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AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.*
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

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Occasionally the question arises: “Is the Bible a rule book or a love letter?” My answer: Both. Neither.

I answer “neither” because the Bible is not solely one or the other of those labels. Nor is the Bible adequately described by both labels together. While the Bible contains rules, it is not merely a rule book. To approach it as such would be to miss much of what it has to offer. The Bible does tell us about God’s love. That love is explained and illustrated. But it is far more than a “love letter.” To think of it as nothing more than a love letter would be to miss much of what it has to offer.

I answer “both” because the Bible does provide rules by which to live. These rules have to do with religion (e.g., Col. 3:16; 2 Th. 3:6-10; 1 Tim. 3), morals (e.g., Rom. 1:18-32; Gal. 5:19-24), marriage and family (e.g., 1 Cor. 7; Eph. 5:22-6:4), etc. The Bible even explains the negative results of disobedience (e.g., Mt. 25:41-46; Rom. 1:32). Also, the Bible does tell us about God’s love. The overarching theme of the Bible is Jesus’ coming and work (cf. Lk. 24:44; 19:10; Jn. 6:38). That work stems from God’s love (Jn. 3:16; Eph. 2:1-10). When people recognize, accept, and follow that love, their lives are changed for the better (cf. 1 Jn. 4:7-21).

See you Sunday, reading and growing... David

Some Personal Thoughts on Mother's Day

David South

Mother's Day is often a time of quiet reflection on the extremely high value of mothers. If you still have the chance, do not allow your reflections to remain too quiet. Tell mom how you feel. As I think about Mother's Day, I think of the influence of my own mother. As I remember it, my mother obeyed the gospel when I was a very young boy. I have only vague memories of occasionally attending a couple of different kinds of churches before that. After she was converted, we began attending church regularly. She would get herself and five children ready for church every Sunday. She would then haul all of us children to Bible class and worship. My dad was not a Christian at that time. He was not antagonistic, but he did not go along with us to church assemblies. My mother continued to take us regularly. I am sure that consistency early on in my life is one factor that has contributed to my current devotion to our Lord. I wish I had one more opportunity to tell my mother thank you for her quiet, strong, Christian influence on me. You Christian mothers, keep on bringing your children to Bible class and worship, even if it is sometimes a struggle. You cannot fully see the impact your consistency to Jesus will have on the future of your children.

Even further, I am convinced my mother's consistent service to Jesus had a strong influence on my dad. My dad was eventually converted. He grew in his faith and even served the Lord as an elder in the Lord's church. I am reminded of Peter's instruction to Christian women with unbelieving husbands:

Likewise, wives, be submissive to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives – when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external – the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing – but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. (1 Pet. 3:1-4)

So, did my mother make me a Christian and a preacher? Did she make my dad a Christian and an elder? No. God, by his grace, mercy, kindness, and love did those things. God sent his son to save us (Jn. 3:16). God gave us the gospel to convert us (Rom. 1:16-17). God gave us his word to mature us in the faith (Acts 20:32). Thanks and praise be to him forever! I am convinced, though, that one of the means he used to encourage our interest in him was the influence of a Christian mother and wife. Let us honor and appreciate the influence of godly women!

OUR PRAYER LIST

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MAY 13, 2018

Song Leader	Kenny Cox
Welcome & Announcements	Larry Knox
Opening Prayer	Matt Mitchell
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	David and Dee Close
Serve Communion:	Charlie Bryson, David Close, Chris Essary, Bill Estes, Ron Hinton, Riley Hubbert, Jacob Maynard, Bill Seward
Pick Up Cards	Caleb Sanders & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	Ron Barker
Nursery	Kathy Bryson & Brenda Renner

Sunday 5 PM Service

PM Song Leader	Kenny Cox
PM Opening Prayer	Pat Patchell
Devo/Holy Spirit Study	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Ron Hinton
PM Nursery	Kathy Hillis



*I can't repay the lessons
That you taught when I was small,
Or give you, gift for gift,
The daily treasures I recall;
I can't return encouragement,
Or loving words of praise,
In quite the way you did for me,
Through all my childhood days.
But there's one gift that I can give:
It's all the love you've earned -
For love is what you always taught,
And love is what I learned.*

There will be a gift of a rose in the lobby for each of our ladies. Please take one as you leave and we give thanks to each of you as wonderful Mother's or daughter of a wonderful mother!

SHIRTS FOR SALE!

T-shirts of all sizes and colors and messages are on tables near the rear entrance of the foyer. These are miscellaneous t-shirts left over from events and are sized from 2T to 4X. Feel free to take as many as you would like whether to wear, give away or just use as cleaning cloths. We ask that you donate whatever you feel is appropriate and put the cash/check in the box at the display. 100% of the proceeds will go toward the 2018 Honduras trip fund. Thank you.

***VBS will be here soon!
June 10 - 13***



NEXT SUNDAY, May 20
Bring your favorite dishes!

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello all, I hope you have had a wonderful week! This last week, a number of our kids have been talking about their final exams they have coming up. A number of them are just a few tests away from being done for the summer. Some of them are almost done with high school for good! As I have heard their discussions and prayer requests, I couldn't help but reflect a bit on the concept of tests.

I believe there is a useful word to describe what a test accomplishes: an "indicator." A test simply indicates how much knowledge you have gained from a class. Getting a good grade on a test indicates that you understood and learned the material for a course. Likewise, when you fail a test, that's a solid indicator you probably didn't learn the material very well.

There are number of times in the Bible where we are told attributes that should serve as indicators for Christians. Jesus says in John 13, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." In Galatians, Paul gives us a list of nine different indicators for someone in the Spirit, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

This week, I encourage all of us to put ourselves to the test. Do we have the indicators of Christians that Scripture tells us we should? How are our grades doing? I think this a helpful and challenging way to make sure we are truly following Jesus. And I am so thankful that he offers grace upon grace for the times we fail. I know I need it! Have a great week!



We are having some delicious meals and great fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Please sign the back of your attendance card and let us know how many in your family will be attending. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 and it is truly a bargain!

Our menu this week will be Meatloaf, Cabbage, Corn, Bread and Dessert. We now have a salad bar as well. Choose either the meal or salad bar or add additional money for both!

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