

Let's Visit

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“Jesus Loves Me”

The words written by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:14-21 tell us of his humble attitude. He tells them that he bows his knees to the Father of his Lord Jesus Christ. In this prayer, one request Paul has for the Ephesians stands out. Among the many things he requests, he wants them to be able to comprehend the love of God. In Ephesians 3:18-19, he mentions the four dimensions of God's love in these words, *“May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length and depth and height, And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.”*

When you think of the breadth of God's love, you think of how God so loved the world, the world of people. God's love embraces every race. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free. Often our love is narrow, but God's love is for everyone. Not just the rich, highly educated or powerful.

When you think of the length of God's love, you realize that God's love is endless. The love of God can only be measured by eternity. It is evident in the past and clear in the present. God's love endures. Justice says that we are unworthy to live but mercy spares us. God even allows his blessing to flow to the rebellious. Matthew 5:45 tells us it rains on the just and the unjust. How different that is from our love.

The height of God's love is seen in the lofty purposes it creates. God so loves us that he might save us and give us life. To be the object of love can be either a blessing or a curse. It depends on the elevation of the love that loves us. His love is a blessing because of its high and holy nature.

When you think of the depth of God's love, you think, “God so loved the world”. How very deep is

that word “so”. How love and degraded the human race is. The Divine love of God reached down to the vilest sinner with a power to save.

The love of God gives. God's love might have been written across the sky in gold letters. It might have been proclaimed by a messenger from heaven. But love is best understood in terms of suffering and sacrifice. God made the supreme sacrifice in the giving of His Son. God's love stooped and became incarnate, it reached down and lifted. Jesus died for the unstained and Jesus died for the ungodly.

One of the most popular children's hymns ever written was Jesus Loves Me. It was written by two sisters, Anna and Susan Warner. They lived in a lovely townhouse in New York. Their father, Henry Whiting Warner was a successful lawyer, however, the panic of 1837 destroyed the family's finances. They were forced to move from their townhouse to a ramshackle house. It was a revolutionary war era home located on Constitution Island, across from West Point.

Anna and Susan saw the need to contribute to the family income. They began writing poems and stories for publication. The girls launched parallel literary careers and the result was 106 publications with 18 of them co-authored.

One of their most successful joint projects was a novel entitled “Say and Seal”. In the story, a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"Have You Forgotten?"

Our text comes from
Mark 8:17-18. Jesus wants to know if the disciples have forgotten that he is concerned about all of their needs.

Despite their success, the Warner sisters never seemed able to recover from the staggering financial reverses of 1836. Susan and Anna conducted Bible classes for cadets at West Point over a period of forty years. They were both buried with full military honors, the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point.

Jesus Loves Me has its basis in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. God is our Father, bestowing on us perfect, pure, love. His love is as broad as the world, as long as eternity, as deep as sin and misery and as high as heaven. May our hearts respond to that great love. It is in a life of obedience that our love can find expression. It is only when love meets love, when love responds to love that real happiness can come. We must be afraid of the great love that loves us. It will be our heaven if we respond to it and our hell if we spurn it. But remember, Jesus loves me, this I know!

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On The Lighter Side. . .



Preacher, we can't revive our church by implementing small groups, we are a small group.

Each One Bring One!

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Invite Someone Each Week!

For The Pantry. . . Healthy Kids Snacks

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teacher comforts him in his arms. He rocks him and makes up a little song.

"Jesus loves me, this I know.
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.

Jesus loves me, He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus take this heart of mind,
Make it pure and wholly Thine;
Thou has bled and died for me;
I will henceforth live for Thee.

Yes, Jesus Loves Me,
Yes, Jesus Loves Me
Yes, Jesus Loves Me;
The Bible tells me so.

The song by the way had been written by Ann. William Bradbury composed a childlike musical score for the song and it soon became the best known children's hymn on earth.

Miscellaneous

Due to scheduling conflicts, we had to change the date of our next covered dish luncheon. Please take note of this and make your plans to be here.

Save the Date!

May 15, 2022

Our Next Covered Dish Luncheon!
We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for June, July & August

We will also have a "Special Celebration"



Make your plans to be here and bring a guest!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Remember the men's business meeting immediately following services this morning in the church offices. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

SUNNY GLEN CHILDRENS HOME

The grocery truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here the week of May 8th. They have requested that we collect especially **paper towels, mayonaise, salad dreddings and healthy kids snacks.**

CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

Remember we are collecting toilet paper as a part of the "Big Heart Campaign" for the Children's Home of Lubbock. We have almost reached our goal of 1,000 rolls of toilet paper, with 941 rolls collected as of Friday, April 22nd!



Those To Remember In Prayer

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims,

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) **Ana Blair** (friend of Debra Pate) **Donna Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) **Gil Boullion** (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery **Gayle Foster** (Cancer) **Dalton Hendrix** (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) **Sandra Hogan** (friend of Roxie Bostick) **Wendy Johnson** (friend of Norma Perkins) **Julia Keffer** (Bobbi Holder's mother) **Laurie King** (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer : **Bruce Ligon** (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) **Liam Martinez** (11 months old) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Katilyn Tate** (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) **Jared and Natalie Bostick** (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) **Marc Tate** (Jana O'Brien's brother) **Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother) **Tina Vaughn** - cancer (Sue Hagler's Daughter) **Stephen Williams**, recovering from surgery.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE
Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

**YOU WILL NEVER KNOW
THE *FULLNESS*
OF
Christ
UNTIL YOU KNOW
THE *EMPTINESS*
OF EVERYTHING ELSE
BUT
Christ
CHARLES SPURGEON**



Across The Preacher's Desk

Most of us are familiar with the old hymn, "Angry Words, O Let Them Never" and though we have been singing it all of our lives, we never really have taken the words to heart. Well, I was thinking (dangerous you know!) how wonderful if someone wrote a companion song to that and titled it "Encouraging Words, O Let Them Always".

Encouragement is something that all of us need occasionally, and it is something we should give each other. We don't need someone to tear us down and criticize, we need someone to build us up and compliment us. We all need refreshment from time to time.

We read that Jonathan strengthened David's hand in God (I Samuel 23:16). Onesiphorous refreshed Paul (II Timothy 1:16) and the Corinthians refreshed the spirit of Titus (II Corinthians 7:13).

The ministry of encouragement is indispensable. Sometimes though, it is something we are not very good at. Often we struggle for "just the right word". We find it easier to criticize, to put down and to find fault.

Ask yourself this question: When did I last encourage someone else? Too often, we hurt each other by angry and caustic comments. During the coming week, look for opportunities to encourage someone instead of opportunities to criticize someone.

it's something to think about....tlbp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
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52 in '22!**