

UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Connie Montgomery
- Emily Linton
- Lynn Nichols (bad ear infection)
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Communion Preparation

2026 preparation list is in foyer
February - Carlberg
March - Rowell
April -

Birthday / Anniversary

BJ Cradic - 2nd
Spencer Dickerson - 4th
Ryder Murphy - 7th
Crystalynn Tidwell - 10th
Decker McKenzie - 22nd
Shay Cooper - 28th
Rick & Jill Carlberg - 14th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Shay Cooper

Scripture Reading - Revelation 2:8 - 11

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - Luke 22:14 - 22

Closing Prayer - Corey Murphy

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

JAMES 1:2-3



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WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Bible Study //
9:30 am
Worship Service //
10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study //
7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

However, if we say that we are not supposed to hate people – that has some validity. This is probably what we are trying to convey to our children anyway. When little Joey says, “I hate him!” we reply, “You shouldn’t hate anyone.” For the most part, I would agree with this teaching. We are supposed to have love and compassion for our fellow man.

Having said these things, let me now ask another question: Are there things that we should hate? Are we supposed to hate certain things? The answer is, “Absolutely!” Let’s begin by looking at a few verses. Throughout the Old Testament, we read of things that God hates. Malachi 2:16 is probably one of the better known examples of this. Malachi 2:16 says, “For I hate divorce,” says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘and him who covers his garment with wrong,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.’” In this verse, we are told that God hates divorce and him who does wrong. Look at Revelation 2:6. “Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” In this passage we find out that the Ephesian Christians hated the deeds of the

Nicolaitans and Jesus did also. One more verse – Romans 12:9. “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.” Here we have a commandment to abhor evil and cling to good. What does abhor mean? It means to hate.

The fact is, we are supposed to hate evil, just like God hates evil. We are supposed to hate sin. What does this mean? If you hate something, how do you treat it? You surely do not support it or condone it, do you? But that is exactly the way some Christians treat evil. Sin is not funny! If we think bad language and bad actions are humorous, we do not hate evil. If we say that our favorite movies or TV shows are the ones that depict people in sinful relationships and situations, we do not hate evil. If our “idols” are people who practice sinful things and boast in their sin, we do not hate evil. It may be true that we should “love the sinner,” but we should also “hate the sin.” And if we do not hate evil, we are not acting like Christians.

This may sound strange, but I believe that most of us need to hate more. We need to hate sin! This is one of the things that will keep us from practicing it. “Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.”

Missing Opportunities

By Doy Moyer

I fear that Christians are missing one of the greatest opportunities we have seen in our lifetime to testify to the world of the power and glory of God.

One of the significant takeaways from the book of Revelation is the emphasis on the testimony of the faithful witnesses who give their lives to bear witness to the nations with the goal of bringing the nations to faith.

God’s people are meant to be a blessing to the nations, testifying to the power of Christ in their lives so that others who see how Christians face trials and death will also want to come to Christ.

What do we do? We bicker. We complain. We fight over masks and lockdowns and have link wars about which experts are good or bad. We fuss about athletes and their versions of protests.

I don’t know what the outcome of all of this will be; we all have opinions, often quite strong. I know we will make different judgments about how to proceed, and it is doubtful that one more link or one more complaint-post or meme will change minds. Only God knows where it is all going. But we need to be asking ourselves this:

Is this what our King wants us to be doing? Are people seeing Christ lifted up and exalted through these things? In all of this, are we testifying about Jesus Christ? Are we showing the power of the crucified and risen Lord in our lives? Are we pointing the nations to Jesus? Are we giving others reasons to glorify God? Or do we fan the fuel of hatred toward Christians by behaviors that we need to rise above? What are people seeing?

It’s an opportunity, and I fear the Lord’s people are missing it. I am missing it.

Let us be devoted, today, to showing forth the testimony of our Lord in our lives. The gospel is for the healing of the nations, and this will not be accomplished by our strife, divisions over the world’s concerns, and devouring one another on social media. Lights need to be shining (Matt 5:12-14;

Phil 2:14-16). Love needs to be flowing. As the deer pants for the water brooks, so must our souls be panting for the Lord. Let us seize this opportunity.

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation” (1 Pet 2:11-12).

I Want You To Hate More

By Jason Longstreth

I’m sure we have all heard it before. Perhaps we have even taught it to our own children or grandchildren. It is a short lesson about life and the attitudes that we should display. What is it? “You are not supposed to hate.” With this one phrase we try to teach our children the value of love and the dangers of hate. We try to teach them to be “good people.” We tell them (or at least insinuate) that good people don’t hate. And perhaps most of the time it is a lesson that our children need to learn. But let me ask you a question, are we not supposed to hate?

One thing that we need to understand is that sometimes we have preconceived ideas. Most of us probably feel that hatred is wrong. We associate love with goodness and hatred with evil. To use a little “Star Wars” language, hatred is the path to the “dark side.” But is that correct? If you were to take out your Bible concordance and look up the word “hate,” you may be surprised at what you find. That word is used quite a few times in the Bible. You may also be surprised to learn that a number of times we read that God hates certain things. If God hates something, then hatred itself cannot be evil.

However, a second item that we must understand when we hear the phrase “You are not supposed to hate” is the object of that hatred. In other words, what are you not supposed to hate? If we say that we are not supposed to hate anything, we are wrong!

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