Order of Worship

Song: #153 Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Announcements

Call to Worship

Song: #121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Song: #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Lord's Supper

Song: A Charge to Keep I Have

Offering

Offering Song: #83 God Is So Good

Song: #601 My God and I

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:9-11

Sermon "Exceeding Expectations" Song: #453 Love Lifted Me Response to Prayer Requests

Song: #875 Home of the Soul

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

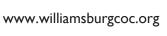
Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday Evening Sermon: "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "Paul's Missionary Journeys and Churches He Established" with Jerry Fields

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.



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For The Record

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Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Wed. Evening Bible Study Sunday Morning Bible Study 94 Wed. Morning Bible Study 10 Contribution Average 2024 N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.

Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m. Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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Philippians 1:9-11

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And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

"Is Your Heart Big Enough?"

So much of what it means to live for Jesus is summed up in the word love. Among other things, love is an essential ingredient in the recipe for unity among believers. The body of Christ builds itself up "in love" (Ephesians 4:16). Love is "the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:14). The love which binds us together is more than mere feeling or sentiment. It is a powerful force which inspires us to behave in specific ways (cp. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8). Because love "does not rejoice in iniquity", one thing it compels us to do is to correct the errors of those whom we love. Galatians 6:1-2 commands, "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

In Galatians we are shown that "the law of Christ" is a law rooted in love. Paul asserts that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything "but faith working through love" (5:6). "Through love" we "serve one another" (5:13). "All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (5:14). And, "the fruit of the Spirit is love…" (5:22). The point is that the law of Christ is a law of love and we fulfill it by bearing one another's burdens, including helping one another overcome sin.

Paul exemplified this spirit of love in his dealings with the Corinthians. In his first letter to them, he severely rebuked the Corinthians for their errors. In his second letter, he explained that "out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you" (2 Corinthians 2:4). He spoke so openly to them because his heart was "enlarged" (2 Corinthians 6:11). His heart was swelling with love for the Corinthians, and he could not bear to see them lose their souls.

More than anything else, we need hearts enlarged with such love — love that refuses to sit idly by and watch as brothers and sisters in Christ are overcome with sin. "And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins" (I Peter 4:8). It should be noted that this passage does not say that love covers sins by ignoring them. Love "covers a multitude of sins" by encouraging the sinner to repent, and by readily forgiving him when he does. "Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:20). Is your heart big enough to restore your fallen brother or sister?

- Steve Klein

Church Family New

Craft Day—Please bring your lunch and a crafting project at noon, on Monday, February 12th, and meet in the fellowship room for crafting, fun, and fellowship. See Pat Little for more information.

Reading Assistant Program (RAP)—If you know of any child who could benefit from reading help, please give their parents one of our flyers (in the lobby) or see Beth Broxton. Every Wednesday at the church (come in the back door) 4-6 pm. Please register prior to coming so we can staff appropriately.

Men's Bible Study—There will be a Men's Bible Study on Friday, February 16th, at 6 pm at the home of Jim Bishop.

Saturday Ladies' Class—A bi-weekly Ladies' Class will meet in the fellowship room beginning Saturday, Feb. 17th at 10 am. Contact Sabrina Logan for more info.

Ladies' Devotional—There will be a Ladies' Devotional at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 20th Betty Benson's. Please see Tes Martin for more information.

Neighborhood Evangelism—Help us reach the surrounding neighborhoods on Saturday, February 24th at 11:30 am. All are invited to meet at the building and join this effort. See Chris Gary for more info.

Friendly Safety Reminder—For safety purposes, the exterior doors to the building are locked during services. If you leave the building after communion. Please let someone know so you can gain re-entry. Also, please encourage your child not to leave the building attended during Bible classes. Contact the safety committee for more information.

Happy Birthday

Betina Hundley 2/1, Ken Moran 2/2, Frank Logan 2/9, Jerry Howell 2/10, Levi Abbott 2/14, Matthew Lech 2/15, Howard Moffitt 2/18, Brittany Collins 2/19, Chris Gary 2/21, Anthony Ricks 2/22, Teresa Moran 2/25

Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Cathy Bishop 2/3, Kevin & Monica Pitre 2/9, Gordon & Betty Owlsey 2/16, Jim & Karen Kinder 2/22

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Connie Williamson - rotator cuff surgery 2/21 M.C. Bailey –recovering Catalina Laverde - finances Amy Girimont - liver transplant Anthony Ricks - undergoing treatment Ken Moran - health K.P. Pressey - colon cancer

Long Term Concerns:

Levi Abbott - health The Boisseau Family - health M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health Lena Stone - health Margaret Rose - health Taylor Myers - health issues Regina Clark - MS India Johnson - health Cheryl Brown - health Abbott Family Shut-ins Regina Clark Adassa Duncan

Family & Friends:

Ternon Lee's brother, Proctor - health Connie Broady's cousin, Rex Stetler health The Landrom's friend. Sharon Mackert - breast cancer Eddie Logan's mother, loyce - health Beverly Banks - health Cara Patrick's brother, Celsus Patrick Vanita Baugn - emergency surgery Jack Reese (Retired Preacher) - cancer Kay Himes' nephew, Carl Vandivier hospice care and her sister, Francis strength & health, friends, Sigrid Polson-**Randolph** – health Peggy Boarman's son-in-law, Jim **Bristow** - current situation