



Proverbs 13:13 *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.*

We all come into marriage with a bushel basket of EXPECTATIONS ...what love looks like, what our roles will be, how our spouse will 'spoil us' the same way our parents spoiled us, where we will spend the holidays (do you remember that disagreement), etc. So far, how have YOUR EXPECTATIONS work out for you? In many cases we end up falling into the pit of UNMET EXPECTATION SYNDROME which leads to disappointment, to hurt, to anger, and finally to punishment – making your spouse pay for not living up to your expectations.



How about a better way to deal with those unmet expectations? Here are five way...

- Love and forgive**—Own up to your own failures and responsibilities. Your marriage will never outgrow its need for massive doses of forgiveness. Remember the five most important words in a marriage: "I'm sorry. Please forgive me."
- Communicate and seek to understand each other**—Manage your expectations with consistent communications with your spouse. Be willing to listen because God gave you two ears and only one mouth to remind you that listening is twice more important than talking.
- Clarify your needs and expectations**—Be sure your spouse understands your particular needs, and the why behind those needs. Ask yourself, "Is this a REAL need"? Be willing to work together on workable compromises that achieve the best for your marriage.
- Don't give up on your dreams because that may develop bitterness**: Instead, work with your spouse to achieve both of your dreams and be sure to give thanks to God as He fulfills the best dreams for your life because God always gives the best.
- Last, but most important, keep God as the Lord of your marriage and His Word as your guide!** The family that prays together and studies God's Word together, stays together!

LADIES OF ALL AGES are urged to sign up for one of the two Holiday Noon Luncheons Lisa will host this year on Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th. Only 15 spots are available each day so please sign up at the auditorium exit near the big classroom.

Don't forget our 'Holiday Open House' on Sunday afternoon, December 8th. WE WANT EVERYONE TO DROP BY! It's our way of saying thanks for blessing our family during the past year. Please drop by to share in the fellowship, holiday goodies, and take home your gift from our family to yours.

Serving our Lord, ~Michael Cox
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Welcome & Prayer.....Billy Hayes
Song Leader.....Nathan Bonde

#3 - "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"
#226 - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Opening Prayer.....Ed Courtney

#344 - "Low in the Grave He Lay"

Scripture Reading/Prayer.....Carl Johnson
COMMUNION

#76 - "How Great Thou Art"
Nehemiah 6:15-16.....Billy Hayes

Sermon.....Michael Cox

#912 - "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"
Announcements.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

#18 - "Faithful Love"
Closing Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

Welcome & Prayer.....Billy Hayes
Song Leader.....Nathan Bonde

#2 - "We Praise Thee, O God"
#15 - "Step by Step"

Opening Prayer.....Matt McKee

#214 - "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"

COMMUNION

#19 - "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
Sermon.....Heath Larner

#909 - "There's a Fountain Free"
Announcements.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

#71 - "As the Deer"
Closing Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

9th - 12th Boys- Annex
T.Togami, B.Hayes, D.Pogue
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9th - 12th Boys- Annex
J.Togami, B.Hayes,
K.Hudgens
•
7th & 8th -room#113
Scott March
•
5th & 6th - room#115
Kenny Ward
•
3rd & 4th -room#114
Lisa Cox
•
1st & 2nd -room#104
Lynn Dishongh &
Rebekah Tolleson
•
4 yrs -Kindergarten room#108
Diana Ward
•
18 mo.-3 yrs. -room#105
Rachel Winters
•
6mo.-18 mo. -room#106
Jean Kazimier

Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - room#112
First Principles
"The Lord's Supper"
Carl Johnson/Mike Schuler
•
Adult class - Auditorium
Billy Hayes "Job"
•
Adult Class -room #118
"Hard Sayings & Difficult
Texts of the Bible"
Michael Cox
•
Adult Class -room #116
"The Holy Spirit"
Danny Griffith
•
Young Adults/College Age
MPB-downstairs
Jonathan Bonde

Our Record: November 24, 2019

Bible Class.....218
AM Worship.....353
PM Worship.....175
Wed. Bible Class.....127
Contribution.....\$9,027.83

NOVEMBER CONTACTS

ELDER / DEACON:
Donnie Pogue, Jr. /
Roger Needham

FOOD COORDINATORS:
Lynn Dishongh &
Barbara Wells



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SUNDAY

9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES

10:00 AM WORSHIP

6:00 PM WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM BIBLE CLASSES



All Ages Devo - 11/24



Signed Cards & Candies for Shut-Ins

Please bring Cards & Candies (Sugar-Free treats too) by 12/4. Our teens will deliver them on ~ Saturday, 12/7.

We have 14 shut-ins.

ATTN: Bible Class Teachers~ Be sure to have your classes sign cards for our shut-ins & Please leave envelopes Blank



A Difference in the Memorial

We are seen by others as odd. Many will think, if not ask, “Why would you do that every week?” From the point of view of the religious world, the Lord’s church observes the Lord’s Supper to a point where that Memorial loses its luster and meaning. Let’s notice the meaning behind this very special Communion with our Lord. **(For a further study of the Lord’s**

Supper please consider: Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, 1 Corinthians 10:16-21, 11:23-29)

What is the Lord’s Supper? The Supper of the Lord is a memorial of the death of the Lamb of God for the purpose of redeeming mankind back to God. It has two parts. Both of these parts were instituted with the implements of the Passover Supper. With a proper understanding of the Passover, we see this Memorial of our Lord will not contain yeast. **(Exodus 12:20, Deuteronomy 16:4)**

When is the Lord’s Supper? We are commanded to partake of the Communion on the first day of the week. **(Acts 20:7)** So many will say,” When we take the Communion, we do take it on Sunday.” That is a true statement. However, what is missing is the fact that EVERY week has a FIRST day. In Acts 20, when the first day is mentioned, they took the Lord’s Supper. Do you suppose those Disciples took the Lord’s Supper the next Sunday too? Certainly they did! If we follow the Biblical pattern, we must also.

There is a great significance of the first day of the week. Take some time to notice a few of these: Jesus was resurrected on the first day- **Luke 24:1**, Jesus Appearance to the disciples was on the first day of the week- **John 20:26**, Christ ascended on the first day- **Acts 1:4**, the Holy Spirit fell on the Apostles on the first day of the week- **Acts 2:1-3**. As we recall these actions of God on the first day of the week, we can recognize the importance of this day for God.

There is, however, an idea that needs to be discussed. There are some things that the Lord’s Supper is not. This Memorial is not the “crowning jewel” of the service. It is not the most important action of worship. The Lord’s Supper is one of five acts of worship we all participate in as we offer our worship unto God. Without all five of these actions of worship, I have not worshipped God as He prescribed. **(John 2:24)** We must be careful not to exalt one action over any other action of worship. Every action of worship is as important as every other action.

As we worship God, may our partaking of the Lord’s Supper bring honor and glory to God and remind us how much of a sacrifice was made for us.

~Billy Hayes

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVERY TUESDAY

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST 6:30 am in MPB

LADIES’ VISITATION GROUP 11:30 am in MPB

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

THREADS OF COMPASSION 9:30 am Sewing teddy bears for sick children & pillows for cancer patients

TODAY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- ♦ LADIES’ “DIGGING DEEP” BIBLE STUDY•4:00 PM•MPB•Bring finger foods
- ♦ 1ST SUNDAY SINGING•5:00 PM•Auditorium

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- ♦ TEEN BIBLE STUDY•6:30-8:00 PM•MPB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- ♦ SENIOR GAME DAY•1-4:00 PM•MPB

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- ♦ TEEN GIFT EXCHANGE•6:30-8:00 PM•MPB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- ♦ TEENS SHUT-INS GIFT DRIVE•Van(s) leave MPB @ 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- ♦ COX FAMILY OPEN HOUSE•:2 -4:00 PM•@ 155 Deer View Circle Fellowship, holiday goodies, & take home gift
- ♦ JR. JAM!•3:30-5:30 PM•@ MPB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- ♦ BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK•II Corinthians•6:00 PM Pot-Luck Dinner•7:00 PM Bible Study with Carl Johnson•MPB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- ♦ LADIES’ HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WITH LISA COX•12:00 pm•155 Deer View Cir.•Sign-up in auditorium

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- ♦ LADIES’ HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WITH LISA COX•12:00 pm•155 Deer View Cir.•Sign-up in auditorium
- ♦ YOUTH & TEENS CAROLING FOR SENIORS•5:45-8:30 pm•Annex-110 Cracker Box Lane•Boys bring drinks & girls bring desserts
- ♦ SENIOR 50+ YULETIDE PARTY•6:00 PM•MPB•Sign-up in foyer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- ♦ JR. YOUTH & TEEN DEVO•7:05 PM•MPB•Roth & Bonde hosting•Girls bring desserts•Guys bring drinks



SENIOR’S ANNUAL 50+ YULETIDE PARTY “FUN, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th @ 6 pm in MPB

\$10 per person for your meal
NO GIFT EXCHANGE! ~ SIGN UP IN FOYER!

*Congratulations & Best Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Sean Rall!
Sean & Madison were married on November 29th.*

*70 West Church of Christ,
Thank you for the recent prayers, calls, texts, and cards from the
Sunday Night Visitation class.
Appreciated so much. ~Love, Pat Kissire*

PRAYER REQUESTS...

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Kaye Crossland & Family, her husband, **Richard Crossland** passed away on Sunday, November 24. There will not be a memorial service.

MEMBERS

Mike/Shirley Baka•Henry/Linda Cook
Cyndi/Bill Crow•Mary Davis•Anna Foster
Ola Freibolt•Alvena Jones•Paul Kuhn
Beau Landrum•Jane Needham•Karen Pate
Keith Powell•Clovis Reid•Lillie Mae Taylor
Wade Wisely

- ♦ Bernard, Heidi (Prayers for twin babies)
- ♦ Cormier, Carlton (Pneumonia)
- ♦ Lavin, Wes (Colon cancer surgery 11/21, home now)
- ♦ Mount, Lorene (Health)
- ♦ Solfisburg, Mae (Cardioversion 11/25)
- ♦ Winters, Rachel (Health)
- ♦ Wireman, Patricia (Tests)

MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

- * Gay, Rhett (AF) Tyndall AFB, Panama City, FL
- * Hayden, Austin (AF) McChord AFB, Tacoma, WA
- * Pianalto, Nick (Navy) Port of Hueneme, CA
- * Snyder, Tess (Homeland Sec./BPA)
- * Nogales, AZ
- * Spellings, Randy (Nat’l Guard) Kuwait

SHUT-INS

Geraldine Bledsoe•Phil Chase•Kaye Crossland
LaVonne Depew•Patsy Hust•Irene Hutzel
Melanie Jackson•Bill/Bo Malley•Joe Nickolson
Sharon Powell•Lorene Prescott
Jack & Vickey Smith•Lorraine Talley
Joyce Walker

FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

Dan Azbell•Darrell Cormier•Jimmy Denton
Gene Foster•Melanie Garner
Karen Henderson•Troy Keiss•Phyllis Madden
Sandy Pitman•Charlie Isom•John Raines
Vi Reams•Patti Shaw•Kevin Steed
Andrea Thompson•**Savanah Walters**
Janice Wilcox

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Lilly Assegaf•Brady Bean•Evalene Bright
Garrison Crane•Joe/Sunny Gaston
Paula Crippen•Paul Geuinn
Johnie “Verdell” Goins•Chuck/Linda Golden
Austin King•Jane Maynard•Beth McCollum
Lee Ratcliff•Mack Stephens•Judy Straut
Zac Sykora

- ♦ Barber, Randy, is now first on waiting list @Vanderbilt, Memphis, & Birmingham
- ♦ Campbell, Ava, 9 yrs old, Kidney surgery 11/20
- ♦ Crow, Jim (C.Crow’s BIL) Stroke
- ♦ Baby-Violet (K.Ward’s great-granddaughter) Heart surgery 11/26