

Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire

(FV) Jorge Garza

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Michael Flores

1st prayer Mike Mehaffey:

2nd prayer: Judd Wall

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

September 13th

Grandparent Day

Men's Business Meeting

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 27th

Noon Fellowship

October 4th

Mission Sunday

October 11th

Men's Business Meeting

October 25th

Noon Fellowship

Happy Anniversary

October 2nd

Corey & Mattie Tackett

Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Mike Mallett Oct 21st

Ruby Jones Oct. 24th

Sharon Boatwright Oct. 27th

Prayer List:

James & Jennifer Lovell

Joy Payne

Michael Payne

Jorge & Valerie Garza

Virginia Lovell

Vernon & Linda Houts

Wanda Kitchens

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

God Comes First

(Matthew 6:33)

Loving Him with our whole heart is the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-37). We say it and sing it, but do we practice it? What do our calendars say? What about those Sundays when the kids have a ball game or when we are on vacation - does He come first those Sundays? What do our checkbooks say? Does He come first in finances or is He somewhere down the list, perhaps even beneath what we spend on recreation? What do our closets say? Do our wardrobes reflect godliness or worldliness? In the Apostle's words, "Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18). By Frank Himmel

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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When 'Agreement' Becomes the Standard

We often hear this statement today: "Let's focus on the things we agree on and not the things where we disagree." That sounds good. We all want peace and unity. But is this really the Bible's plan for religious unity?

Think about where this approach leads. Suppose one person believes baptism is necessary for salvation and another does not. They agree that Jesus is the Son of God, that the Bible is God's Word, and that Christians should live good lives. So, should they simply ignore their disagreement about baptism?

What if someone denies the resurrection? What if he teaches that Christ is not divine? What if he accepts some form of immorality that the Bible clearly condemns? Even with all these issues, there will still be many things on which we agree. If we make agreement our standard for fellowship, where do we draw the line? The truth is, this philosophy opens the door to almost every kind of religious error. With this view we can always find enough things on which to agree and, therefore, we can justify fellowship with practically anyone.

But the Bible never tells us to measure truth by how much we have in common. Jesus prayed that His followers would be one, but He said, "Sanctify them by thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Biblical unity is based upon truth, not upon ignoring differences.

Paul warned Christians about those who teach contrary to the doctrine of Christ: "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17). He told the Galatians that even if an angel preached another gospel, it was to be rejected (Gal. 1:8-9). John taught that those who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ are not to be received (2 John 9-11). These passages would make little sense if our responsibility were simply to concentrate on the things we agree about.

Of course, we should not be contentious over matters of opinion. We should be patient, kind and loving toward one another. But love does not justify the compromise of truth. In fact, genuine love demands that we care about the truth because error can cost a person his soul.

We need to remember that unity is not the highest standard - truth is. Our goal should not be unity at any cost. Our goal should be unity based upon the Word of God. So, the question is not, "*How much do we agree on?*" The question is, "What has God said?" When God has spoken, our responsibility is not to downplay doctrinal differences. Our responsibility is to believe what His Word says, teach it and obey it. - by Greg Gwin

Better Than Gold

The actions of these athletes have been hailed as expressing the true Olympic spirit.

The events occurred during a qualifying heat of the women's 5,000 meter race in the 2016 Rio Olympics. About 3,000 meters into the race, American Abbey D'Agostino accidentally clipped New Zealand runner Nikki Hamblin causing both of them to fall to the track. Hamblin was lying on the track dazed when D'Agostino rose and placed her hand on Hamblin's shoulder and said, "Get up. We have to finish this." D'Agostino helped Hamblin onto her feet so both of them could complete the race.

"I'm so grateful for Abbey for doing that for me. That girl is the Olympic spirit right there," Hamblin said of D'Agostino. "I've never met her before. Like I never met this girl before. And isn't that just so amazing. Such an amazing woman."

It was D'Agostino who suffered the greater injury. Tests would later find that she had torn ligaments in her knee. As she struggled to continue the race, Hamblin stayed behind to help her and offer encouragement.

"She helped me first. I tried to help her. She was pretty bad," Hamblin said.

Both Hamblin and D'Agostino set aside their own hopes of earning Olympic medals to look out for one another.

And they both completed the race.

And waiting at the finish line for the struggling D'Agostino was her competitor-turned-friend, Nikki Hamblin. Their magnanimous actions remind us that some things are better than gold! *

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

We've all fallen. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Without help, we could never finish the race. Without help, we are lost.

God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). His victory over sin and death made it possible for us to share in His victory. "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

God will save from sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

When God saves us, He also places us within His family, the Church (see Acts 2:36-41, 47). In God's family, we should demonstrate the same kind of care that was shown by Abbey D'Agostino and Nikki Hamblin. When one falls, we should seek to help him/her up. Then together we can complete the race and share in the victory that Christ has made possible.

After all, there are some things better than gold.

Won't YOU trust and obey Christ? Then, won't YOU help others to run the race?
By David A. Sargent