

Glory to God

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Worship Times

Sundays:
Worship,
10 am and 6 pm;
Classes: 9 am

Wednesdays:
Worship, Class,
7:00 pm

Some Thoughts I'd Like to Share.....by Tim Hall

“Is It Really Love?”

We're two days away from a significant date on American calendars. Valentine's Day is associated with love and romance. As we suggested in last week's lesson, however, it might be good to check our assumptions: This feeling that I have – is it really love?

Amnon, firstborn son of David, “loved” his half-sister Tamar. But was it really love? His actions, recorded in 2 Samuel 13:1-14, were all designed to fulfill his physical desires. Those desires were satisfied only by forcing Tamar (i.e. raping her). When his physical appetite was sated, “Amnon hated her exceedingly”, and demanded that she get out (2 Samuel 13:15).

God, who is described by John as being love (1 John 4:8), gives clear guidelines on knowing the differences between lust and love. As we approach the day devoted to love, let's take a moment to review some of those guidelines.

Love does no harm to another: That's what Paul wrote long ago: “Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10). What passes for love in our society often leaves people feeling as if they are nothing more than objects for another person's pleasure. (Take time to note our last information about Tamar – she “remained desolate” in Absalom's house, 2 Samuel 13:20. *Did she ever recover?*)

Love focuses on giving more than receiving: Jesus defined loving one's neighbor by telling the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). What did the Samaritan gain from that encounter? In terms of material gain or physical pleasure, nothing at all. But he provided help at the man's hour of greatest need, and showed us what love is about.

Love looks too good to be true: Just run down the list of love's attributes in 1 Corinthians 13 – longsuffering, not rude, always hopeful, etc. – these are traits the world doesn't often see. Compare this description of love with what is commonly trotted out. There's no comparison! (*Love even does good things for an enemy – Romans 12:20!*)

Love never fails: That's how Paul concluded his description of love in 1 Corinthians 13:8, and it is one of the most unique features of true love. Amnon's feelings faded after his desire was satisfied. True love does not slam the door on another.

Valentine's Day is a good idea. We need to take opportunities to express our love to others. But let's check ourselves by asking (using God's guidelines), Is it really love?

February 12: LET'S PRAY FOR: Tim Hall, knee replacement surgery 2/23; Dean Neal, blood clots in her leg; Marty Smith, melanoma removed; Robin Wishon, tests for possible heart problems; Bonnie Campbell, fall; Mary Nell Lilly, same-day surgery last Friday; Chai Chintaleka; Jim Bob Moore; Georgie Roten; Buddy Barefield; Judy Jones; Allen Jackson; Bob Patton; Sue Neeley; Joyce Hall; Gene Chapman; Carolyn Smith; Jack Brewer; Sherrell Shepard; Phil & Gay Enkema; Karen Stevens. **Skilled nursing/assisted living/homebound:** Evelyn Fillers; the Listers; Velma Stables; Louise Welch; Phyllis Haire; Della Edwards; the Daytons; Flora Broskey; Clyde Buckles.
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Dana Kelly, rehospitalized; Ezra Phillips, great-grandson of the Arrowoods and of Nell Phillips, Graves Disease; John Pansock, spinal fusion surgery Tuesday; Jeremy Caylar, recovering alcoholic in the community who asked for our prayers; Kelley Lawson, daughter of Rebekah Hunt's friend, suspected melanoma in eye was a mole instead - much better news!; Valerie Merkel, home; Sandra Ryan, improving; Jamie Byrd, Ken and Alison Gilliam's daughter, back injuries; Joe Adams; Matt Scalf; Lon Shuler; Hilda Tester; Jean Hayes; Harold Yates; Lee Thompson; Jesse Crabtree; Robert Sims; Calvin Uersery; Brian Games; Katherine Gilliam; Bea Whitson; Shirley Ely; Josh Adcock; Greta Copas; Sarah Dalcher; Joan Johnson; Hannah Jayne Taylor; Jeannie Blevins; Marty Gasteiger; Clayton & Vivian Winters; Lee Sargent; Duke Gregory; Russell Cook. **NEW/UPDATES UNDERLINED**

MILITARY: Robbie Glenn, Eli Mitchell, Joseph Gilliam, Jordan Heatly, Air Force; Brittany Lobos, Jeremy Cutshall, Nicole Stephens, Devin Stephens, Army; Dustin Humphreys, Marine Reserves.

SUNDAY MORNINGS: "In Search of the Lord's Way", 7:30, Inspiration and Fox; "Biblical Viewpoints", 8:00, "TV Sunday School", 8:30, WJHL.

PUT A CROSS over your name in the Friendship Register if you read the Bible at least 5 days. Last week: 72.

FOSTER HOPE CHILDREN'S CLOSET items for February: hairbrushes and combs, and girls' hair accessories (bands, clips, etc.) These can be left beside Kathy's office.

BIBLE STORYTIME tonight, 3's-1st graders

BE SURE to update your directory information before March 18 and/or have a new photo taken. To do so, please see John McKinnis or Ron Whitson.

PATTI FATHERREE has asked for any spare child safety seats or booster seats, any size for homeless families. Please leave them in the old kitchen, marked for Patti.

LADIES DAY, East Bristol, 4/21. RSVP to 968-3645 (Lisa Carmody).

SINGING, 2/19, 2:30 p.m., Asheville Hwy

FRANK CHAPO is trying out living at Appalachian Christian Village, room 410.

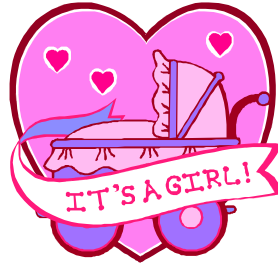
REDBIRDS, this Tuesday, 12, Harbor House

55+ **POTLUCK DINNER** Thursday at 6 p.m.

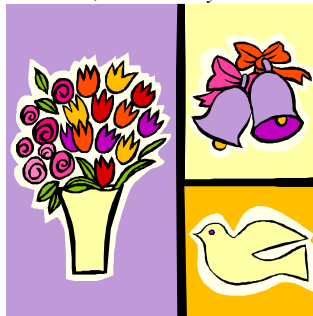
WE APPRECIATE TIM! From a note about, last week's sermon: "Your forthright sermon was exceptionally plain spoken and to the point. I am thankful to have lived long enough that a straight forward, hard hitting and to the point without euphemisms lesson proclaims that "sin is sin" in public assembly....I thank our Heavenly Father for you and your spirituality. Louise Clites"

CONGRATS to our own Jordan Bacon, who is having a great year with the Daniel Boone HS Lady Blazers basketball team!

SHOWER TODAY for Ashley and baby girl Wall, here from 2 - 3:30 p.m. She hasn't registered for gifts, but she can use baby girl clothes and diapers. Hostesses: Ruth Boggs, Jennifer Boggs, and Kathy Torgerson.



WEDDING SHOWER here Sunday, March 4 from 2-3:30 p.m. for Amy Farmer and Billy Buselmeier! Hostesses are Debbie Ingram, Rene Gilliam, Louise Clites, and April Looney. Amy and Billy are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



REMEMBER the survey the elders have asked us to complete, either online or a printed version, regarding our attendance at classes and at night, and the survey on the welcome center counter regarding the provision of meals before Wednesday night services. You can still fill out a form with your contact numbers for the Phone Tree, too, and leave it at the Family Profiles table.

IT'S TIME TO START signing up to teach spring quarter, which begins March 4! See the lists on the KIDSBOARD.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Rick and Joyce McClimon were baptized here! They first visited with us last Sunday and decided after studying that they wanted to take this step. We will give you their address soon.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER will resume on Monday, March 5. Make a note on your calendar and join us at 6:00 p.m.

FREE & RECOMMENDED! "Daily Focus" is a daily email sent to members of Central. It contains Scripture readings, prayer requests and announcements of church news. If you want to receive it, write to joycaster@gmail.com to be included.

THE FEBRUARY ITEMS we are collecting for SOS are cleaning/personal care items. If you can bring a complete bag of these, please do so and leave under the table in the old foyer. If you want to bring individual items from the list, leave them on top of the table. Items: shampoo, conditioner, soap (bar or liquid), deodorant, toothpaste, dishwashing liquid, clothing detergent, all-purpose cleaner. You can find these for \$1 apiece at the Dollar Tree. We are aiming for 300 complete bags.

ANYONE INTERESTED in going on the Nicaragua mission trip the last week of June, please see Perry Jernigan here or email him at pjernigan@aol.com.

OUR SYMPATHY to Rebekah Hunt on the death of her cousin's wife last week. Also, our hearts go out to Fred Roten on the death of his uncle last week.

VBS MEETING today immediately after worship service. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please attend.

JIM BOB MOORE sends his thanks for the cards and prayers during his recent illness. He says please continue to pray, he is still working on getting better.

MORE YOUNG HELPERS! In recent weeks, Claire Hutchinson has been helping with the producing of sermon CDs; her brother, John, has been a great help, too. Austin and Devin Hamilton have spent much time helping their mother, Rachele, organize Central's new Foster Hope Closet. There is work for anyone who is willing, and isn't it especially to great to see kids get involved?!

BIRTHDAYS: Juana Bailey, Ashley Seale (Tues.); Pat Hudnall, Quenton Tubb, Larry Reece, Marie Johnson, Doug Miller (Wed.); Phil Pierce (Thu.); Nana Aggrey (Fri.). **ANNIVERSARIES:** Jeff & Cindy Jenkins (Mon.); Keith & Janice Oaks (Tues.); Ron & Chris Elliott, Doug & Angie Lloyd (Wed.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 02.12.12

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

“YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF”



-MATT 22:39

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO, YOUTH GROUP!

- Schedule: Check <http://gracemine.org/youthgroupsched.htm> for upcoming events! The schedule is done through 2012, but keep in mind that the schedule is flexible and should be viewed as such.
- Secret Servant: Please don't forget to give your "secret servant" a note(s) for the week. We are here to build each other up, and I pray that we can do so in this way.
- VBS: VBS specific meeting TODAY right after morning worship and this is open to all. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please attend this meeting. We will be speaking on the topics, the times, and those that want to help. An e-mail has already been sent out, and there are notes in the foyer on the previous as well as the upcoming meeting.
- Wednesday Night Dinner Date: 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Chick-Fil-A (3206 Peoples St). Bring a friend and help us get to know them better.
- Youth Devotional: College house at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday the 16th. Bring your friends, as it is a great opportunity to get to know them better, as well as to grow closer together. Guys bring drinks, girls bring snacks. See you all there!
- Sunday Night Devotional: Come join in a devotional at the Sheridans' house (720 Sharon Dr.) after evening worship next Sunday (the 19th)! It's a great time for families to grow closer as we learn more about our Savior!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Mark 7:21, 1 Timothy 4:12 – Where do all attitudes begin? What does Paul mean by purity? Is it limited to sexual purity, or does it have a wider scope? If you did not have the opportunity, please listen to the sermon done by Tim on 02-05-12. It could change your life.

7:08 MINISTRIES

TIM.HAYWOOD@GRACEMINE.ORG

COME TO 7:08 THIS TUESDAY NIGHT!

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Welcome: Gene Arrowood

Song Leader: Matt Mahaley

Next Week: Dennis Vonderfecht

Prayer: Tom Cromie

Next Week: Earl Johnson

Scripture: Brandon Moreland

Next Week: David Kirby

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Counsel for a Tough Economy"

Dismissal: Gene Arrowood

Next Week: Gene Chapman

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Brian Jones

Next Week: Butch Carden

Serving: Andrew Easterling, Austin Hamilton, Ben Crossman, Bill Cruikshank, Billy Buselmeier, Cary Vantine, Fred Roten, Jerrod Tolley, Joe Pugh, Larry Reece, Marshall Stables, Neal Elliott, Riley Jones, Scott Hoilman, Tom Hudnall, W.C. Ausborn

Children's Training Class: Phil & Rene Gilliam

Nursery: Angie Williams

Toddler: Natalie Eanes

Assistant: Maggie Misterly

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: Paul Hamilton

Devotional: Gene Arrowood

Dismissal: Scott Chisam

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Steve Williams

Prayer: Steve Ingram

Scripture: Phil Pierce

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Can Paul Be Trusted?"

Dismissal: Brandon Quesinberry

Lord's Supper: Claude Terry, Paul Hamilton

Nursery & Toddler: Debbie Ingram

Building Security: Ken Misterly, Ken Gilliam

Next Week: Robert Harrison, Ren Rice

Opening, Closing building: Greg Ryan

Next Week: Steve Williams

For February:

Communion Prep: Roger and Louise Clites
(contact the Shepards, 477-2278, if unable)

Cup & Bulletin Pick-up: 3rd graders

Baptistery: Delora Tidwell

Report from last week

Classes: 208; A.M. 447; P.M. 201; Wed. 219

Offering: \$25,323.31

Weekly Budget: \$12,500.00

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