

**Attention
Business Meeting
TODAY at 2:30 p.m.**

**Thank you...Rick Lovelady
Speaker for today**

April Birthdays

6 Susan Hudson 16 Alana Hudson
16 Abel Martinez 23 Shannon Hudson
25 Calvin Cree 25 Guillermina Torres
27 Maria Velasquez 30 Margaret Graddon
30 Aaron McCollum

April Anniversaries

19 Bill and Kena Brown 28 Lyle and Margaret Graddon

David's Heart

"Lord my heart is not proud, nor my eyes arrogant..."
Psalm 131:1

Regular Meeting Times

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

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*"Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding."
Proverb 3:5*

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

Paul's Motivation in His Writings

By Dan Jenkins

The history of the life of David is recorded in three Old Testament books, but it is in the book of Psalms that we begin to understand the heart of David. His heart is so important because it is so much like the heart of God (1 Samuel 13:14). There is somewhat of a parallel to David in the life and writings of Paul.

It is in the book of Acts we learn so much of the details of the life of the great apostle, but there are historical events revealed in his epistles. In a similar way, the heart of Paul is revealed in his letters, and they often give us insight as to the spiritual depth of his devotion to God and the truths of God showing the nature of his heart in serving God. Consider the following to see some of these truths.

"I AM PERSUADED that neither death nor life...nor things present nor things to come...shall be able to separate us from the love of God" (Romans 8:38-39). Do you wonder how he could give up so much and endure such suffering? Do you struggle in your trials and seek motivation for all that is around you? Write these words from Paul on your heart. Be fully persuaded that there is nothing on this earth, neither in the demons of hell, which can keep God from loving us.

I AM NOTHING. “*Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing*” (1 Corinthians 13:2). Imagine having complete understanding of all things and having all faith. Paul emphasizes something far greater than these and that is love. It was not that he was just persuaded of God’s eternal love. Written deeply on his heart was his responsibility to place love above all of these. Write these words on the depths of our soul as you seek to imitate Paul as he imitated the Lord (1 Corinthians 11:1).

“*I...AM PERSUADED that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day*” (2 Timothy 1:12). The life of every person on this earth is committed to something. We are investing all of our time and energy to self, to sin or to things much higher. Paul looked at every decision he made as an investment and knew the Lord would never forget them. You may, like Paul, have to turn the other cheek to those around you. You may have to bless those who are cursing you and to make decisions about what you must give up to follow Him. Think about these choices as being registered in a heavenly book which some day will be opened. Trust God to remember it all, even to as small a matter as a cup of cold water.

As you read Paul’s doctrinal discussion in his writings, remember to discover hidden truths which show his heart.

Attitude and the Psalmist

By Tim Dooley

As we read through the Psalms it becomes increasingly evident that there is a tremendous difference in the attitude of the Psalmist and the attitude of most people (even Christians) today. In Psalm 56–60 the faithful oppressed and afflicted; tormented and tested; abused, cursed, and neglected, never turns from God, never complains, never gets reacts with wrath or vengeance. Instead, he always turns to God, asks His favor, and leaves it with Him.

What a great lesson for us when we think things are not going as we think they should. We live in a very selfish, greedy, and impatient society. We want, we think, we feel, we wish, and we want it now. When things don’t go our way, when we feel neglected, troubled, and rejected, how do we respond? When others take us for granted, abuse us, frustrate us, lash out at us, how does the faithful Christian react? The fact is, we cannot control how anyone acts or what others do, but we can our response. Take it to God, leave it with Him. He cares for us.

Diligent or Lagging

By Tim Dooley

In Romans 12, Paul offers a number of short exhortations to his readers. The King James Version translates the first part of verse 11, “*Not slothful in business.*” The Christian should be diligent for his employer, but the context this verse has more to do with the business of the church.

We sing a song, “I want to be a worker for the Lord.” Do we mean those words when we sing them? Do we truly want to “be busy every day in the vineyard of the Lord,” or are we just giving lip service?

All disciples are to be actively engaged in the work of the Lord’s church. We should be busy making disciples (Matthew 28:19), encouraging each other (Hebrews 10:24-25), and helping the needy (Galatians 6:10; James 1:27).

We do not always see the fruit of our labors, but we must not give up. If we are mocked or rejected or persecuted by those around us, we keep obeying God (1 Peter 2:19-20). The things we do in the name of the Lord are not done in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). May we never lag in diligence when it comes to the Lord’s work.
