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Please Join Us As We Pray For:

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Hailey Beaver, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Sister Rebecca's Family, Dakota Sutton, Brother Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

Thoughts from our Pastor:

Christians Not Walking in Love Are Sinful.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

Ephesians 5:1 - 2

God tells Christians to *"Be ye therefore followers of God..."* The word *"followers"* means imitator, the word *"imitators"* means a person who copies the behavior or actions of another. In our natural life we as male children often imitate our dads in life. We look to them for meaningfulness in life, dad mows the lawn we mowed with our plastic mowers behind him, dad worked on the car and so we wanted to work on it also. Most male children wanted grow-up to be their dad, some grew-up like their dad and some went another route. Here Paul wrote that as Christians we ought to imitate our Heavenly Father, if you are saved you are called a "Christian" which means Christ-like, or we are walking in Christ. Then the Lord said *"... And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us..."* This walk is not in human love, this love is the love God gave us all by the Holy Spirit, it is called "agapē" which is the love of God. God gave us love because the natural man has no true love, they only hate even if they do think they love they are full of hate. Every time God describes the natural man it's always in hate, they all hate God. However, once saved you change, God quickens our spirit and gives us many spiritual gifts to change so that we may be more like Him. Galatians 5:22 - 23 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."* The reason there is no law is because they cannot be sinful, nor can they be condemned because they are of God. As Christians we are "COMMANDED" to walk in love, just as Jesus did. God does not want His children being full of hate and bitterness, He commands that we walk in His love imitating Him. If your life, your attitude, and your spirit is not full of love then you are failing. It is tragic when Christians attitudes show up being hateful in the family of God, or the churches of Jesus Christ. Sometimes children of God never grow-up in their spiritual life. They may have a head full of knowledge, they may be teachers or leaders, or even Pastors, but if they're not walking as to imitate our heavenly Father in love, their failing. Look back at the last two verses of chapter 4, Ephesians 4:31 - 32 *"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted,*

forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." If you are a Christian and your attitude resembles this, then you are NOT IMITATING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. If you have a difference with another Christian, with your Pastor, with your church member, or even with a lost person you need to settle that grievance immediately. Peter wrote these words, "*And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging.*" 1 Peter 4:8 – 9. Do you see the words "*fervent charity*", those words mean don't just love but put a lot of "intent" behind that love. In everything use love, let love never cease Christian's loving one another; love is the very badge of Christianity as a child of God.

Will we be numbered with cat-worshippers and dog-adorers?

By Charles Spurgeon

"Those who have no children, take pleasure in little dogs and cats."

People must have an object of affection, and if they have not something *noble*, they will accept something less. Just so, those who disdain to live for God, will live for their own bellies.

If we do not live in all seriousness for a *noble* object—the probability is that *we shall trifle our lives away in doing nothing!* Are we prepared for this? **Will we be numbered with cat-worshippers and dog-adorers?**

My God, *save me from petty and paltry objects!* Deliver me from worthless amusements and hobbies! May *the objects of my life's pursuit* be worthy of an immortal spirit, worthy of an heir of Heaven!

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ—set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things!"

Colossians 3:1 - 2 "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*"

Quotes By A.W. Tozer

"*Let us start reading our Bibles with the thought that God means exactly what He says!*"

"*The loneliness of the Christian results from his walk with God in an ungodly world—a walk that must often take him away from the fellowship of professing Christians, as well as from that of the unregenerate world. His God-given instincts cry out for companionship with others of his kind, others who can understand his longings, his aspirations, his absorption in the love of Christ; and because within his circle of friends there are so few who share his inner experiences, he is forced to walk alone.*"

"Grace is the good pleasure of God which inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving. Grace is a self-existent principle inherent in the divine nature, and appears to us as a propensity to pity the wretched, spare the guilty, welcome the outcast, and bring into favor those who were before under condemnation.

Grace to sinful men, is to save us and make us sit together in heavenly places to demonstrate to the ages the exceeding riches of God's kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Church Notices:

Happy Birthday Brother Medic Lavina Tuesday August 16th