



Faith Expressed Through Love...

What's this? Faith expressed through love? What a novel concept. I'm speaking facetiously, of course. It has really been stated plainly in the Bible, probably the most published book in history.

You see, no matter how many good deeds our lives may produce, if they don't hold the hands of love they amount to nothing. In fact, they sound to our hearts' nerves like an irritating, noisy clang; a clashing symbol. Does this sound familiar?

In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul writes God's powerful truth in verses 1-3. Then, he explains what real love looks like through the end of the chapter:

1. It's patient
2. Kind;
3. Isn't jealous;
4. Doesn't brag;
5. Isn't arrogant;
6. Isn't rude;
7. Doesn't insist on it's own way;
8. Isn't irritable or resentful;
9. Doesn't rejoice with wrongdoing, but, rejoices with the truth;
10. Bears, believes, hopes and endures all things.

To Paul, love is a doing word; it's a verb. It's so important that he says it is greater than faith and hope. In Galatians 5:6 he repeats this when he briefly writes, "What counts is faith expressed through love."

Hope you have a wonderful year full of faith, hope and love in Jesus! **Karen Jones, Admin. Asst.**

ASSOCIATIONAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

Thank you for joining hands with us as we spread the Gospel together.

1000 - Church Income	1/1/19 - 12/15/19
1001 - Antioch	4,637.48
1002 - Apple Springs	2,125.01
1003 - Austonio	1,233.83
1005 - Calvary Nogalus	4,305.95
1006 - Calvary Trinity	3,999.96
1007 - Carlisle	50.00
1008 - Central	5,208.61
1009 - Dorcas Will Memorial	5,913.10
1010 - Faith	875.85
1011 - Tabernacle	3,011.00
1012 - FBC Crockett	12,991.15
1013 - FBC Friday	300.00
1014 - FBC Glendale	625.00
1015 - FBC Grapeland	7,621.57
1016 - FBC Groveton	1,604.13
1017 - FBC Kennard	1,200.00
1018 - FBC Lovelady	3,178.76
1019 - Georgia Camp	275.00
1020 - Lake	459.00
1021 - Lakeway, Carlisle	2,273.80
1022 - Latexo	2,694.46
1023 - Mt. Vernon	100.00
1024 - Oak Grove	2,589.69
1025 - Oaklawn	3,300.00
1027 - Pearson Chapel	761.25
1028 - Pleasant Grove	431.16
1029 - Porter Springs	5,176.72
1030 - Primera Iglesia Bautista	150.00
1031 - Ratcliff	1,942.29
1032 - St. Lukes	550.00
1033 - San Pedro	600.00
1035 - Shady Grove	504.13
1036 - Shady Grove 1st	316.05
1037 - Trinity Pines	1,547.89
1038 - Weldon	1,300.00
1039 - West Side	736.28
1040 - Zion Hill	1,920.00
1041 - Primeria Iglesia Groveton	321.57
1042 - New Pleasant Grove	0.00
1043 - Iglesia Bautista Refugio	60.00
1044 - Truly God's Country Cowboy	300.00
1045 - Houston County Cowboy	2,770.55
1046 - Grapeland Baptist	3,046.44
1047 - Christ Chapel	400.00
1048 - Calvary, Crockett	602.00
Total 1000 - Church Income	94,009.68

PULPIT SUPPLY

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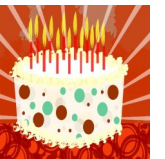
Churches & Pastors To Pray For

Jan 5-11—Antioch; Jordan Johnson
 Jan 12-18—Apple Springs; Mike Due
 Jan 19-25—Austonio; Paul Knight
 Jan 26-Feb 1—Calvary, Crockett; Reggie Gregory
 Feb 2-8—Calvary, Nogalus; James Whittlesey
 Feb 9-15—Calvary, Trinity; Dr. Randy Lowe
 Feb 16-22—Carlisle Baptist; Donnie Lawrence
 Feb 23-29—Central Baptist; John Goss



Pastors' & Wives' Birthdays

Jan 20—Jonathan Davidson
 Jan 27—Monette Vincent
 Feb 11—Kathy Allen
 Feb 15—Tammy Lee



Pastors' & Wives' Anniversaries

Jan 1—Will & Tracy Yates
 Jan 7—James & Mary Gunnels
 Feb 25—Charles & Kathy Allen
 Feb 25—Gary & Darlene Luker

May
 Ur Marriage be
 Blessed with love,
 joy & Companionship
 For all the Years of
 Your Lives!!!

Forever



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

VBS Training For 2020!!

Saturday, March 21
 Spring Baptist in Spring, Tx
 AND

Saturday, March 28th
 Friendly Baptist in Tyler, Texas

Register at sbtexas.com/vbs.

****WE REIMBURSE ALL NRBA CHURCHES WHO REGISTER & ACTUALLY ATTEND. ****

Just provide our office with the number who attend.

The Pine Torch

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Calendar of Events
 Jan 1-3: New Year Holidays; OFFICE CLOSED.
 Jan 14: 1st NRBA Mtg. of 2020
 Jan 23: discipleFIRST Forum @ FBC Crockett, Register 9:30am/Conf 10-2:30pm
 Feb 17: Presidents' Day. OFFICE CLOSED.
 Feb 24-25: SBTC Empower Evangelism Conference; Irving Convention Center
 Mar 1-8: Week Of Prayer, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 Mar 8: Daylight Savings Time; **SPRING FORWARD!**
 Mar 31: NRBA Evangelism Conference @ FBC Groveton: Meal @ 5pm/Worship 6-8:30

*Daylight Savings Time begins on ...
 Sunday, March 8th!!!*



DIRECTORS THOUGHTS....

For my article this month I want to highlight just 2 items: **Item #1:** I want to encourage every pastor to sign up for our **discipleFIRST Forum** that will be held at FBC Crockett, Tx on January 23, 2020. In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus said, **“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”** There is only one verb in this commission, “Make Disciples”. The other phrases, “Go, Baptize & Teach” are all participles which are best translated like this: “As you are going, as you are baptizing, and as you are teaching”. The command given by Jesus is, **“Make Disciples”**.

If you want to hear how FBC Colleyville is doing this and how they now have over 200 individuals trained and how these 200 are making disciples then come and hear Craig Etheridge share what God is doing in their church and how you can do this in your church. Listed below is info you need to know and the link you can use to register for the conference:

Type the following link below into your web browser to register:
<https://disciplefirst.com/events/?event=54>

DiscipleFIRST
 P O Box 758
 Colleyville, Tx 76034
 (817) 519-8201



How can you make disciples like Jesus in your church? Join us at our **discipleFIRST Forum & find out!**

Making Disciples Like Jesus: Explore His Plan, Equip Your People

This Forum is a 4 hour interactive experience, including lunch, where leaders will discover Jesus' process for making disciples and how that might look in their church.

Hear from Craig Etheridge, Lead Pastor of First Colleyville in the DFW area and author of "Bold Moves", about these topics:

- Discovering Jesus as the model for making disciples in your church.
- Examining Jesus' process for making disciples.
- Exploring the 4 Stages of a "Jesus Style" ministry.
- Raising up multiplying disciple-makers in your church.

The Featured Sponsors for the discipleFIRST Forum in Crockett, Texas are the Neches River Baptist Association-Bill Jones, and the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention Discipleship Ministries-Lance Crowell-Church Ministries Associate!

If you have any questions about how to register or about the Forum in general, please give me a call and I will share my journey in “Making Disciples”.

Item #2: Don't forget our January 14th NRBA Meeting at FBC Kennard. Meeting info is on the front of the Pine Torch. Also, please remember the SBTC Empower Evangelism Conference on February 24 – 25 at the Irving Convention Center and please add our very own Association Evangelism Conference which will be held on March 31 at FBC Groveton beginning with a meal at 5:00pm. The program begins at 6:00pm. There will be more about this in the March/April edition of the Pine Torch. So please, mark your calendar now and make plans to attend.

Awaiting the Shout,
 Bill Jones, DOM

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

First NRBA Meeting of 2020

**Tuesday, Jan 14, 2020
 FBC Kennard**

*Executive Board and Women2Women—5:30
 Fellowship Meal—6:15
 Associational Worship—7:00*



discipleFIRST FORUM

Thursday, January 23, FBC Crockett

Registration: 9:30 AM—10:00 AM
 Forum: 10:00 AM—2:30 PM (Including Lunch)

Overview of *Disciple Making*
 by Dr. Craig Etheridge, (Pastor of FBC Colleyville)
 Also, presenting will be Ben Borgman (on Craig's Staff).

COST INCLUDES LUNCH:
 Forum—\$30 SBTC church—\$15

****SBTC PICKS UP 1/2 COST FOR SBTC CHURCHES.**

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