

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOV 8, 2015

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Rhonda Poe, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Elesia Wright, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Katie Griffies, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Morgan Calhoun, Patrick Parker, Robert Nelems, Gene McDonald

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY"

**WE REJOICE THAT VINCE RODEN RESPONDED TO THE LORD'S INVITATION
WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 10: Gene McDonald

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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AS I HAVE LOVED YOU
(John 13:34-35)

I.The _____ (John 13:34).

- A. After _____ left, Jesus gave them a new commandment: to love one another as He had loved them.
 - 1. To love others was not what was _____.
 - 2. The Old Law _____ loving others (Leviticus 19:18).
- B. As Christians, our love is to be _____ to all men.
- C. The love that is to be offered is the _____ agape love.
- D. What is interesting is that of all the commandments we have been given, it seems that this is the _____ to carry out in our every day lives.
- E. We have to be willing to be a _____ to all others, not just those that love us in return.

II.The _____ (John 13:34).

- A. Jesus knew this would be _____.
- B. Since it is the case that such love is uncommon for man, Jesus used _____ as the model to follow.
- C. The one word that sums up the love Jesus had for His disciples, and us today, is _____.
- D. I know that we are told "For God _____ loved the world..."
 - 1. However, He didn't simply _____ He loved us.
 - 2. He _____ us His love by giving His Son.
- E. This love of Jesus that He modeled for us is an _____ word.
- F. The love of Jesus was on display every _____ of His ministry.

III.The _____ (John 13:35).

- A. One who truly seeks the highest good for all others is, without a doubt, a _____ disciple of Jesus.
- B. A true disciple will love everyone _____.
 - 1. Jesus said we are to love our _____ (Matthew 5:44).
 - 2. We are to love the _____ (1 Peter 1:22).
- C. As sound in doctrine as we may be, if we don't love the way we ought to love, all our study and effort will be a _____ of time (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
- D. Our love should be so _____ for our brethren that we would be willing to do what Jesus did for us (1 John 3:16).

Weaknesses Sam Willcut

Life is tough. Temptations are difficult. It goes without saying that Satan, the great tempter, knows our weaknesses, for he knows that "... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Yet, just as he knew that Jesus had fasted for forty days and nights and immediately hit Him with his first temptation to attack Him there, he knows our greatest weaknesses and hits us there. We do not like to think about our weaknesses—we accentuate our strengths and diminish our weaknesses. In a certain sense, this is not a bad thing; it is only human of us to do so. However, the difference is whether we are diminishing our weaknesses publicly while striving to deal with them, overcome and solve them, or whether we are simply hiding them while privately reveling in them. Consider how the Bible describes our weaknesses. What is your forbidden fruit? The weakness for Eve was that fruit: "And when [Eve] saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat..." (Gen. 3:6). For her, it became a tremendous temptation.

What is your forbidden fruit? Is it cigarettes? Is it alcohol? Is it money? Is it cars? What is your forbidden fruit? Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? When Lot and Abraham separated, Lot saw the well-watered plains of the Jordan River Valley and moved his family "in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom" (Gen. 13:12). Yet, the very next verse states, "But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly" (Gen. 13:13). Later, God told Abraham of what he would do to the cities of Sodom. Knowing that his nephew lived there, he pleaded with God to spare them if he could find ten righteous souls. Yet, it was to no avail. As Genesis 19 describes, Lot and his family fled from their home before God destroyed those wicked cities with fire and brimstone. By inspiration, Peter commented, For if God...spared not the old world... and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly, and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. (2 Pet. 2:4-9)

Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? Is it the casinos? Is the bar to meet singles? Is it your girlfriend's bedroom or the back of your car in a dimly lit area? Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah?

Who is your Goliath? We all remember him—in First Samuel 17, he was the champion of the Philistines that harassed the Israelites every morning and every night. In fact, he would not give up—he did so for forty days (1 Sam. 17:16). He was relentless. He was merciless. He struck fear in them all, including the mighty king, Saul—the one who stood head and shoulders above all other Israelites (1 Sam. 9:2). Among the enemies of God, there was no one more ruthless. He was a thorn in their side until a young boy named David came with complete faith and trust in God and killed him. Who is your Goliath? Is it your spouse who abuses you mentally and berates you emotionally? Is it your coworker who laughs at you because you are a Christian and ignores your feelings with crude language? Who is your Goliath?

Therefore, you may need to avoid some things (forbidden fruit). You may need to avoid some places (Sodom and Gomorrah). You may need to avoid some people (Goliath). The prayer that ought to be on our lips is the one Jesus taught us: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:13).