



The Encourager

Church of Christ

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We Welcome Our Guest!

We are so glad you've come for worship today!

Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us.

Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

August 19, 2018

Sunday Service's

Bible class 10:00 am

Worship 11:00 am

Afternoon 2:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class

11:00 am

Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

Personal Bible Study

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God chose
YOU as the first
fruits for salvation
through sanctification
by the Spirit ...

2 Thessalonians 2:13

The Cracked Acorn



Love
August 19, 2018
c.r. van arsdall

Love! The newspaper has chosen an ideal time to publish a short article to further show the power of this amazing human emotion. Our U.S. ambassador to Mexico has found the love of his life. He is the son of hard working parents and has worked his way up the political ladder to this high office. His lady love is wealthy, not several millions but 1.5 billion worth. She is one of Latin America's wealthiest and most powerful women. The couple are ignoring this. "Love is not about money. Love is about the values you carry inside." There will be a prenuptial agreement. Will this marriage work out? Maybe! We will have to keep buying the daily paper. Will Antonio and Maria be able to ignore the King Kong of wealth & enjoy the simple life of love and happiness. This relationship has all the ingredients of a nice long running soap opera.

Our Modern media uses "love" in all its forms to promote, sell and circulate all types of products and propaganda. I remember a radio preacher of years ago who said everyone is looking for love. When they find it; it is like a well. They drink and drink till the well is dry. Then they move on to the next well where it is repeated over and over. Are we that way today? Times have changed. Morals have changed. We have more freedom to question and seek our own answers to our needs and wishes. Resources are available to aid us in our search for fulfillment. We

have not strayed too far from our ancient roots of seekers and gatherers. We still look up at the evening sky and wonder about its mysteries & see ourselves small but vital in an important universe. Yes. We are all looking for the eternal love that cannot be severed by time and our puny problems. Will wealth come between our two love birds in the newspaper? The mathematical odds are heavily weighted it could, but in the field of human attachments; we just can never know for sure.

Remember: *John 3:15 "For God so loved the world that He gave his only son, that whoever should believe on him shall not die but will have everlasting life."*

HOW CHILDREN VIEW LOVE

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." -Rebecca, age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." -Billy, age 4

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." -Jessica, age 8

"God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but He didn't. That's love." -Max, age 5



Teacher: I see you missed the first day of school.

Pupil: Yes, but I didn't miss it much.

Kid: I think we need a new teacher.

Mom: Why is that?

Kid: Our teacher doesn't know anything, she keeps asking us for the answers.

Mom: What did you learn today?

Kid: Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.

Teacher: You've got your shoes on the wrong feet.

Pupil: But these are the only feet I've got!

Joe: What's the king of all school supplies?

Moe: I don't know. What?

Joe: The ruler.

Teacher: Class, we will have only half a day of school this morning.

Class: Hooray!

Teacher: We will have the other half this afternoon.

Bible Quiz:

1. What did David command the people going to war concerning his son Absalom? 2 Samuel 18:5
2. When each of the two runners brought news of the battle with Absalom, what did David first ask each man? 2 Samuel 18:29, 32
3. What did Jesus say his disciples would do if they loved Him? John 14:15, 21 Those who do not love Him? John 14:24
4. For their sins the church at Ephesus, Pergamun, and Thyatira were told to (a) be baptized, (b) believe, (c) repent, or (d) confess. Revelation 2:5, 16, 22 Possibly, why was the church of Smyrna not told to repent? Revelation 2:8-11
5. Yes or no, was it possible for a person to lose their “crown”? Revelation 3:11
6. What is the punishment for adding anything to this book? What is the punishment for taking away words from this book? Revelation 22:18-19
7. What was God’s instruction at Mount Sinai concerning serious injury to life/ Eye? Tooth? Hand? Foot? Burn? Wound? Bruise? Exodus 21:23-25 and others
8. What did God instruct Moses to do to the man who had blasphemed God? Leviticus 24:13-16
9. What did God promise to give Moses on Mount Sinai? Exodus 24:12
10. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai, how long did the glory of the Lord rest on the mountain before He called Moses? How long was Moses on the mountain top? Exodus 24:16, 18

Additional Scriptures:

1. The tabernacle was a “likeness” (a) of something—Hebrews 8:5 (b) and a pattern of things to come—Hebrews 9 and 10
2. How Christians should give—2 Corinthians 9:7

According to the Dictionary:

1. In contrast to the many temples in Egypt, Israel had only one sanctuary.
2. Before there was a written law from God, the altar, erected wherever the people journeyed, was the place sacrifice and worship.
3. The only piece of furniture in the most holy place was the ark of the covenant, where God met with man.

Questions:

1. Who made the plans for the construction of the tabernacle? Where did Moses get the gold, silver, bronze, fine fabrics, gems, etc. that were to be used in the tabernacle construction? Exodus 25:1-7, 9
2. Above which piece of tabernacle furniture did God say He would meet with Israelites? Describe the appearance of ark. Exodus 25:10-22
3. On which piece of tabernacle furniture was the bread placed? Describe the altar of burnt offering. Exodus 25:30; 27:1-8
4. How many lamps were on the lampstand? When were the lamps to burn? Exodus 25:37; 27:21
5. Describe the materials from which the tabernacle was made: (a) curtains, (b) clasps, (c) upright frame boards, (d) bases or sockets, (e) crossbars. Exodus 26
6. Name the two rooms in the tabernacle. In what direction was the tabernacle to face? Exodus 26:22, 33
7. The area around the tabernacle was called the _____. Exodus 27:9

Application: on giving to God—Exodus 25:2

Bible Quiz:

1. Yes or no, did the people of Judah want David back as their king after Absalom's conspiracy? 2 Samuel 19:14
2. What did Jesus say happens to branches which bear fruit? Branches which do not bear fruit? John 15:2 How did Jesus compare the apostles to vines and branches? John 15:4-7
3. Why did Jesus say that the world would hate His disciples? John 15:18-19
4. The names of those who had overcome sin were written in the book _____. Revelation 3:5
5. Describe the punishment for anyone who attacked their mother or father, or for anyone who cursed their mother or father under the Law of Moses. Exodus 21:15, 17
6. Under what conditions would the angel of God bring the Israelite people into Canaan? How quickly would God drive out the Canaanite people? Why? Exodus 23:20-33
7. Name the book in which Moses wrote down the laws which God gave in the chapters preceding chapter 24. Describe the altar Moses built and the offerings made. Exodus 24:4-7
8. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai, how long did the glory of the Lord rest on the mountain before He called Moses? How long was Moses on the mountain top? Exodus 24:16, 18
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According to the Dictionary:

1. Moses on Mount Sinai for 40 days—He received the information in Exodus 25-31.
2. All Israelite priest-were descendants of Aaron Exodus 29:9
3. Melchizedek Genesis 14:18 and Jethro Exodus 18:1-were priests mentioned before the official office was established.
4. Priestly functions included—mediate between God and man, lead in securing atonement for sin, discern God's will, instruct the people in the Law of Moses, and care and ministrations of the tabernacle.
5. Sabbath—the seventh day of the week or Saturday was set aside by God for the Jews to rest from their labor Exodus 31:15-17 and to worship God Deuteronomy 5:12 The Sabbath extended from 6 p.m. Friday till 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Questions:

1. Name the first priests. Why was Aaron to have a special garment? Describe the high priest's garment: (a) a breast plate, (b) an ephod, (c) a robe, (d) a woven tunic, (e) a sash, and (f) undergarments. What were the purpose of the Urim and Thummin? Exodus 28
2. How was Moses to ordain Aaron and his sons as priests? Which part of a peace offering was to be given Aaron and his sons? Exodus 29:1-28
3. What was the daily offering on the altar? Exodus 29:38-41 When was incense to be burned? Exodus 30:7-8
4. For what was the atonement money to be used? Exodus 30:16
5. Describe the basin and its use. Exodus 30:17-21
6. How was the tabernacle and all its furnishings and priests made "most holy"? Exodus 30:22-33
7. What did the Lord give Moses on Mount Sinai? Exodus 31:18

Application: on God's giving people abilities—Exodus 31:6b

<p><u>Serving Today</u> Art Candenquist Bill Adams Carson Van Arsdall Rex Callaway</p>	<p><u>Song Service</u> Peter Diaz Wilson Diaz <u>Scripture Reading</u> Art Candenquist</p>
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

<p>Terry Lichliter 10 Tim Tewalt 11 Bill Adams 13 Jacob Lichliter 13 Lauren Diaz 16 Maureen Diaz 18</p>	<p>George & Maureen Diaz 8/22 Chuck & Tabitha Anderson 8/22</p>
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Please see sign-up sheets on front bulletin board for requests on. . . .

1. Nursery duty during worship times.
2. Door greeter or greeter's.

Be of
good courage
and he shall
strengthen
your heart.

Psalm 27:14

Here's What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods!

Today, Searching for the Truth Series. Lesson 1 begins at 2:00 pm service.



Dry Cereal and Microwave Popcorn

Save this date: October 13th
More information to come.



Ladies Meeting September 16th



Please, help to enhance the Bible study and worship experience, by silencing your cell phones & pagers upon entering the auditorium.

4 Back Packs were filled and delivered to the local elementary school downtown. Thanks goes to those that gave.



Find 30 books of the Bible



Answers are highlighted.

There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a **most remarkable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while **fishing** from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. **Some** people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit **it**, **usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel Humana** **humbly** puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle of the names are **normal**. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**. There really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

Have fun! Write down your books as you find them.



Juanita Tewalt

Ceann Collier, Cathy's cousin.
Had a stroke.

Ella Sullivan, Linda's grand-
daughter.

Cathy Meadows

Hazel Clark

Kelly Clark

Sammy Campbell

Donna Couto, Anita's
mother.

Anita Farris, knee surgery.

Marian Lozier

Liddy Brewer, Jane's niece.

Gloria Van Arsdall,
is in hospice care, at
Brookside nursing home, her
new room #106A.

Rick Steele

Jeff Robbins

Bobby Jo Henderson

Philip (Pop) Funk in Lynn
Care, room #221B.

Ray Stelzl

Tim Gunter

Kenny Henderson Jr.

Ruth Brooks

Prayer Works



Sharon Jenkins

Jamie Shell

Marty Jones

Jamie James

Scott McCool

Jaden Turner

Doris & Donald Jones

Carol & Doug Ritenour

Dolores Williams

RSW Jail Ministry

Our nation and lawmakers

The Lord's church

Military men and women

First Responders

Our missionaries

♦ **Our Homebound**

Audrey Herring

John Woodall

Nancy Barnes

♦ **Cancer Diagnosis**

Janet Jenkins

Jerry Eubanks

C.R. Newlin

Priscilla L

Philip Funk Jr.

Jackie Barbe

Frank Couto

Ryan Denharat

Sandy Holzhauser

Vita Torres

Jeff Pingley

Wendy Willoughby

Elaine Appleton

Robert Jenkins

Prayers Answered, Praise the Lord!

Sue, John Woodall's nurse who had pneumonia and fell and hit her
head is home recovered and back to work.

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UNDERSTANDING H —Exodus 20:12; & Ephesians 6:2., 1 Peter 2:17, 1 Peter 3:7, 1 Corinthians 12:21–26

OUTDO ONE A —Romans 12:10, 1 Corinthians 12:24-26

THE SIN OF S —Matthew 23:6, Mark 12:39, Luke 20:46, Luke 14:7-14, Luke 14:12-14, 1 Peter 2:17, 1 Peter 3:7, Hebrews 13:4, 1 Corinthians 12:24-26



Stand Out From The Crowd, Even At School

Christian parents do their best to keep their children on the Lord's path. It's a fairly challenging task when the kids are at home, but even more so when they are away at school, subjected daily to the influence of the world.

We live in a society that claims to inspire individuality, but all the while actually encouraging them to "go with the crowd." Jesus told us that those who are seeking the sinful path will be in the majority

Matthew 7:13-14 ^{ESV} *Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. . This crowd will, in fact, ridicule Christian youth for not following them in that lifestyle*

1 Peter 4:4 ^{HCSB} *So they are surprised that you don't plunge with them into the same flood of wild living—and they slander you.*

As we see our young ones off to school for another year, let's remember to steer them toward an individuality that focuses on the morality of the Bible, not on the desires of the world. Let us teach our kids to stand out from the crowd. Let them dare to do and speak what is right, to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to put God first in all things. This is the kind of individuality the Lord wants from us all!