

OPENING HYMN #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21.
 - We have acquired the space that used to be the Computer repair shop at the end of the building. It has another restroom, and we plan to incorporate the space into a kitchen and fellowship hall and multipurpose room.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:1-21

WORSHIP HYMN #242

Jesus, I Come

OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor 9:7

WORSHIP HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

MESSAGE

PERFECT PEACE

ISAIAH 26:1-3

CLOSING HYMN #359

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

THINGS TO PONDER

John Newton spoke on behalf of every sinner who has been washed in the Blood of Christ when he wrote:

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!”

When God reveals to us what absolute “wretches” we are...That is the moment GRACE becomes AMAZING! *-copied*

The old covenant had a Sabbath day but no Sabbath rest. The new covenant has no Sabbath day but does have a Sabbath rest. *-Pastor Joe Terrell*

Love As Brethren

“ . . . having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous . . . ” -- I Peter 3:8

Blood relations, generally speaking, are very forgiving, longsuffering, and understanding with each other . . . they are brothers! "Love as brethren." Brothers know each other well and realize they are just alike. "Love as brethren." A brother will quickly forgive his brother just about any offense. "Love as brethren." A brother does not want to believe the worst, but rather the best about his brother; believing whatever he did or said wrong, was just due to a bad day or something. "Love as brethren." A brother doesn't want to believe any bad report about his brother and certainly doesn't want anyone talking about him to others. "Love as brethren." A brother will never hold a lasting grudge or be bitter against his brother for too long, knowing the brother didn't deliberately hurt or offend him. "Love as brethren." A brother will never talk privately about his brother's faults and failures, but rather wants others to think highly of his 'brother.' "Love as brethren." A brother knows his brother is capable of doing and saying wrong things, after all, he is his brother . . . same parents, same home, same upbringing, same nature, same world, same temptations, same weaknesses, same problems. A brother realizes what his brother is made of... SINFUL FLESH, living in a sinful world. "Love as brethren."

Does someone ask, 'Who is my brother?' That's what the Pharisees asked about their neighbor (wanting to know who they could hate rather than love). Every man is my brother in Adam and I am told by my Lord to love him, do good unto him, forgive him, and be merciful to him, . . . but especially those of the household of faith. "Love as brethren." Satan is called the accuser of the brethren. He wants nothing more than to divide and cause discord amongst brethren. He accuses the brethren before God, before the law, to their own consciences and will even use us to bring an accusation against our brother. Brethren, resist the devil. Don't let him use you to accuse, to sew discord. God hates it. Resist the devil by calling on your Lord. Resist him by not believing the accusations about your brother.

"Love as brethren." I have a friend and brother in Christ who has a very Christ-like, exemplary trait. Whenever he hears a bad report about someone, he calls that person and asks them about it; wanting to get to the truth of the matter. Don't you wish everyone would do that for you? That's what love does. "Love rejoices not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth." I want to be a friend like that. I want to love like that.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another,

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tenderhearted, forgiving one another, EVEN AS GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE HATH FORGIVEN YOU. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and WALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST ALSO HATH LOVED US, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour." (Eph.4:31-5:2)

-Pastor Paul Mahan

The Servant of the Lord

2 Timothy 2: 24-25

The servant of the Lord, especially the minister of the Word, ought not to strive and contend about words to no profit. He ought to strive for the faith of the gospel. To be quarrelsome and contentious over mere words, customs, and doctrines to show his intelligence, mastery, and piety is to defeat the very purpose of his office. He is to be kind, mild-tempered, and gentle to all men preserving the bond of peace. He must be a skilled and suitable teacher, patient, and willing to bear reproach.

Let the minister learn to correct with courtesy and gentleness those who oppose the word of God, and in turn "oppose themselves" for any man who opposes truth does so to his own ruin and unhappiness.

We must be firm in the truth but tender in the spirit with our opponents in the hope that God will grant to them repentance and an understanding of the word. Don't build a wall so high between you and an opponent that he is prevented from repenting and returning without embarrassment and humiliation. It is only by God's grace that we stand.

-Pastor Henry T. Mahan

Why go here or there to preach?

I answer the call of God's providence to preach his gospel because I believe it to be the will of God. I believe in the necessity and will of God in preaching to strengthen, to establish believers, and to call out Gods sheep. The word of God teaches us that he has ordained certain men and called and gifted them to preach his gospel. He orders his providence and the circumstances of this world to bring them and his sheep together. *"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth. Whereunto he called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (II Thessalonians 2: 13-14)

-Pastor Darvin Pruitt

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"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev 22:17



"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1Cor 8:6