

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

August 22, 2021

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1

I Serve the God Who Loves! by Duane Patton

It may be difficult for some to understand but, as last week's article pointed out, there are some things which God hates. In fact, since God has revealed Himself to us as the eternal one who is infinitely perfect in all His attributes, His hatred is a perfect, or, complete hatred of all sin! The prophet spoke accurately when he said to the Lord, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity" (**Habakkuk 1:13a**, KJV). Yet, a balanced view of God will not stay focused on God's hatred regarding all sin. Indeed, it is God's love that causes us to admire Him and helps to motivate us to serve Him from the heart (**Romans 6:17**; cf., **Luke 10:27**)! Consider how the apostle John makes this truth known to us in the following New Testament text.

"...we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him" (**1 John 4:14-16**, NKJV).

Knowing the terror of the Lord, every one of us ought to love and serve the Savior (**2 Corinthians 5:10f**; **2 Thessalonians 1:6-9**). But, there is even far more reason to commit our lives to the one who gave His own life for each and all of us! As the apostle Paul wrote, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (viz., **Romans 8:31, 32**; **1 Peter 4:19**). God's eternal hatred for sin warrants the eternal death of those who commit it; but, His eternal love for every sinner justifies the death of Jesus that enables all to be free from both the fear of death and the life of sin that precedes it! So, now you know why I serve the God who hates and loves!

"Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:8a

Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Class
10:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

6:00 PM
Prayer, Bible Study, Devotional

Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children's Home
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
Local Food Pantry
Annual Youth Events
Back-Pack Buddies
The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)
Every Sunday at 6:30 AM

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Prayer Requests and Announcements

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open into their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

Recent Requests:

Scott Brown: Out of ICU and improving. Thank you for the prayers!

Richard Woods and his wife are still battling COVID. Improving but prayers needed.

Adam Majors: On ventilator with no kidney function. Prayers are requested.

Weldon and Toni McAdams of Lubbock, TX, both are battling COVID-19. The Patton's friends.

Hayden Brown: Has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Please pray for this young man.

Amy Stevens: Has been diagnosed with colon cancer. This is Paul and Theresa's daughter.

Ron Webb: Has asked for our prayers as he is being considered for the eldership at Pascagoula.

Others: _____

Continue to remember these:

Chip Quave	Nic Wages	Rick Bedwell	Grant Lavoto
Mike Kenney	Frank Sentelle	Norris Flasch	Taylor Manning
Dino Vechio	Martha D'Orville	Suzzana Calton	Jerry an Virginian Mobley

If you have any updates / corrections on any prayer requests or other announcements, please share them by sending an email to vco_christ@att.net or simply text or leave a voice message at 601-436-0868.

WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Never underestimate the power of prayer and the providence of God. Joseph was sold as a slave by his brothers, but much later he became second highest official in Egypt and saved the very kinsmen who earlier sold him. It took over twenty years for this to happen, but it led to the preservation of the seed line of Christ who is the Savior of the world!

“Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.”
(Psalms 62:8)

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021 Week 34

MONDAY	Jeremiah 41-45	Greed is a big distraction in life. By what else might we also be distracted?
TUESDAY	Jeremiah 46-48	God wants to avenge Judah even though Judah had sinned. Why?
WEDNESDAY	Jeremiah 49-50	Which of these passages makes biggest impressions on you and why?
THURSDAY	Jeremiah 51-52	Does it seem to you that Nebuchadnezzar feared the God of Judah?
FRIDAY	Lamentations 1-2 3:1-36	Beautiful but sad imagery. What strikes you the most about this?
SATURDAY	Lamentations 3:37-66; & Chapters 4-5	No one listened to Jeremiah until after disaster struck. What can be learned?
SUNDAY	Ezekiel 1-4	How might Ezekiel 2:1-8 help remove fear of saying or doing what God says? Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105