prayers all those involved in the process of the armed forces and civilians being withdrawn from Afghanistan.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

August 29, 2021

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale
Ushers.....B. Sever/L. Clark

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

WEDNESDAY

September 1, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sue Kloes

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Brent Smith has covid. **James Spivey** has covid. **Lynette Young** has covid. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Charlotte Ward**, covid. **Vicky Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato is in Skyline, has improved some. **Randy Hawkins**, brother of Julie Cummins is in hospital with pneumonia. **Laura Irwin** sister of Julie Cummins is doing some better. **Doug & Kathy Hawkins**, brother & sister-in-law of Julie Cummins, are doing better. **Ann Beska**, neighbor of Mattie Carter & Betty Buttrey, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Ron Kloes** step son of Sue Kloes has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. **Allen Plunk**, cousin of Donna Jennings, colon cancer that has spread to his liver. **Ronnie Love**, cousin of Pam Newby, has been diagnosed with bone cancer. **Donny Pedigo**, friend of Tim Cummins has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. **Jerry Ladd, Sr.** has been diagnosed with CLL Leukemia. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, continues cancer treatments. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Eric Stephenson; Demar Elam; Ricky Cantrell; Linda Wesbrooks; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 100; **Jim Sweeney; J.H & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Presley Fitts; Jean Deaton; Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Ilene Kinney; Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Cathy Henderson; Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	88
Morning Worship.....	110
Sunday Evening.....	73
Wednesday Evening.....	63
Contributions.....	\$6,832.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,949.69

Elders

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David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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