

## Upcoming Events

<b>Today</b>	Business meetings following PM services.
<b>Aug. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Fellowship meal following the AM services.
<b>Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> @2PM</b>	Third Sunday singing at the Mt Vernon church of Christ.
<b>Aug 24<sup>th</sup> @2PM</b>	Bible Bowl at Stevens Gap. Questions will cover Luke 1-3.

The question we must ask today: how does one love God with all their being? Does loving God simply mean that we speak with our mouths, "I love God" or is it something more? Again, notice that the lawyer understood that he must do something. Likewise, Jesus told him if he would do this he would live. Jesus clearly teaches in this passage that a love for God entails much more than simple lip service.

What does a love for God entail? Jesus told His disciples on a certain occasion, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). A love for God demands obedience to His commands! How can a person say they love God and live a life of disobedience to Him? Friend, this is not possible! If you love God you will keep His commands.

When a person is living in harmony with the Word of God they are displaying their love for God. John states, *"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him"* (1 John 2:5). When we are living in harmony with God's Word we can have confidence in our salvation.

When the lawyer asked Christ what he must do to live eternally, Christ taught that obedience to the commands of God will gain that heavenly home. Friend, there is no other way to heaven than to love God, which demands obedience to Him!

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### Service Times

Sunday Morning .....10:00AM  
 Bible Study  
 11:00 AM  
 Worship  
 Sunday Evening .....6:00PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study ....7:00PM

## Love God

While in His earthly ministry Jesus was asked many questions. Perhaps, there is none more important than the one we wish to consider in this article. Please read this occasion, *"And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live"* (Luke 10:25-28).

We must first notice that this lawyer was tempting Christ. Remember that many were trying to cause Christ to stumble in His teaching and discredit Him. However, we know that Christ did not fall victim to their traps, but rather amazed them with His answers.

This question, *"what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"* is of tremendous importance. It needs to be asked by more people today. We learn from the question that something must be done to receive eternal life. This lawyer understood that he must take action in the salvation of his soul. From this question we learn that we have a personal responsibility to take an action that will in turn save our souls.

Let us consider the answer of Jesus. Jesus asked the lawyer, *"how readest thou? "*, how do you understand the law? The law, of course, is a reference to the Law of Moses. The lawyer stated that one should love God with all thy soul, strength, and mind and your neighbor as yourself. Jesus answered this was correct. If a man would do this he would live eternally with God in Heaven.

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## Prayer Request

Jean White Smith; Leona & Jimmy Roberts; Irene Melton; Roberta Collier; Steve Neely; Mildred Gilbert; Stanley Guinn; Mary Harp; Barbara DeBord; Herb & Alice Hale; Belle Smith; Katherine Webb; Harold Deweese; Jerry Williams; Lynsey Smith; Larry Clendenen.

## Sick/Updates

Chester Pendergrass is back in hospital; Jean White Smith not doing very well at this time; Audrey Smith, 9 year old in Children's Hospital with 2 types of E.coli infection; Amanda Mullins having issues with a blood clot.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Barbara Angel, there will be a memorial service Saturday Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, here at the building. Visitation 9-11AM and service at 11 AM.

## Business Meetings

We will have our monthly business meetings tonight following the PM services. Men will meet in the back and ladies in auditorium.

## Potter Children's Home

If you have any coin cans for the Potter Children's Home please bring those in by TONIGHT.

## Women's Monthly Schedule

Prepare Lord's Supper for August: Bettye Myers

## For The Record week of 7/28/19

Attendance: AM 98; PM. 183; Mon. 187; Tue. 190; Wed.188; Thurs. 184; Contribution \$1,807

## Happy Birthday!

Tarelle Goodloe (9<sup>th</sup>)

## Children's Bible Class

Children's Bible class will begin at 5:45 tonight!

Note: If there are any updates or additions please let Dale know.