

### Upcoming Events...

**Business meeting:** today at 4:30 p.m.  
**Ladies' Bible Class:** Sunday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m.  
**Congregational Meeting:** Financial Report, July 16  
**1 Corinthians Class:** Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.  
**Barnabas Group Meeting:** June 27

### God's Word...

*"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."* - A.W. Tozer

*"You can exaggerate your authority in handling the Scriptures, but you cannot exaggerate the Scriptures' authority to handle you. You can use the word of God to come to wrong conclusions, but you cannot find any wrong conclusions in the word of God."*  
 - Kevin DeYoung,

### July Birthdays

22 Morgie McKnight      30 Willie Henderson

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*"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

John 14:15

### Do I Keep His Commandments?

By Jon Mitchell

*"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."* John 14:21

All who profess to follow Christ will unhesitatingly state that they love God. That's a given, and from a certain perspective it's a good thing. It speaks of their sincerity and of a heart-felt gratitude they have towards their Creator. Yet, so many of us profess to love God...while unrepentantly doing things that grieve him, anger him, and displease him. Consider this...

- Some say they love God but hardly ever open the Bibles. Do we truly love someone if we're not interested in learning what they have to say?
- Some say they love God but hardly ever pray. Do we truly love someone if we're not interested in talking to them?
- Some say they love God but choose to worship Him according to what they think will please Him rather than according to His will revealed to us in His Word. Do we truly love someone if they ask us to give them a certain gift and instead we give them what we think they will like?
- Some say they love God but then say He has saved them in a way which is foreign to how He has told us He saves us in His Word. Do we truly love someone if we

#### 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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basically call them a liar, especially over something as important as our salvation?

- Some say they love God but we do not care enough about the souls for whom He sent His Son to die to share with them the gospel as He told us to do. Do we truly love someone if we don't care enough to do everything we can to save the person for whom God gave such a high sacrifice?

If we truly love God and His Son Jesus, we will obey their commandments. And when we sin and fail them, we will repent and try again because we love them. Otherwise, all we are doing is lying to them, to others, and to ourselves.

## THE CHURCH

By Andrew Connally (deceased)

The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others, but rather it is made up of those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to do better always.

- The church is not made up of perfect people, but people who realize they are following a perfect Lord and a perfect law and therefore must do the very best they can.
- The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes, but those who often acknowledge their mistakes and then forsake them. Never must we seek to justify them or continually make the same mistakes over and over again.
- The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone, but rather draw everyone into its fellowship and love who are willing to walk in the light where God the Father and Christ the Son are found.
- The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone, but rather to show the rule of Christ which helps everyone.
- The church is not trying to take the joy out of life, but rather is trying to put real joy into every life it touches.

- The church is not trying to make us feel ugly, but rather it is trying to instill the beauty of holiness in our life.
- The church is not trying to separate us from our money, but rather it is trying to keep our money from separating us from God.
- The church is not trying to become the master of our life, but trying to get us to master ourselves.
- The church is not trying to rob our life of priorities, but rather to get us to put the priorities in our life.

## Mark My Word!

By Tim Dooley

There are many approaches to God's Word among men these days. The atheist says it is just a production of man and that there is no God. The agnostic sees enough evidence to doubt the atheist but not enough to believe that the Bible is the product of an all-powerful God. The denominational world twists, misinterprets, and misapplies God's Word. The liberal-minded sees it only as a love letter and lives by only those Scriptures they deem relevant. The radical reads more into the text than what is there and binds what God has not. One thing is true, it is absolutely essential that all men take the word of God seriously!

Jesus said that the Word of God is what will judge us in the last day (John 12:48). He told his disciples that while heaven and earth would pass away "*my words shall not pass away*" (John 21:33). It is interesting that Jesus speaks these words immediately after his prophecy of the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem. In other words, Jesus says, "Mark my words." Later Peter proclaims his undying loyalty to which Jesus says, "Mark my words; you will deny me." After Peter does indeed deny the Lord he "remembered the word of the Lord."

How many men will continue to ignore the warnings of Jesus and be lost? Will we be faithful to our calling and responsibility to know, live, and spread God's word?