

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members

Rhyan Beverly: chronic health problems

Julie Blades: cancer

Kerry Burton: cancer

Joanne Crawford: Wellington PARC

William Drake: Hillside Center

Mike Griffith: heart problems

Harold Jarvis: chronic back pain

Kevin Kline: LHON

Tracy Kline: chronic kidney disease

Janice Lee: chronic health problems

Charlotte McElvain: Ridgewood Terrace

Joyce Potts: Meniere's Disease

Scott Settle: heart problems

Louise Smith: chronic health problems

Kim Wiles: heart & kidney problems

Family & Friends

Cancer: Debbie Baker, Billy Banks, Lisa Brewer, Jim Combs, Danny Edmonds, April Ehrlich, Christine Estrada, Brandon Hall, Dave Hammer, Steve Higginbotham, Jady Hill, Missy Jones, Geoffrey Kline, June Morris, Shelly Patterson, Dean Stokes, Sandy Treadway, Lois VanWinkle, Dan Winkler

Heart Disease: Kay Clark, Regina Davis, Bruce Gower, Annette Miller, Archie Morris, Susan Scott, Rosemary Starks

Nursing Care: Rita Chappell, Patsy Davis, Anna Lee Hampton, Emerson & Mary Frances Hartford, Bonnie Wiles

Other Health Problems: Dennis Aubrey, Don Blackwell, Adam Boldon, Samuel Cox, Keith Elkins, Daniel Groves, Britney Harrison, Maria Johnson, Crystal Jones, Debra Key, Inez Loyola, Richard Metcalfe, Natasha Moore, Justin Nesselroad, Ray Nix, Kelly Oldham, Presley Pearce, Renee Perry, Brittney Payton, Sherry Phillips, Mary Robertson, Jason Rollins, Grayson Shofner, Steve Slaton

In the Military

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

For the week of April 11, 2021

Bible Study N/A

Morning Worship 67

Evening Worship 37

Contribution \$3989.00

Budget \$3025.00

Wednesday Bible Study 45

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: What's the One Thing You Must Do...?

Matthew 7:21-23

PM: Prayer to God in Time of Trouble

Psalms 43:1-5

OUR ELDERS:

- **Dennis Brasher** (270) 825-1661 or (270) 871-2170
- **Terry Moore** (270) 871-7111

OUR DEACONS:

- **Steve Curtis** - *Visitation*
- **Mike Griffith** - *Benevolence*
- **Deyone Miller** - *Worship*
- **Dave Sprague** - *Building & Grounds*
- **Byron VanWinkle** - *Technology*

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ABIGAIL, THE FAITHFUL WIFE

By Donald Z. Underwood

We read, in First Samuel 25:36 through 42, “*And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light, but it came to pass in the morning light. But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. And it came to pass about ten days after, that the Lord smote Nabal, that he died. And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the Lord, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the Lord hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. And Abigail hastened, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her, and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.*” Abigail means, “my father is joy.” Certainly, Abigail was a joy to our Heavenly Father, and we all should be a joy to God.

Abigail was faithful and faithfulness is the act of being true to your conviction and promise to God. It is inclusive of the ability to follow through on commitments with dedication and Abigail was dedicated to Nabal. In Hebrews 11:6, we read of the reward for faithfulness, “*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*” God will reward the faithfulness of those who serve Him. He shall not fail to justly reward the actions of those who do His work on Earth.

Opportunities to Study and Worship:

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. / **Sunday Morning Worship**: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m. / **Wednesday Bible Study**: 7:00 p.m.

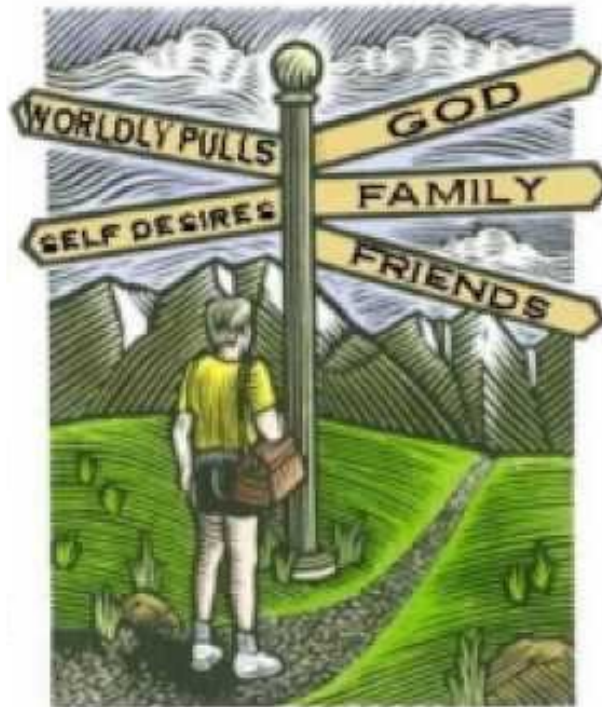
Listen to “What Does the Bible Say?” Sundays @ 8:30 a.m. on WFMW (AM 730)

Abigail was a faithful wife to her husband Nabal, sadly he was a foolish man and husband. Not only was he foolish, but the Scriptures reveal his drunken state in First Samuel 25:36; for he had hosted an intoxicating and materialistic feast, like that of a king in his own home. The atmosphere he would lead to his own death and open the door for Abigail's marriage to David.

Abigail was the faithful wife of Nabal until his untimely death which released her from Nabal. In Romans 7:2, we read, "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the aw of her husband." Her faithfulness in marriage came from her understanding and knowing the truth. In First Samuel 25:3, we read of Abigail's understanding and reasoning concerning the Word of God, "Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb." She knew and loved the truth and she allowed it to be the ruling influence in her life. She had a good understanding of truth and so should we.

As long as Nabal lived, Abigail was faithful to him. She did not grumble about her husband to other people, although she might have had good reason to do so. There was never any threat from Abigail to run off with another man, because her faithfulness and dedication to God in her marriage to Nabal was so very strong. Unfortunately, in today's world, too many husbands and wives seek the affection of other people, if they are not happy with the current state of their marriage. They do this, knowing that it is morally and Biblically wrong for them to do so. Too many in the modern age have no regard for any kind of moral authority. They want what they want, and they will do or say anything to justify their actions to society and to themselves. It is bringing about the ruin of our nation.

Abigail is a good example to us, because of how God supported her and her household. Even though she was married to a morally reprehensible man, she was a morally upright woman, and God rewarded her for her faithfulness. Abigail was a woman who was filled with the blessings of God. She shows us how even just one righteous person can make all the difference in a family. Abigail served the Lord faithfully in every aspect of her life—including her marriage to Nabal. She remains, to this very day, a shining example to all who would serve the Lord faithfully. Faithfulness takes precedence even over our own personal happiness. It is true, that in order to serve the Lord faithfully, we may have to deny ourselves some happiness on Earth, but that's okay—because we shall have all eternity to be happy in Heaven!



YOUTH NEWS

- *BibleQuest 2021* is scheduled for Saturday, July 31. Questions will come from the New King James Version of Psalms 1 - 50. **Russell Kline** has begun a YouTube channel for BibleQuest, where he will post videos, which will also be available on the BibleQuest Facebook page. New videos will be posted every week.



GOOD WORKS IN PROGRESS

- ◆ The elders are asking everyone who attends worship services and Bible studies at the church building to wear a facemask and to observe social distancing protocols. Please do not come to church, if you have a fever, or are experiencing any other symptoms of illness. If we all will observe these simple rules, we can help to keep each other safe during this perilous time of pandemic.
- ◆ There will be a *Clothing Giveaway* in the church parking lot on Saturday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be our first such giveaway in more than a year. Please spread the word about it. We have a lot of clothing in storage and we need to make room. We will need help with setting up and taking down on the day of the giveaway. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

FAMILY NEWS

- ◇ Julie Blades fell and broke her shoulder last week. She is recovering at home.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD

- * The 30th Annual *Truth in Love Lectureship* is going to be hosted by the East Hill Church of Christ, in Pulaski, Tennessee on May 12-16. The theme is "Never Leave the Lord." Please visit www.truthinlovelectureship.com for more information.
- * The 54th Annual *Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship* has been scheduled for May 23-27. The theme is "Magnify His Name." Be sure to visit their website www.msop.org for more information.
- * Watch the *Gospel Broadcasting Network* 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, at their web site: www.gbntv.org.
- * Listen to Biblical podcasts on *The Light Network* 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at their web site: www.thelightnetwork.tv.
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