

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

Today's guest speaker-
Gary Franklin

Prayer List

- **Jason Henderson** - has not attended for several weeks.
- **Martha and Ken Holloway** - recovering from eye surgery and stroke.
- **Dema Franklin** - fractured spine needs care and rest.
- **The Harper family** - are visiting family.
- **Jessica Fredrickson**—recurring headaches.
- **Cassandra Fredrickson** - away at college.
- **Darlene Huxtable's** mom had heart surgery recently and was diagnosed with cancer.
- **Marie Adams** - recovering from hip and knee surgeries.
- **Jeanne Lynne** - had recent reconstructive surgery and is facing more surgeries.

Sunday Class
Studies in James

Wednesday Class
Bible Character Studies: Samson

SOME THINGS ARE BETTER WHEN SHARED

As I was leaving Starbucks the other day I had to chuckle when I witnessed an act of selfishness. A young woman asked for a "just a bite" from the remaining piece of coffee cake being enjoyed by her boyfriend. He looked up at her, smiled and said "no". With that he snatched up the last morsel and popped it in his mouth. The look on her face was one of astonishment intermingled with contempt. It's a good thing looks can't kill, because if they could... She only thought she had worth and value in his eyes, after all he couldn't even spare a sliver of his coffee cake!

Driving back to the office I was reminded of the short story "Gift Of The Magi" by O. Henry. Most are well acquainted with the story of a young man who being strapped for money sells his prized possession, a pocket watch in order to buy his wife hair combs as she had beautiful flowing locks. Unbeknown to him, she had sold her hair to a wig maker in order to purchase a gold chain for his watch. What a monumental difference can be seen between the young couple I saw at Starbucks and those captured in words for all time in the story rendered by O. Henry. The later being a powerful testimony of the value of another human and a willingness to sacrifice in order to share with another.

Love

*is patient
is kind
is not jealous...*

It is from simple snapshots of life that oft times we garner some of life's most sublime lessons, this especially being true when held against the backdrop of teachings from the Word of God. All of us from time to time need to be reminded that "things" we have in this life as not nearly as important as coming to really appreciate the people that God has brought into our lives. Clearly we need to grow to the

point that Paul speaks about when he writes, *"Have this attitude in yourselves -which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant..." (Phil. 2:5-7)* Paul would go on to bring up how Christ humbled Himself by going to the cross, and willingly sacrificing Himself for the sake of others.

The mind set or attitude of Christ can be clearly seen as manifesting the importance and value of others rather than self. Notice what Paul points out to the brethren in Ephesus. *"Therefore be imitators of God, as and*



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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD
with my whole heart
In the assembly of the upright
and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great,
studied by all
who have pleasure in them.

His work is honorable and glorious,
and His righteousness
endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works
to be remembered
The LORD is gracious
and full of compassion.

Psalm 111: 1-4

May the grace of Christ or Savior
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford

John Newton

[Some Things are Better...]

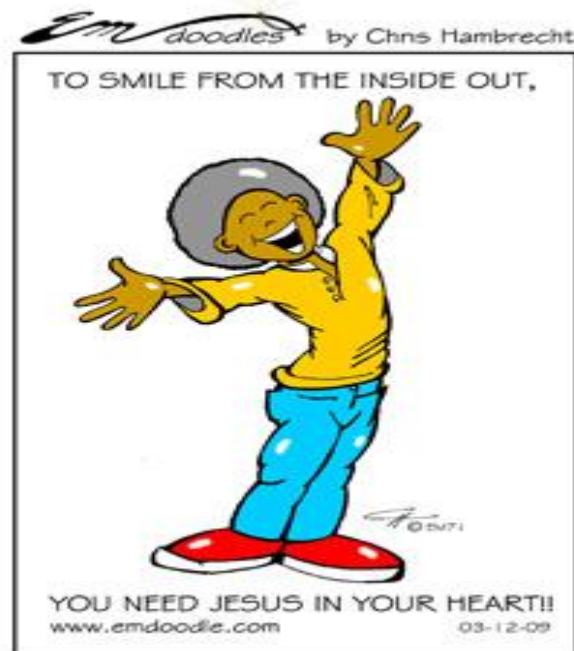
walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma." (Phil. 5:1-2) He set the needs and interests of others before His, but then again to be of service to others was His primary interest.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. (Phil. 2:3-4)

"Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believe all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (I Cor. 13:4-7) In short, love is never afraid of giving or sacrificing too much.

I want to share with those I love
The highest joy I'm thinking of
Not just what brightens all their days
But what will give God highest praise." (Hess)

The Bulwark, July 19, 2009



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