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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Belshazzar (Daniel 5:1–9)
2. Zedekiah (2 Kings 25:1–7)
3. Joshua (12:9–24)
4. Jabin (Judges 4:2–3)
5. Abimelech (Judges 9:6)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Gobi Warner
Announcements: Eddie Bowen
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco
Opening Prayer: John Van Baale
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson
Luke 13:22–35
Song Leader: Kevin Buckner
Table Talk: Josh Emerson
Contribution: Billy Scherry
Helper: Aaron Emerson
Fruit of Vine: John Franks
Helper: Lester Mabry
Closing Prayer: Billy Lovell

Sunday Afternoons

Oct 26 3PM Classroom Quarter Change
Nov 2 Nothing
Nov 9 3PM Special Study: Loving Like God
Nov 16 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Josh Emerson
Speaker: Kevin Buckner



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Lessons From Proverbs (#4)

“Better is a dish of vegetables where love is, than a fattened ox and hatred with it”
Proverbs 15:17

What’s wrong with marriages in our country? Why are so many people so unhappy they divorce? Even in the church divorce can be named and it ought not be this way! Many are the newly married couples who do not remain happy because they refuse to work at this marriage. They choose to live in contention with each other. Solomon says it’s better to be poor and have love, than to be right with hatred. I think many people in our country have chosen wealth over a good marriage only to later find out wealth won’t buy love.

Peace in the marriage (or the home) is a luxury the wealthy cannot afford because it can’t be purchased with money, it can only be the result of given love. “Better is a dry morsel and quietness with it than a house full of feasting with strife” (Prov. 17:1). There’s a lot to be said for quietness, but I believe the passage is speaking of peace. The value of peace is above all wealth. If you have the ability to gain wealth, but it comes at the expense of peace in a marriage relationship - it’s not worth it. Solomon says BETTER to eat dried food with love than a feast without love. Peace requires effort, love, and forgiveness.

“It is better to live in a corner of a roof, than in a house shared with a contentious woman” (Prov. 21:9), and “It is better to live in a desert land, than with a contentious and vexing woman” (Prov. 21:19). There are times when our spouse may just become a very contentious person, but more often than not the feeling is mutual. The couple exchanges words and allows an argument to blossom into something more, so that they seem to live at each other’s throat for days. Every word seems to fly off the tongue with sparks designed to inflame their spouse. Who would want to live in that environment? Better to live in a corner of the roof or in a desert! What a horrible picture of a home-life.

Obviously Solomon is teaching it is best for us to avoid such a situation at all costs! Love will not allow contentions to arise in our own heart and love will work to prevent them from coming up in our spouse's heart. When both the husband a wife have made a commitment to stay together ;till death do they part' it is foolishness to allow contentions to arise. Problems need to be settled quickly and efficiently. *“Do not let the sun go down on your anger”* (Eph. 4:26). The godly couple ius the couple that goes to bed late after resolving the problems rather than sleeping well one night to only struggle in relationship for days to come.

A loving relationship is to exist in the marriage, and can exist if both people will determine to make it work and then get to work! *“Rejoice in the wife of your youth”* (Prov. 5:18) and *“Be exhilarated (intoxicated) always with her love”* (Prov. 5:19). There is nothing more pleasant to see than an elderly couple who is truly in love. Couple who obviously have a great respect, appreciation and trust in one another. Love is not merely physical, and the sooner couple realize this the better! The higher ideals of biblical love must be groomed early in the relationship because they are the better part of marriage and will more than sustain us when we grow older. If these things are taking place, no one will be looking at others. Divorce will never enter the thinking of the couple who is in love. I heard a preacher say it this way: Married couples need to fall in love again at least once a year!

“An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones” (Prov. 12:4). The opposite is also true of the husband. When the couple marries they become one flesh, complementing and completing each other. This is what God intended from the beginning. Let us all labor to be the excellent wife or excellent husband who is the crown of our spouse. Let us labor to remove and prevent contentions. Let us dwell together in love as God expects.

Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Rulers

1. What king hosted a banquet when a phantom hand left a message on the wall?
2. Who was the last king of Judah?
3. What military man captured 31 kings?
4. What Cannanite king (from the time of the judges) was said to have 900 iron chariots?
5. What son of Gideon was proclaimed king in Shechem?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



You Are Preaching

There isn't a word that a preacher can say,
No matter how lovely or true,
Nor is there a preacher that his eager lips pray
That can preach such a sermon as you.

You say you're "no preacher"; "yes, but you preach
A wonderful sermon each day;
The acts of your life are the things that you teach,
It isn't the things that you say.

If Christians were Christians, as they profess,
Men would notice their glorified mien,
And say, "What wondrous thing they possess
Who follow the meek Nazarene!"

O Christians, remember you bear His dear name,
Your lives are for others to view.
You are living epistles, men praise you or blame,
And measure all Christians by you.

by Florence Belle Anderson

Two thoughts...

Our friends who are not Christians may never have another friend who is a Christian. If we don't share the gospel with them they may never have another opportunity to hear the truth!
(Charles Willis)

May God grant me the courage to say what needs to be said;
the love of heart to say it kindly; the constancy to say it as long
as it needs to be said; and the wisdom to know when I have said enough.
(Dee Bowman)