

News & Notes

Sunday, March 30, 2008

Remember in Prayer: Daryl Alberson; Tommy Alberson; Venetta Alberson; Mary Bailey; Melvin Bennett; Vikie Cobb; Rachel Cornellis; Melba Cox; Mary Ann Duke; Shane Fortner; Hazel Huddleson; Corey Hastings; Lettie Mae Hunt; Charles Johnson; Shirley Judge; Don Kelly; Dot Ketchum; Sam Kidd; Wayne Kidd; Rori Lakley; James Luna; John and Deliah Mann; Diane Mize; Willie Mae Needham; Ann Ray; Jerry Ray; Bradley Rease; Johnny Wren; Jonell Rutledge; Katherine Shaw; Chris Spence; Jamie Spence; Ron Tega; Calvin Ursery; Alvie Williford;

Pantry item for the month of March is baking soda.

Ashland Events: Today: April 12: Clean-up day beginning around 9:00 AM;

Area Events: Beginning Today: Lectureship at the Memphis School of Preaching;

Sermon in Preview:

AM: The Motivation for Our Faith (Hebrews 12:1-2)

PM: Last-Sunday-of-the-month Singing

For the Record (March 23, 2008):

Attendance: 104 Contribution: \$1450.00 Budget: \$1326.00

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Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Shepherds:

Barney King
Carrol Street

Romans 11:33

ASHLAND ANNOUNCER

Increasing in the Knowledge of God



Christian Fellowship

Max Patterson

There is nothing more uplifting than good Christian fellowship. Two or more people who are bound together spiritually, and who have the same goals in life, enjoy the strength and building up each gives to the other.

First, there is the common bond. Both are church members because of their spiritual covenant relationship. It is spiritual in contradistinction to the physical, and covenant because they have obeyed the conditions of God's covenant, or New Testament.

Second, that which is developed in Christian association is of the finest quality. When we associate with one another on a spiritual level, as well as on a social level, we learn to love one another, and to have consideration for one another, and to develop a care and concern for one another. It is interesting that Paul commands, when it becomes necessary to withdraw fellowship from someone, that we are not even to eat with him (that is, not even to have any social fellowship with that one). (1Corinthians 5:11)

Therefore, keep close, work together, pray together, and the goal of fellowship and the Christian life will be achieved.

Consider what happens without love: Paul lists a great number of things about love in I Corinthians 13. He first shows how absolutely

essential love is. He says a man may speak with the tongues of men and of angels, be able to foretell the future, have omniscience, have enough courage to give one's body in self sacrifice, but without love all of this profits nothing.

Paul then lists the characteristics of love (seven positive, eight negative):

THE POSITIVE

1. Longsuffering
2. Kind
3. Rejoices in truth
4. Bears all things
5. Believes all things
6. Hopes all things
7. Endures all things

THE NEGATIVE

1. Does not envy
2. Does not boast itself
3. Is not puffed up
4. Does not behave itself unseemly
5. Seeks not its own
6. Is not easily provoked
7. Does not think evil
8. Does not rejoice in iniquity

In contrasting love with the miracles of the preceding chapter, as the better way, Paul emphasized that miracles will fail, cease, or vanish away. Love will not. In fact, Paul concludes by suggesting that three characteristics now live: faith, hope and love – and the greatest of these is love.

25 Things Satan Cannot Do

Tim Childs

- Satan cannot wish God out of existence.**
- Satan cannot diminish the power of God's love.**
- Satan cannot relocate us to a position outside the reach of God and his love.**
- Satan cannot confuse God so He is unable to know those who belong to him.**
- Satan cannot tempt God to do evil.**
- Satan cannot change God's character.**
- Satan cannot make God lie.**
- Satan cannot overpower God.**
- Satan cannot destroy the seed of the kingdom.**
- Satan cannot make false what is true, nor can he make true what is false.**
- Satan cannot defeat God's revealed truth.**
- Satan cannot force God to fellowship those who embrace doctrines of demons.**
- Satan cannot steal God's grace, mercy, love and forbearance.**
- Satan cannot weaken the power of the gospel of Christ.**
- Satan cannot force me to sin against God.**
- Satan cannot block the path God has prepared for my use when temptation comes.**
- Satan cannot tempt me beyond what I am able to bear and resist.**
- Satan cannot forcibly remove me from God's watchful care and saving grace.**
- Satan cannot cause the universal church of our Lord to cease to exist.**
- Satan cannot prevent Jesus' coming again.**
- Satan cannot stop the dead being raised at Jesus' command.**
- Satan cannot change the standard of God's word by which all men will be judged.**
- Satan cannot prevent God's faithful children from going home to the heavenly city.**
- Satan cannot shield his angels and followers from God's wrath and punishment.**
- Satan cannot change the destiny God has prepared for him.**