

Upcoming Events

Budget preparations for 2018
Establish Master Calendar for 2018

Christmas Day: December 25

Corporation meeting: Budget/Financial Report

Hebrews class Thursdays at 11:00

Love Never Fails

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

December Birthdays

17 Bill Brown 27 Sue Tanner 29 Noah McKnight
30 Richard Karns 31 Bob Pescador

December Anniversaries

12 Ron & Peggy Woodruff 18 Jim & Marie Burruss

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
Mike McKnight

Church of Christ
81-377 Ave 46
Indio, CA 92201
(760) 342-1859

(Address Service Requested)

Indio Informer

Vol. 29 No. 51

December 23, 2018

Love Grows Up

By Tom Kelton

“When I was a child I spake as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things”

(1 Cor. 13:12).

Life brings no greater blessing than a child, but it is a heartbreaking tragedy when the child never develops, physically or mentally. And some people never mature. Several characteristics of little children are:

(1) Children become very upset over any personal hurt. If pins prick the flesh they cry as if deadly wounded. They are not concerned about the suffering of others, but weep mostly for themselves.

(2) Children want to be the center of attention. They are jealous of others about them. They are willing to play if they can choose the game. They demand applause and appreciation.

(3) Children have to be taught to be thankful. Gratitude does not come naturally for them. They take the blessings of life as a matter of course, as somehow deserved.

(4) Children owe nobody anything. They desire to get all they can, but they feel little obligation to others. They rarely think of what they owe parents, or the world they live in.

(5) Children are self-centered. They live in a world that revolves around them.

When one grows up and puts away childish things it does not mean tears never come to his eyes. It means that tears are reserved for causes that deserve them. A mature person can and does weep over his personal hurts, but more often the tears of love are for hurts of others.

When one grows up he still appreciates approval from others, but goes on living, working, and serving even when unrecognized by others. Gratitude and appreciation are the flowers of mature love. Love is always glad to say thank you. Love feels a deep sense of obligation to others. Mature love is *“a debtor to Greeks and barbarians, both to wise and unwise”* (Romans 1:14). Love feels its obligation to serve (Galatians 5:13). Love puts away childish things. It grows up.

Wise Ways To Live Without Regrets

By Mike Riley

- Compliment at least three people every day.
- Watch a sunrise at least once a week.
- Be the first to say, “Hello.”
- Live beneath our means.
- Treat everyone like we want to be treated.
- Never give up on anyone – they can change!
- Forget the Joneses!
- Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
- Pray not for “things”, but for wisdom and courage.
- Be tough minded but tenderhearted.
- Be kinder than necessary.
- Don’t forget, a person’s greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
- “Keep” our promises!
- Learn to show cheerfulness, even when we don’t feel like it. Remember that overnight success usually takes about fifteen years!
- Leave everything better than we found it.

- Remember that winners “do” what losers don’t want to do!
- When we arrive at our job in the morning, let the first thing we say brighten everyone’s day.
- Don’t “rain” on other people’s parades!
- Never waste an opportunity to tell someone we love them.
- Give God “first place” in our life (Matthew 6:33).
-

Scriptural Giving

By Larry Fluitt

All of us should want to give scripturally, that is, as the Master wants us to give. If we fail to please Him, we have failed utterly. Second Corinthians 8 furnishes a guide to giving. In this chapter we find a number of principles which, if honored, will insure scriptural giving.

1. Scriptural giving shows our **JOY!**

“that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality” (v.2)

2. Scriptural giving shows our **TRUST!**

“For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing” (v.3)

3. Scriptural giving shows our **COMMITMENT!**

“And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God” (v.5)

4. Scriptural giving shows our **LOVE!**

“I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others” (v.8)

5. Scriptural giving shows our **GRATITUDE!**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich” (v.9)

6. Scriptural giving shows our **WILLINGNESS!**

“For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have” (v.12)