

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

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LIFE BRINGS CHANGES

The holy Bible says, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:11-12). Solomon wrote, "Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:5-7).

Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt but was not able to lead them into the Promised Land. He wrote, "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee" (Deuteronomy 32:7). The Bible records, "And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deuteronomy 34:7).

How do we deal with life's changes?

1. Always serve God. We will face him in the judgment (2 Corinthians 5:10).
2. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
3. Be grateful (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
3. Find humor (Proverbs 17:22).

Yes, life brings changes.

Larry

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Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am,
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

FROM THE



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Theme: With All My Heart

Matthew 22:37-39 (KJV)

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Sunday, as always, was a wonderful day to worship and we thank our men who participated.

"In Love"

Among many other objectives in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he wanted to make sure they were conscious of being in love. No, not the feeling we experience with grade school crushes or the energy we have for Hawaiian pizza. Rather, Paul was mindful of the "in love" that comes from God and the spiritual connections that come from it. In 6 different verses we encounter *ev agann* translated to "in love."

1. God adopts His children in love (1:4,5) — We were not adopted as His children ought of pity. God knew we would need to be saved from our own mistakes, so He set a plan in motion. Paul says this took place "before the foundation of the world." God knew Eden would be defiled and we would be detached, but through His love we inherited an eternal kinship.
2. God's children are established in love (3:17) — Paul explains that by being "rooted" and grounded in love, we can work together to know the love of Christ; something that surpasses man's mind! The clause of this is found in 3:18, "that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God." Daily, we must ask the question "how much of God do I want in my life?" It is by being found in this love that we are filled with God.
3. God's children deal with each other in love (4:2) — Families have issues and can often be divisive. We are all separate entities trying to resolve ourselves to one body. By being "in love" we can tolerate, endure, and bear with one another. We do this to maintain unity in the Spirit (4:3). If divisions and factions win, it's a clear indicator that one or both parties were far from love.
4. God's children speak truth in love (4:15) — We have done a fair job of addressing the inclusion of love when we talk with others. But let's not forget the prior verse to 15: "that we may not be tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrines." We need to hold on to the truth given by God, not man, and talk about it with others in love. Doing so, we grow in Christ.
5. God's children build up in love (4:16) — the apostle explains, "when everything is working properly" we are able to achieve progression as a church (and family). Consider everything else up to this point and what Paul is hammering to the readers. If we want to be a functional family, we must be found "in love" with God and each other.

God's children walk in love (5:2) — Paul unpacks the example of Jesus to drive this point home. He says, we are to *walk* in love "as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us." The Christian walk is not called a "Christian sit," "Christian watch," "Christian convenience." It's a walk and a way of life. Look at 5:1 for the affirmation of this command, "be imitators of God." When we walk in love, we follow the footsteps of Christ.

Tyler King

Remember in Prayer

Charles Shipp continued health issues.
James & Eunice Carter for their health.
Mitchell Rutherford in his missionary efforts.
Jean Cribb health issues.
Steve Hammond health issues.
Amparo & Jerry Marks while Amparo is in Colombia visiting with her family.
Oliver Brock, premature baby of Phillip & Brooke Brock, needs our prayers for his continued development and health. Grandparents are Jamie & Melissa Brock.
Samantha Circello home from the hospital but still needing prayers for her health.
Dajeane Jones, Juanita's grandson, who has been in the hospital.

Responded for Prayer

Zondra Harris asking our prayers for her mother, **Velma Clay** who is having panic attacks. **Caleb Harris** who is not feeling well and **Zondra & Caleb's** safe trip to Orlando this Tuesday through Saturday.

Ongoing Prayer....

Ricky Turner, Zach Henderson, Martha Hay, Dajeane Jones, Makayla Delgado, Imogene Berkenmeyer, Mary Austin, Samantha Circello, Michelle Pruitt, Helen Meadows, Carol Womack, Vickie Burnett, Dan Winkler, Jayden Waters, Steve Higginbotham, Brenda Jordan, Lenora Phillips, Michael Turner, Tish Clark, Ronnie Turner, Steven Lynn, Jessica Morris, Beatrice Dove, Alwilda Merritt, Jimmie Redden, Tim Henderson, Sheila Reid, Ross Sweat

Privileged to Serve March 24, 2024

AM-PM Speaker-Larry Acuff

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Song Leader AM - Michael Lovelady
Song Leader PM - Stephen Elliott
Opening Prayer AM - Stephen Elliott
Opening Prayer PM - Gage Daniel
Scripture Reading AM-Judges 20:38-48
Scripture Reading PM-Judges 21:1-12
Lord's Supper-Michael Edogame
Closing Prayer AM - Tony Donaldson
Closing Prayer PM-Zach Henderson

Baptism Assistance

Ownbey/Thomas

Wednesday Speaker

Jerry Thomas

IN THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Worship.....	69
Sunday Bible Study.....	60
Sunday Evening Worship.....	41
Wednesday Night Service.....	57

CONTRIBUTION

March 17th Contribution.....	\$6,035.00
Budget.....	\$7,000.00

"10,000 WAYS TO SAY I LOVE YOU" by Gregory J.P. Godek

I have the above book in my library. Here are a few suggestions he has:

Change one bad habit.

Keep mistletoe hung in your home year-round!

Go "above and beyond" for your partner.

Fellows here is a good one: Hide a pair of earrings in a box of chocolates.

Never, never, never wallpaper together.

Remember your anniversary.



HERE IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT LOVE

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee" (Jeremiah 31:3).

LITHIA SPRINGS YOUTH PAGE

Aaron Ownbey

Lads to Leaders is March 29-31st. Please turn your art work in by March 24th, and which song you plan on singing at convention so we can make copies.

March 23rd will be our day at the park/ Easter egg hunt at Camp Inagehi. We will start at 11:30. Please sign up so we know how many to prepare for, as well as sign up to bring food. If you would like to contribute candy, money, or pre-filled eggs please see Lindsay or I.

Please keep studying Romans with your kids. We only have a few more days till convention.

Watch The Fountain of Life every Saturday at 7:00 am on channel 57.

Also set your DVR and record it if you cannot view the program.

Dates to Remember

March 17-20th – Gospel Meeting at Villa Rica with Ben Bailey

March 17-20th – Gospel Meeting at Carrollton Church of Christ, David Powell, speaker

March 29-31st – Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes Convention

March 31 – April 4th – MSOP Lectureship

Sunday Night for the Master meets every Sunday night following the evening worship service. Come join us.

Please check the bulletin board in the Information Center for more details of activities.

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