

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Love

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Kenny Dearing and his family, Viki Watson (Danesa’s sister-in-law), Helen Spicer, Jennifer Morigeau and her sister, Desiree are better but still need prayers, Anthony Johnson (Carla’s brother), Wayne and Cathy Ezell, Peggy Beebe, , and Nate.

Prayers Answered: Our Outreach 2018 Campaign contacted about 390 homes during the month of September! That is a good start, next year we hope to pass this and reach at least 500 homes.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Ed and Phyliss are traveling outside. Abby and Steve are traveling outside.

Radio Program: Listen to “Searching the Scriptures”, our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today’s Scripture: “And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” **1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV)**

Today’s Wisdom: “Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves.” **Song of Songs 1:15 (ESV)**

Check the Website: It contains more detail and additional news and photos.

Attendance Last Sunday: 90/58 Record: 96

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God’s Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

–Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Last week we discussed Hope and how the word is used today in an entirely way than it was used by the Holy Ghost when He was directing the writers of the New Testament. Love is another word that our modern society has watered down to the point that it rarely means what it should. Nor does it often carry the same meaning that it had when used by the Holy Ghost in the New Testament.

How often do we hear people say today, or that we have actually said ourselves. that they just "LOVE" something. Usually it goes something like this; "I just L O V E rocky road ice cream!" (my favorite be the way). Or "I really love the newest Star Wars movie!". You catch the drift, I know. This is not what the word means, nor how it was intended to be used in the Bible.

The verse for this week is 1 Corinthians 13:13. In this verse, Paul the Apostle tells us "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (ESV). We have faith today, we discussed this two weeks ago, we have hope today and we talked about this last week. But we also have love today. But love is different from faith and hope in that it is everlasting. When we see Jesus, our faith will be turned in to knowing and our hope will be resolved. We will not need faith, because we will know for certainty that the things we had faith in, i.e. the existence of God, the reality of heaven and hell, the existence of Jesus and the Holy Ghost are real. When we see Jesus descend out of heaven with the shout of the archangel and the trumpet of God we will know and we will no longer need faith. And in that moment, all those things that we had hoped for will be realized, we will meet Jesus face to face, we will see God, we will see heaven and hope will disappear into reality.

But love will continue forever! We will continue to love Jesus. We will continue to love God. We will continue to love the Holy Spirit. We will continue to love our brothers and sisters, and that family will be extended back to the apostles and the very first disciples and into the future to the last disciple made before Jesus returned. Think about that, our Christian family will contain not just the disciple that we know in our short life, but all those who ever came to believe in Jesus and obey His commandments. What a glorious family that will be! What an extended family!

There are some things about love that I want us to consider today. Consider what Paul said just a little before saying that love would always remain. Listen;

By: Bill Beebe

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth." **1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (ESV)** Paul tells us that love is patient. It is that thing that allows us to understand what someone else may be going through and it allows us to wait when they are angry without responding to quickly. It is that thing that allows a wife to hold her tongue when all she wants to do is to tell her husband how much of a jerk he is being. It is that thing that causes the husband to get up at night and take the dogs out when he is dead tired from working just because he doesn't want his wife to have to go out in the cold.

He tells us that love is kind. It is what allows you to say those words that stills the heart of a person in turmoil. It is what lets you answer the same question for the 1,000 time when asked by your children. It is what lets us respond with tenderness when someone has just cursed us out. Love does not envy nor does it boast either. Love lets us enjoy the successes or our friends, or brothers and sisters, without trying to destroy their enthusiasm over what they just accomplished. And it keeps us from boasting about how what we have, or what we have done, is better than what they have of what they have done. And love is not arrogant. It keeps us from having an attitude that makes others think that we feel we are better than them. The love we know from the New Testament lets us know for sure that we are all, regardless of our wealth, our position at work, our position in the society, the color of our skin, our education or any other thing, just forgiven sinners. And in the end we will all go to heaven or to hell. And because of this there is no room in a Christians life for arrogance. Paul also says that love is not rude. The love that we as Christians have is that thing that lets us respond to rude behavior with forgiveness and kindness. And never, never with the same rudeness in return.

Then he tells us that love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it is not happy when we see wrongdoing, but it rejoices with the truth. These are some really important aspects of love that we need to cultivate But there is still another aspect of love that we need to consider. In Matthew 22:37-40 (KJV) we read "*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*" ³⁸ *This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*" Without this kind of love for each other we will never be evangelistic because we just will not care enough about others to talk with them about God. It is love for God and for others that will cause us to truly become similar to Paul and Peter in our efforts to evangelize.