TIPTON TIDINGS





An afterschool program for

1st-4th graders where they will have a safe, loving place to enjoy fun games, crafts/activities, & snacks and explore amazing

stories of faith!

*Look for our new logo and our new website coming soon!*

**Mondays at 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

***Come join us at Clubhouse!***

NOTE: Students will need to sign a form allowing us to walk

 them down to First Baptist Church for The Club House.



**Week of Prayer for**

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

**March 5 - 12**

**FBCT Goal $2,300**

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| *The following member listings are currently residing in a nursing home.**Please keep them in your prayers and give them a visit.*Ashbury Heights Ethel Barnett |

**March Birthdays**

 4 Leeanna Meador 6 Joey Houston 18 Kirt Lewis

 5 Cynthia Brodersen 10 Ashli Wood 26 Ruby Gerber

 6 Minnie Blochberger 17 Brad Heard

*If you don’t see your birthday listed, please let the church office know so we can update our records.*

 

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**FOR THE RECORD**

**February Average**

(3 weeks)

Worship 68 Bible Study 26

(Includes weekly Bible Studies)

**PRAY** - Ephesians 6:18-19 NIV

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray

also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given

me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of

the gospel,

FBCT’s Monthly Financial Report will be posted on the bulletin board in hallway.

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| **2022 & 2023 SUMMARY FOR 3 MONTHS** | **NOVEMBER** | **DECEMBER** | **JANUARY** | **TOTALS** |
| BEGINNING BALANCE | $140,496.32 | $139,538.12 | $147,968.95 | $140,496.32  |
| RECEIPTS | $ 11,081.36 | $ 35,169.38 | $ 12,696.54 | $ 58,947.28 |
| EXPENDITURES | $ 12,039.56 | $ 26,738.55 | $ 12,158.29 | $ 50,936.40  |
| **ENDING BALANCE** | **$139,538.12** | **$147,968.95** | **$148,507.20** | **$148,507.20** |
| Equipment Purchase $2,038.17 – Insurance $2,771.25 – MBC (COOP) $5,733.00 – Missions $2,395.96 |

True Love

By Dawn Zurmiller

In my article last month, I discussed God’s love for us and how we do not earn that love.  God loves us, because that love is His very essence. But what are we to do with the love He gives us and how are we to know what true love looks like?

Today love tends to take on so many meanings, and it feels like everybody has a different definition of true love. The word “love” is tossed around lightly to describe our feelings for anything from pizza to another person. It is important to realize that because God is love, He is the only one who can define it. You might say, God has the spiritual patent on love. He created it, designed it, and He also gives us insight on love in His Holy Word.

In Matthew 22:37-39 it states, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Therefore, we can conclude that love is to be part of our daily life. We are created to love God and others. Love is not to be just a choice, but rather a way of life. Now I don’t know about you, but I have not only known some unlovable people, but I have also been pretty unlovable. So how can we fulfill the command of loving others as ourselves. The answer lies within the greatest command; loving God with all our heart, soul and mind.

In order to put God first and dedicate our whole being and purpose to Him, we must first know Him through His word and prayer. The more time you spend in His scripture and the more you open your heart, mind and soul to Him, the more He transforms you. The goal is to love God so completely and to etch His precepts so deeply in your heart, that loving Him, and others becomes second nature. In 1 John 4:8 we are told that, “Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” God is not only our example of love, He is our ultimate source of love. It is through Christ that all things are possible (Phil.4:13).

To truly understand love, we must understand the gospel. Romans 5:8 explains that God shows His love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. The perfect picture of true love is Christ hanging on a cross in payment for our sins. Do you see that love is serious business? It is not to be treated flippantly. True love cannot exist outside of Christ, and He is always true to His Word—the same yesterday, today and tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8). In a world that changes constantly, this is something that we can cling to for guidance. Just like our feelings and emotions, love often gets twisted and focused on selfish desires. Our society claims that if it feels right, it must be ok. That is not the example that Christ set for us. Apart from God, self-love not only prohibits true love, but it also destroys it serving no purpose (1 Corinthians 13).

If we want to really know and live in love as God intended, we must let go of worldly corruptions and acts of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). We must once and for all realize that God is the One and Only definition of love. If a situation, a relationship, a motive, or intention falls outside of what God calls good & true in His Holy Word, then it is not love; it is nothing we should pursue. To know true love is to know the true God.

***“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable–if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice.” Philippians 4:8***

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

*A Loving Heart for God and others!*

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP!**

*Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.*

*Fellowship & Worship 10:00 a.m.*

 PLUS *Kids Connect*

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| **SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 2023****PLEASE NOTE: When you cannot be present on your assigned day,****please contact someone else to serve in your place. Thank you!** |
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|  **ACCOUNTING TEAM** |  **GREETERS TEAM** |
|  5 June McVicker & Linda Ellis  |  5 Ruby Gerber & Lucy Engelbrecht |
| 12 Jeannie Glasscock & Linda Ellis  | 12 Linda Garbarz & Stacey Wolf  |
| 19 Bertha Spencer & Linda Ellis  | 19 Charles Spencer & Tim Wood  |
| 26 Liz Sutton & Linda Ellis  | 26 Don Engelbrecht & Karen Brauer  |
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|  **NURSERY TEAM** |  **USHERS TEAM** |
|  5 Amber Rugen & Sherri Kempf  |  5 Harold Collier & Don Meador  |
| 12 Holly Raleigh & Eddie Glasscock | 12 Cary Brodersen & Don Dicus |
| 19 Linda Ellis & Sherri Kempf  | 19 Tim Wood & Eddie Glasscock  |
| 26 Bertha Spencer & Jeannie Glasscock  | 26 Cary Brodersen & Don Meador |
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|  **KIDS CONNECT TEAM** |
|  5 Naomi Rivera & Ashli Wood  |
| 12 Tanya Graham & Liz Sutton  |
| 19 Stacey Wolf & Jeannie Glasscock |
| 26 Mavis Cunningham & Linda Ellis |
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for we walk by faith, not by sight.

**March**

2 Corinthians 5:7 ESV

**2023**

|   Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| North American Mission Board Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter OfferingMarch 5 - 12 | 11:30 pm Ladies Bible  Study @Host Home**6 pm Fellowship Supper****7 pm Prayer Gathering** | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5*Lord’s Supper* 7 pm Deacons Mtg | 61 pm Senior BibleStudy @FBCT No Clubhouse | 7  1:30 pm BYKOTA 6:30 pm Adult Bible  Study @Host Home | 8 1:30 pm Ladies Bible  Study @Host Home 6 pm Young Adult Bible  Study @Host Home  | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12Daylight Saving Time Begins | 13 1 pm Senior Bible Study @FBCT3:30 pm Clubhouse | 14 6:30 pm Adult BibleStudy @Host Home | 15 1:30 pm Ladies Bible  Study @Host Home 6 pm Young Adult Bible  Study @Host Home  | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19Leadership Team Mtg | 20 1 pm Senior Bible Study @FBCT3:30 pm Clubhouse  | 21 6:30 pm Adult BibleStudy @Host Home | 22  1:30 pm Ladies Bible  Study @Host Home 6 pm Young Adult Bible  Study @Host Home   | 23  | 24 | 25  |
| 26 | 27 1 pm Senior Bible Study @FBCT No Clubhouse | 286:30 pm Adult BibleStudy @Host Home | 291:30 pm Ladies Bible  Study @Host Home 6 pm Young Adult Bible  Study @Host Home | 30 | 31 |  |