

Quote about the Home

"As for me and my household we will serve the LORD"

Joshua 24:15

New Member!!! Baptized this past week: **Juanito Saucedo**
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Reminder: **Barnabas Group:** Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Hudson home.

December Birthdays

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| 4 Clint Oster | 28 Jim Nichols | 30 Richard Karns |
| 17 Bill Brown | 29 Joshua Morales | 30 Jeremiah Morales |
| 27 Sue Tanner | | 31 Bob Pescador |

December Anniversaries

9 Arnold & Maria Morales
12 Peggie & Ron 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.

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A happy home...

To Make Happiness in Your Home a Reality...

By Wendell Winkler

Realize happiness is a possibility. Happiness and tranquility in the home are not elusive dreams. Effort must be extended toward this reality, but it is possible—even in homes that have had serious trouble in the past.

Make happiness a goal. Remember, if we aim at nothing, we are sure to hit it. Set realistic and challenging goals for you and your family. Talk about them and write them down. Give them deadlines. ("By the end of two weeks, we want to be...")

Work at building a happy home. Happiness in the home does not come about by merely reading about it, talking about it, or just wishing for it. Rather, peace and tranquility come as a result of effort and work. Somebody said a successful marriage is 98% perspiration and 2% inspiration.

Pray for it. John 15:7 says that Christians may ask what we will (according to His will). Surely, we will (desire) happiness and harmony in our homes.

Avoid little quarrels. A famous judge once said, "Avoid little quarrels and the big ones will take care of themselves."

Learn and practice the grace of contentment. In our homes, let us learn to say with the apostle Paul, "*I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content*" (Philippians 4:11). An old proverb says, "A contented mind is a continual feast."

Understand that happiness is not tied to “things” (externals). Happiness in the home is inseparably tied to meaningful relationships maintained by each member losing himself in the interest, welfare, and desired good of the other members of the family.

Remember that love and happiness are inseparable. Joy and love are mentioned in the same passage in Ecclesiastes 9:9

Conclusion: Nothing is more beautiful than the building and maintaining of a happy home. Such contributes immeasurably to its members having the exalted privilege of one day being at home with God in the home of the soul.

Does Jesus Live at Your House?

The continued knock brought the mother to the door. A child stood there with a Bible in his hand. Without a word of introduction he asked, “Does Jesus live here?”

The woman, although a member of the church, was so taken aback by the unexpected question that she did not answer. She didn’t even remember what he said next, but watched him slowly walk away. All day the question kept going through her mind. That evening when her husband came home, she told him about it.

He laughed and said, “Why didn’t you show him the church directory with our name in it? You could have told him that we nearly always send our children to Bible class and go sometimes ourselves. Why didn’t you remind him we give occasionally to the church, and look upon ourselves as a respected Christian family?”

“Yes,” she said, “that is all true, and I could have told him all that. But he didn’t ask me the things you mentioned. He asked me if Jesus lives here and I have been wondering all day if He does.”

“...Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” - Galatians 2:20 -

Hugs are Important in the Home

By Jim Roberts

Some counselors recommend two hugs a day, just for maintenance! Consider these words written by Dean Walley concerning hugs:

It's wondrous what a hug can do. A hug can cheer you when you're blue. A hug can say, I love you so, or, it can say, I hate to see you go. A hug is Welcome back again, and, Great to see you, where've you been?

A hug can soothe a child's pain, and bring a rainbow after rain. The hug, there's just no doubt about it - we scarce could survive without it!

A hug delights and charms; it must be why God gave us arms. Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, sweet for sisters, swell for brothers. And chances are, your favorite aunts, love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them, puppies love them; heads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barrier, and make your travel so much merrier. No need to fret about your store of them; the more you give, the more there are of them. So stretch those arms without delay, and give someone a hug today!

The human touch is powerful medicine overlooked. There are some crucial times for families to think about hugs:

- When you get up in the morning.
- When you part for the day.
- When you come together in the evening; and,
- When you retire for the night.

Have you hugged your kids today? What about your husband or wife? Take the time to make a difference in somebody's day. Some people go days and even months without a hug from anybody. Alert your family members to such needs and share your hugs with others!

“...a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing...”
Ecclesiastes 3:5