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"A Church Seeking To Please God In Prayer, Song, Preaching, And Worship."

Please Join Us As We Pray For:

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, 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, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Wendell Henderson, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Pastor G. L. Burr, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas and grandson Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastor's Corner:

As a Christian, put on love.

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Colossians 3:12-14

Being a Christian is a beautiful thing, because salvation is the gift of God. We did not have to work or struggle to be saved, we did not have to figure salvation out, God saved us, Jesus sought us out, found us and brought us back to the fold. *"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray."* Matthew 18:11-13 Therefore, becoming a Christian is the gift of God and without effort on our part. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* Romans 8:14 However, being a Christian is the hard part, it requires work on our part and a very hard work. The reason being a Christian is hard is because we must work against our old nature (now that we have two natures) and serve our "new nature" which is godly. Here we see one of those times our work is required, "putting on love" as God called it. Just as God told us in Ephesians 6:10 – 11 *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might...Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* Ephesians 6:11 The only way to defeat Satan and his evil demons is by having on all the armor that God has provided for us. Love is the same because just as salvation is a gift of God so is love, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love..."* Galatians 5:23. As with all the fruits Paul wrote about we ought to use them in our Christian life in striving to live godly lives. This love is not natural love it is the love of God that the Holy Spirit gave to us at salvation. *"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."* Romans 5:5 However, "putting it on" is a labor on our part, just as making sure we have the "whole armor of God on" is. Do you remember when God said you can tell a tree by its fruit? *"For every tree is known by his own fruit..."* Luke 6:44 Putting on the love of God is wearing it daily, not just a couple of days a week but every day of the week. While it is a fight with our old nature, it is a fight worth fighting. We all should want to be recognized as fruitful trees of God

in Christ Jesus, walking examples of “Christ likeness”. Now please do not miss this last point in verse 14 in our text, “charity, which **is the bond of perfectness.**” Love is the bond of perfectness or completeness. We cannot be complete Christians, fruitful trees, nor even Christians without the love of God in our hearts. However, the bond (that is - joint tie or uniting principle) that makes us complete Christians is “love” because love is the glue that holds us together with the Lord and with each other as Christians. God said, “**Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.**” Jude 1:21 You keep yourself in God’s love as though it is a work on your part. Paul recognized love as such an important tool in his spiritual life that he said “**and have not charity, I am nothing.**” 1 Corinthians 13:2 and Paul assured us in verse 8 “**Charity never faileth...**” and now listen very closely to Paul’s ending this thought in verse 13 “**And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.**” Love is greater than your faith and hope, one writer said, “love is the outward manifestation of what we feel within.” love is the bond that holds together all your godliness because it shows what is inside of your heart. Beloved, as Christians we need to put on love every morning just as we put on our cloths. We ought to be loving toward every human being whether saved or lost that we encounter during our day, but more so with our fellow Christians. We ought to look for common ground and use that common ground as loving Christians and never look for ways to be angry with each other. Let God’s gift of love be the bond of the faith and hope that is in your heart, and you will be a very fruitful tree.

We shall only sink into the everlasting arms!

By Author unknown

"The eternal God is your refuge — and underneath are the everlasting arms!" Deuteronomy 33:27

If we are held in the clasp of the everlasting arms — we need not fear that we shall ever be separated from the enfolding. "Underneath." They are always underneath us. No matter how low we sink in weakness, in fainting, in pain, in sorrow — we never can sink below these everlasting arms. We can never drop out of their clasp!

God's love is deeper than human sorrow. Sorrow is very deep, but still and forever, in the greatest grief — these arms of Divine love are underneath the believing sufferer.

God's love is deeper than death. When every earthly support is gone from beneath us, when every human arm unclasps and every face fades from before our eyes, and we sink away into what seems darkness and the shadow of death — we shall only sink into the everlasting arms!

Drop your plummet into the deepest sea of sorrow, and at the end of your soundings: "Underneath are the everlasting arms!"

What abiding consolation! What all-embracing, never-failing strength!

He who counts the stars!

By Charles Spurgeon

"He heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds. He counts the stars and calls them all by name. How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!" Psalm 147:3-5

He who counts the stars and calls them by their names, is in no danger of forgetting His own children! He knows your case as thoroughly as if you were the only creature He ever made, or the only saint He ever loved!

It is most important for us to learn, that the smallest trifles are as much arranged by the God of Providence, as the most startling events. He who counts the stars — has also numbered the hairs of our heads. Our lives and deaths are predestined — but so, also, are our sitting down and our rising up!

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered!" Matthew 10:29-30

Church Notice:

Our Bible Conference is only 12 days away, September 20 and 21 Friday night from 6:00 – 8:00 and Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm We will have 7 speakers if the Lord will’s. 2 on Friday and 5 on Saturday. Ya’ll come and enjoy our Conference.