

Upcoming Events

Sunday morning class resumes at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday evening service TBD

Today June 13, 3:30 p.m.
Business Meeting

Welcome: Jack and Noemi Critchfield

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Love One Another

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”
Proverbs 17:17

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
1 John 4:11

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner

Regular Meeting Times

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

Preacher:
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Go the Extra Mile

By Dan Jenkins

Near the entrance of Gethsemane, Jesus left eight of the apostles and then took Peter, James, and John closer to the place where He was to pray. He left this “inner circle” and “...went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed” (Matthew 26:39, KJV). He went further than others—He always did—and told us to do the same.

In the Sermon on the Mount, He talked about going beyond where others would go. When compelled by a Roman soldier to carry supplies for a mile, Jesus said we should go a greater distance and carry it two (Matthew 5:41). If someone thinks he needs our tunic, Jesus said we should go the greater distance and give him our outer garment as well. He went further, and so should we.

Think of the application this has in every area of our lives. When we see how the world lives with its measure of morality, we should do more. The ungodly do good to those who do good to them, but Christians return blessing for cursing, good for ill treatment and prayers for those who prey on us (Matthew 5:44). He went further, and so should we!

Christian husbands and wives need to go further in the way we treat our mates than anyone else on this earth. Agape love does not wait until a spouse treats us with kindness. Christians go further, and they go further first! Christian parents go further with how they deal with their children than those in the world. Our children’s friends should see how we treat our children and be jealous! Christian children go further in honoring their parents than their friends at school do to their parents. Remember that Jesus went further and so should we!

Christians go further in the workplace than their fellow workers. The Bible uses the term “eyeservice” to describe those who work only when the eyes of their employers see them. Christians do not give eye-service—they go further (Ephesians 6:6). They also work just as diligently for good bosses as they do for unkind ones (1 Peter 2:18). Our Lord went further, and so should we.

Now, take this principle and make it part of our life and part of the life in our family. Going further than others expect will change us and will brighten the light we shine. It will also shock those around you. They likely have never met someone who goes the extra mile. Perhaps they will even see us as part of a church that practices this lifestyle and be led to become part of this great family.

Why not take a moment right now and think of what we did yesterday or today where we could have done more? Do not ever forget. Jesus went further...and so should we!

Love Shows

By Joe Chesser

It probably happens most often in college. Your friend walks into the room and you immediately know something is different. There is a radiance that wasn't there before. The eyes are brighter. The face is joyful. There's a bounce in their step. The friend has fallen in love ... and, like Andy Rooney once said, “When you're in love, it shows.”

You really can't hide love. It's easy to see when a husband loves his wife. It's easy to see when a grandma loves her grandchildren. It's easy to see when a person loves their job. It's easy to see when a fan truly loves the Cardinals. It's easy to see when a family had a great vacation.

And it's just as easy to see when someone truly loves the Lord. It shows. We just can't hide true love. When we love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind (Mark 12:30) it transforms us.

We will never hide our light behind dark shades, keeping it to yourself, but will expose it for the whole world to see (Matthew 5:15-16). Love shows.

We will never have to be shamed or begged to meet with God's people for worship, study, and fellowship (Hebrews 10:25), but will long to be with the church whenever it gathers (Acts 2:42) – even when it is difficult or inconvenient. Love shows.

We will use our words to encourage and build, rather than to criticize and destroy – no matter what others are saying about us (Ephesians 4:29). Love shows.

We will treat our fellow Christians with greater care and concern than we treat ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4). This will be evident to the whole world (John 13:35). Love shows.

We will not get stingy, resentful, or angry when an opportunity comes from the Lord to share our financial blessings with others (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). Love shows.

We will not pass up opportunities to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter strangers, clothe the needy, or visit the sick and imprisoned (Matthew 25:34-46). Love shows (and saves!).

We will stay in constant communication with the Lord by prayer and study (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Peter 3:17). Love shows.

We will not keep the saving message from the lost but will share the gospel with all we can for as long as we can (Matthew 28:19-20). Love shows.

Other people can see how much we love the Lord. The Lord can see how much we love Him. The challenge is to be honest enough with ourselves to look deeply in our own heart to see if love for the Lord is truly there. Remember, love shows.

Love Shows!