

ARE YOU KEEPING THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?

On a certain occasion a scribe asked Jesus, "Which is the first commandment of all? or which is the most important commandment?" "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And **thou shalt love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment" (Mark 12:29-30 KJV). The most important attribute that man can possess is that he be **A Lover Of God**. Jesus said that the love of God must be first and most important in our lives. We are to love God "with all (our) heart." This means that we are to love God with all of our feelings, desires, emotions, affections, and longings. We are to **love God "with all (our) soul,"** that is to say, we are to **love God** with all our life, with our very being. We are to love God "with all (our) mind" — which involves our intellect. And we are to love God "with all (our) strength." We **must love God** with every ounce of our energy and with great intensity and vigor. **Love is the fundamental commandment** underlying the whole of God's law. It involves our total being and loyalty. With regard to our loving God, we need to consider a very significant passage of holy writ. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15 KJV). And: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That **ye love one another**, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:10-14 KJV). Jesus informs us of an essential attitude with reference to loving God — We Must Be Willing To Obey Him! John said, "For this is the **love of God**, that we keep his commandments: and His commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3 KJV). There are so many people in our world, and even in the church, who claim to love God but their actions speak differently — their actions declare just the opposite. When we forsake the assembly of the saints, do we show love for God? When we fail to give our means generously, are we showing love for God? When we fail to read and study the words of God on a daily basis (Psalm 1:2; Acts 17:11), is this showing that we **love God**? When we fail to believe and stand for the truth, do we show love for God? When we fail to live as the Bible instructs us, are we showing our love for God? The answer to all of these questions is NO! If we really love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, then we will keep the Almighty's commandments. Obedience is the key to **loving God**! Do you really love God? Remember, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21 KJV). —Tommy Moore, from the Montana Street bulletin

VISITORS: *We are so glad you are here and ask that you take and fill out one of the visitor's cards that are in the back of the pew in front of you and place in the collection plate when passed.*

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS: 6-Dale Ballentine 7-Jana Blount
10-Pam Bryant, 12-Mary Jo Hall, 23-Hunter
Holmes, 23-Keith Peevyhouse, 26-Dianne Giles,
29- Britni Shepherd

ANNIVERSARIES: None listed

*If you name is not on our Birthday/Anniversary list,
please let Rita Foster know so we can add you!*

Last Week's Record

Offering \$1291.00



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Services:

Sunday Morning
Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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Children's Home

The FOLLOWER December 25, 2016

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

We enjoyed our guest speaker, James Malone, wife Kimberly and family from Jonesboro, ARK last Sunday. James is originally from Paris, and Kimberly from Sharon, TN.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CYC Money due- 2ND PAYMENT WILL BE DUE:

2nd Sunday Fellowship Lunch Jan. 8, 2016

3rd Sunday: Wesley Fountain Place: 2:30 p.m.

THOSE TO SERVE IN DECEMBER

Prepare Communion Trays: Dale Ballentine Power Point: Greg McClain

Greet: Sherrill and Wanda Smith

Announcements: Charlie Wachsmuth

Song Leader Sun. AM: David Bryant Song Leader Sun. PM: Keith Peevyhouse Wed.: Nick Bryant

Preside at Table: William Moore, John Long

Serve on Table: Jacob Keen, Peyton Lindsey, Zac Chrisman, Dylan Holt

Date DEC Sunday	AM Opening Prayer	AM Scripture Reading	AM Closing Prayer	PM Opening Prayer	PM Scripture Reading	PM Closing Prayer	Date Oct. Wed	Wednesday Opening Prayer	Wednesday Devotional	Wednesday Closing Prayer
4	Dale Aden	Norris Depriest	Josh Brasher	David Brasher	Jack Lawrence	Daniel Rogers	7	David Bryant	Steve Foster	Steve Foster
11	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine	Terry Hall	Nick Bryant	Logan Chrisman	Monte Morris	14	Greg McClain	Nick Bryant	Mark Wright
18	Steve Foster	Daniel Roger	Monte Morris	Norris Depriest	Noah Brasher	David Brasher	21	Charlie Wachsmuth	Tim Rogers	Dale Aden
25	Dale Ballentine	Josh Brasher	Mark Wright	NO	SERVICE					

HEALTH WATCH & SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Jackie Foster still struggling; had to receive blood last week; Mickey Keen is progressing after bypass surgery; J.T. Rogers, diagnosed with cancer (will begin radiation); Wanda Smith had surgery Dec. 19th; Richie Bomar, Stroke (Ginger's Bro-Inlaw); Richard Watkins, & wife, Dinah, son, Kyle; Jennifer Malm, Mary Deck, 102 y/o, Billy Neal, Sherry Mayfield, Sharon Wright's mother, Ruth Bennett, fell agains and broke her other arm.

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME: Laverne Belew (Home), Helen Pinson (Harmony Hill), Betty De Priest (McKenzie Healthcare), Margaret Barlowe (Van Ayer Manor), Martha Nell Reed (Lakeside Retirement Community), Elvy Sauls Jr. (Life Care of Bruceton/Hollow Rock), Ruth Bennett.

PRAYER LIST: Tim Rogers will have procedure on his heart soon; Jackie Foster, Harris Jones, Penny Warren, Haley Wilson, and Emily Hall, Transplant, Jan. 5th!

CANCER: J. T. Rogers, Morgan Fuller, Roy Crocker, Roger McCaig(has had pneumonia), Christy Dickson (Mandy's cousin), Rhyann Loos – 6 year old (friend of Hayden McClain), Wanda Barnes, Hattie Berry, Christine Johnson. Shayla Blagaich (friend of David/Pam).

***IF YOU HAVE PLACED SOMEONE ON THE PRAYER OR CANCER LIST, PLEASE GIVE UPDATES SO WE CAN KEEP CURRENT.**