Those to Serve

- (B) Calvin Burks
- (FV) Kevin Grant
- (O) Keith Stifflemire
- (A) Jorge Garza

1st prayer Jack Wall

2nd prayer Doug Pruett

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire

Singing: Mike Mallett



April 1st
Calvin & Tammy Burks
April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall



Kol Stapp March 12nd
Dennis Sheldon March 30th
Doug Pruett April 1st
Steve Sugg April 6th
Emma Lee Burks April 28th
Connie Mallett April 30th

Psalm 107:1

Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Prayer List:

Willis Hughes
Letha Sheldon

Ruby Jones

Loyd Crownover

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

March 19th

Spring Begins

March 29th

Noon Fellowship

April 5th

Mission Fund

April 12th

Easter Sunday

Quotes & Sayings

- The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet. James Openheim
- Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties. Helen Keller
- Hard Times Are Like a
 Washing Machine, They
 Twist, Turn and Knock Us
 Around, But In The End we
 Come Out Cleaner,
 Brighter and Better Than
 Before Anonymous

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Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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A Relative?

By Larry Pasley

A husband and his wife were riding along together in a car. They had been quarreling and hadn't spoken for a long time. Finally, they passed a mule in a pasture. The man pointed to the mule and asked his wife, "A relative of yours?" Without a moment's hesitation, she responded, "Yes, by marriage."



It is inevitable in relationships that we have conflict. If we are not careful, we allow our negative feelings to cause that conflict to escalate into a downward spiral and we say things which are very harmful to the person we should love most in this world.

Can you imagine Christ and His church carrying on a conversation like that above?

The apostle Paul tells husbands in Ephesians 5:25-28, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself."

He then concluded the section by admonishing the wives to respect their husbands. - Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Paul told the Roman Christians in Romans 13:10, "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

Guess what your husband or your wife is your neighbor. Every command that we have on how to treat our fellow man or fellow Christian, also applies to how we treat our mate also.

Sometimes we find ourselves treating our mate in ways that we would never treat a stranger on the street. How sad that is.

We are one flesh. We have a relationship in marriage like no other on earth. That's why Paul said, "He who loves his wife, loves himself." Eph. 5:28. He implies that, "She who respects her husband respects herself." We are one flesh. When we harm (physically or emotionally) our mate, we are harming our self.

The husband/wife relationship should be a place of peace and comfort, a place where we can come together and renew and recharge from the ravages of life.

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Living joyfully with our wife is God's gift to us, but it's up to us to keep it joyful. Ecclesiastes 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

Someone said marriages may be made in heaven but the maintenance work is done here on earth.

May we strive to make our marriage what God intended for it to be.

A Letter From Christopher Columbus

The following is included in a letter written by Christopher Columbus to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, as quoted in "The Founders' Bible," explaining his motivation in seeking a new sea-route to the East Indies —

"If those who heard about my enterprise rejected it with laughter, scoffing at me... Who doubts that this illumination was from the Holy Spirit? I attest that He, with marvelous rays of light, consoled me through the Holy and Sacred Scriptures—a strong and clear testimony, with forty-four books of the Old Testament, and four Gospels, with twenty-three Epistles of those blessed Apostles encouraging me to proceed. (Bibles in that age included the intertestamental books of the Apocrypha) ... No one should be afraid to take on any enterprise in the name of our Savior if it is right and if the purpose is purely for His holy service.... I stated above that some of the prophecies remained yet to be fulfilled, and I say that they are great things in the world. And I say that the sign which convinces me that our Lord is hastening the end of the world is the preaching of the Gospel recently in so many lands."

While Columbus was not correct in his assumption that the end of the world would occur soon, he was correct in believing that the preaching of the Gospel would spread to many lands. Freed from the spiritual bondage of state-churches, in the "new world" emphasis was placed upon Scripture as the guide, not denominational creeds. People were free to search the word of God themselves without clerical dogmatism. I am convinced that the hand of God was providentially guiding him, as well as those who would follow, in founding a nation where freedom reigned, a nation that could, more than any other nation, be identified as a "Christian nation."

From our nation has gone forth the word of God throughout the world, spreading the Good News of Christ, anticipating the time when Christ will indeed return. Second only to the church of our Lord, the United States has been "a city set on a hill," to be a beacon to the world. Pray that this freedom to fully share the message of redemption-in-Christ both locally and worldwide will continue, and that hearts may be opened before the Day of the Lord arrives.

By Ron Bartanen