

For God so loved the world that
He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
shall not perish but have
eternal life
John 3:16



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Prayer Support Groups

Prayer Support Meeting
Monday, February 6th
6:30 pm

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 will begin a new study
Tuesday January 10th
Isaiah - Striving Less and
Trusting God More
by Melissa Spoelstra



What Is Love ...1 Corinthians 13

Many refer to February as the love month. As our final board meeting approached in 2022, I felt drawn to review 1 Corinthians 13 and read it frequently. As a result, I had our newsletter editor design the Scriptures so I could frame it for our Board members. I found the perfect frame and presented it to them for Christmas. The passage mirrors the word "Mercy" which is my word for 2023.

Love is:

- ♥ Patient and Kind
- ♥ Never jealous or envious
- ♥ Never boastful or proud
- ♥ Never selfish, never haughty, or rude
- ♥ Does not demand its own way
- ♥ Not irritable or touchy
- ♥ Doesn't hold grudges
- ♥ Doesn't notice when others do it wrong
- ♥ Never glad about injustice, but rejoices in truth
- ♥ Loyal, even if it costs
- ♥ Everlasting

As you review these characteristics of love examine yourself and see if your life exhibits love to others. I am making it a practice to read this passage frequently to remind myself of what love is and what it is not.

When I ponder God's love for me in its perfection, I am amazed at love's power to not only change me but to change the way I demonstrate His love through me to others. Oftentimes, I fall short but it's always my hearts' desire to choose love over judgement. I believe it's a work in progress for us all as we seek to follow the example Jesus gives us. We are not only to love the lovable but to love our enemies. Without the love of Jesus in our hearts, I believe that's almost impossible.

We must come to a point that we recognize our own unworthiness yet realize that Christ's love and mercy is not based on *our* worthiness. He gave His life to make us worthy and to provide life eternal with Him. What a sacrifice of His rights as King of Kings to come down and give His life because He first loved us. Jesus' only requirement is that we love Him with all our hearts and then offer that love to our fellow man.

Maybe take a personal inventory of your life regarding ways you show love to others. Be intentional to show love to those you meet along the way. It may be a smile, a kind word or gesture, a gift, or a hug. It may be a prayer offered up on their behalf or a blessing spoken over them. Or it may be a note of thanks or appreciation for their part in your life. Find new ways to express God's love for others each day, just as He expresses His love for you through countless acts of favor He bestows on you.

Sandra



Prayer Thoughts

LEGACY OF FAITH

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice.
2 Timothy 1:5

In 2019, research exploring the spiritual heritage of believers in Jesus in the United States revealed that mothers and grandmothers have a significant influence on spiritual development. Nearly two-thirds of people who claim a legacy of faith credited their mother, and one-third acknowledged that a grandparent (usually a grandmother) also played a significant role.

The report's editor remarked, "Over and over, this study speaks to the enduring impact of mothers in . . . spiritual development." It's an impact we also discover in Scripture.

In Paul's letter to his protegee Timothy, he acknowledged that Timothy's faith was modeled to him by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5). It's a delightful personal detail highlighting the impact of two women on one of the leaders of the early church. Their influence can also be seen in Paul's encouragement to Timothy: "continue in what you have learned [because] from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures" (3:14-15).

A strong spiritual heritage is a precious gift. But even if our upbringing lacked the kind of positive influences that helped form Timothy's faith, there are likely others in our life who've had a profound impact in helping to shape our spiritual development. Most important, we all have the opportunity to model sincere faith to those around us and leave a lasting legacy.

Taken from Our Daily Bread

SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Tea Party
February 11, 2023
at 11:00 AM

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
in the Chambers Room
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

RSVP by February 3rd
336-829-5060 or text
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Awake My Soul

In January, the Tuesday Bible study began a study of Isaiah.



What an exciting book! It introduces the section of the Scriptures known as The Prophets.

Prophets were called to shake us out of our ordinary lifestyles, the comfortable and the

familiar, to move us to a place where we are aware of the sovereign presence of God in our everyday lives. We are quick to separate our lives into sacred and secular, Sunday and the rest of the week. We "allow" God to be in charge of Sundays, while we seek to maintain control of the other six days. Prophets called God's people to the knowledge that everything and every day belong to God. He – and only He - is in control. He has much to say about how we live every aspect of life. He is holy and we are called to be holy (set apart), too. God through Isaiah calls us to "wake up", to step into full life with Jesus, to stop living as outsiders since He calls us to live in Christ.

In the bleakness of February I look out my window at leafless trees, colorless bushes, empty flower pots. It's a dreary time of year. I so look forward to the coming month, when the Creator says to nature, "wake up", return to the glory and splendor that God created you to be. Bloom, grow leaves, be colorful, show life, reflect His glory!

God, through His prophet Isaiah and the rest of Scripture, also tells us to awake! Oh, "awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity". He is the Lord of life, the Lord of love and the Lord of years. These verses from the hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ends with, "All hail, Redeemer hail! Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity".

Today, let my lips exclaim God's praises. May His goodness awaken the sleeping, tired portions of my soul. May I totally embrace the goodness of the Lord and all He has for me.

Awake, my soul!

Awake, lute and harp!

I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples. For great is Your love, reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.

Psalm 57:8-11