

Jesus calls us to love one another. Even ones who are unlovely. Jesus loved the unloved and unlovely. Love others as God loves us.



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Prayer Support Groups

Monthly Prayer Support
Monday Night
February 1st
Prayer and Praise

River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
Room #4
Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday
at On Wings Office
from 12:30 - 2:00
We are studying
What Matters Most
Led by Kay Eyler
Come join us for
fellowship and learning

Join us at the office for a
TEA PARTY
February 20th @ 11am
Please RSVP
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Love Check-Up

**"Now these three things remain: faith, hope, and love.
But the greatest of these is love"
1 Corinthians 13:13**

Since this is the month we focus on the word 'Love', let us talk about its meaning a bit. On Wings recently had designed and printed shirts with, "I Choose Love" on the front and John 3:16 fully displayed on the back. After all that verse says more than we could ever express about God's perfect love. He sacrificed His only Son for us so that we could have eternal life. If our world needs anything it needs the message of His love, but we each have a choice. What will you choose to display, love, or hate?

We have now named our outreach in the community "I Choose Love" and we are wearing our shirts that speak volumes to anyone who reads them. We are not only wearing the shirt, but we are choosing to demonstrate it by loving on the people with basic supplies that they would not normally have available. We are developing relationships that will allow us to share the Gospel of His love for all people.

I ran across the following from Sylvia Gunter's little Prayer Booklet for the Family. In those pages is a Love Check-Up and I thought we might take the time to review it:

Lord, make 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 live in me!

- ♥ Love endures long and is slow to lose patience.
- ♥ Love is kind.
- ♥ Love does not envy and is not jealous.
- ♥ Love does not boast and is not anxious to impress.
- ♥ Love is not proud or arrogant.
- ♥ Love has good manners and is not rude.
- ♥ Love does not gratify self nor insist on its own way.
- ♥ Love is not touchy or easily angered.
- ♥ Love keeps no record of wrongs.
- ♥ Love never delights in evil.
- ♥ Love rejoices with the truth.
- ♥ Love has no limit to its endurance.
- ♥ Love always trusts and is ready to believe the best.
- ♥ Love never loses hope.
- ♥ Love always perseveres and can outlast anything.
- ♥ Love never fails nor comes to an end.

Are you loving your family as Jesus does? If not, confess it as sin, repent, and receive God's forgiveness and grace (1 John 1:9) The Father's love is our source (1 John 3:1). Jesus is our model (John 15:13). The Holy Spirit makes it real (Romans 5:5).

On the back page in the Heart is the passage from Matthew 5:44, "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". It is harder to pray for our enemies than it is for the ones we love but God commands us to. Loving unconditionally is hard when someone says and does all manner of things against you, but Jesus is our model and we must choose to obey.

May God bless and Keep you all,

 ~ Sandra



Enduring Prayers

May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the
evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

“Prayers are deathless.” These are the attention-grabbing words of E. M. Bounds (1835-1913), whose classic writings on prayer have inspired people for generations. His comments about the power and enduring nature of our prayers continue with these words: “The lips that uttered them may be closed to death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God’s heart is set on them and prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; they outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.”

Have you ever wondered if your prayers—particularly those birthed out of difficulty, pain, and suffering—ever make it to God? The insightful words from Bounds remind us of the significance of our prayers and so does Revelation 8:1-5. The setting is heaven (v. 1), the throne room of God and the control center of the universe. Angelic attendants stand in God’s presence (v. 2) and one angel, like the priests of old, offers Him incense along with the prayers of “all God’s people” (v. 3). How eye-opening and encouraging to have this picture of the prayers offered on earth rising to God in heaven (v. 4). When we think that our prayers may have been lost in transit or forgotten, what we see here comforts us and compels us to persist in our praying, for our prayers are precious to God!

by Arthur Jackson

Taken from Our Daily Bread



Prayer Thoughts

A PRAYER FOR WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE UP

Father,

I want to be relentless in prayer. I don’t want to give up. I want to ask and keep asking. I want to seek and keep seeking. I want to knock and keep knocking. Sometimes I lose heart. Sometimes I lose hope. But I want to be the kind of person who prays through to an answer. Holy Spirit, keep me standing strong. For Jesus’s sake, amen.

Scripture: Acts 2:21; Romans 8:26–27; Matthew 14:30

Taken from Praying Women
by Sheila Walsh

Jesus

said

You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?

Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect



But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. Luke 6:27-28