

PRAYERS

Chris (Anita’s daughter in law) – She underwent a CT Scan and awaits the results. She is home now and feeling fine but Drs will continue to monitor her.

Anita – Suffering from Laryngitis

Suzanne Carter – Suffering from a blood infection and has been placed in a medical coma.

Carmen Meyer – Traveling to the Grand Canyon for a hike into the canyon.

Congregation News:

Potluck is next Sunday. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship. Plan to stay for the afternoon singing that will follow the meal.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The person who falls in love with self usually has no rivals!

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

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Bible Class	Colby Crawford	Colby Crawford
Announcements	Paul Darling	Colby Crawford
Song Leader	John Brockman	Tom Bright
Opening Prayer	Colby Crawford	Colby Crawford
Lord's Supper	Paul Darling	Tom Bright
Closing Prayer	Paul Darling	Paul Darling
Sermon	Tom Bright	Paul Darling

Bible Classes	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Adult	Colby Crawford	Tom Bright
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

Birthdays & Anniversaries	Building Cleanup
November 12 th – Sylvia Darling	Bright

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THIS PERMISSIVE AGE

This permissive age in which we live has produced a generation which neither knows nor cares about Biblical principles of morality. Chastity, the sanctity of marriage and purity of heart almost seem to be relics of another age. Many young people are growing up under consistent suggestions from the media and many of their friends that in moral matters “each can do his own thing.” Many people of more mature years are also affected. Here are some plain facts about morality for both young and old:

Fornication is sin. This means every kind of illicit sexual activity. The Bible is plain. Those who practice fornication cannot go to heaven (**Gal. 5:19-21**). Paul says that fornication is a work of the flesh and that they which practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Homosexual activities are contrary to nature and to God’s will. We read in **Romans 1:27**, “and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.” What is called “gay” will result in those who practice such to be cast into hell.

Pornography is a medium for lust and lasciviousness. This applies to suggestiveness, lewdness, nudity, etc., whether in print, movies, photographs or TV. Jesus said, “but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (**Matt. 5:28**).

Things done in secret are never hidden from God. Actions too shameful to describe are sometimes done in secret (**Eph. 5:12**). Modern situations which provide privacy cause many to feel that their sins are secret. God sees it all (**Prov. 15:3; Heb. 4:13**). Every secret thing will be brought into judgment (**Eccl. 12:14**).

Love is not an excuse for sexual sin. A typical defense for illicit sexual sin is “We love each other.” In the highest sense of love, one will not cause the one he/she loves to do that which will put him/her in danger of the fires of hell. One should be honest enough to call things by their right name. It is not love--it is lust! **Romans 13:14** says, “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,

and make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.”

Married love is God’s plan for sexual fulfillment (Heb. 13:4). The duties and privileges of the marriage relationship are clear (**1 Cor. 7:3-5**). Husbands and wives are required by God’s Word to love each other (**Eph. 5:25, 27; Col. 3:18-19**). Couples who “fall out of love” are not following God’s plan.

Marriage is for life. No teaching of Jesus is more plain than this (**Matt. 19:3-9**). Regardless of what counselors, lawyers or judges might say, one who causes the breakup of their marriage for any cause except fornication, sins against God. If he/she marries another (except when the mate put away was guilty of fornication) it is adultery.

There are situations when a couple cannot stay together, but they are still married to one another. These situations can be caused by sinful attitudes, selfishness, hatefulness, physical abuse, etc. Even if under civil law they are divorced they are not free to marry others. The same restrictions of fidelity apply as if they were still together. They have no more right to “court” or to contemplate another marriage than they would if they were happily living together (**1 Cor. 7:10-11**).

There is never a marriage breakup without sin being involved. Both may not be guilty, but sin is an essential ingredient to divorce. It is tragic how casually some men and women hurt their mates, ruin their homes and break the hearts of their children. It is more tragic when we consider the awful and eternal consequences of such callous disregard of the will of God (**Heb. 10:20-31**).

Marriages which are guided by the principles of Jesus Christ are happy marriages. Because human beings are involved, there are often stresses in any marriage. But principles as in **Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1-8; Ephesians 4:32; Acts 20:35** and **Matthew 6:33** will show the way to overcome problems and to build happiness. Isn’t that what we want in our marriages? Let’s respect God’s moral standards and teach our children and grandchildren to do the same!

Let us keep in mind that this world and the lust thereof will pass away (**1 John 2:17**). Let us not give in to this permissive age in which we live. Let us respect God’s higher moral standards and teach our children and grandchildren to do the same!

The Marks of the Lord Jesus

The other day as I sat talking with an elderly Christian lady, she began to look at her hands and touch them gingerly. She rubbed the loosened and wrinkled skin, tenderly touched the swollen joints and protruding knots and slowly flexed the aching joints. She looked at me and as she spoke it was almost an apology for the way her hands looked. I told her that as I looked at her hands I saw something far different, that they were in fact beautiful to me, for in them I saw the tireless years of labor as a godly Christian woman. I saw the result of living a life of doing good to others, serving as a loving Christian wife and laboring hard at whatever was cast before her in the service of Christ’s church. As I pondered on her hands I couldn’t help but think of the words of the apostle Paul in Galatians 6:17, “... I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.” I couldn’t help but think of the multitude of Christians who, as they sacrifice to serve in a Christ like way, suffer the consequences of that godly life. It may be the ravages that labor puts on the physical body or the heart that labors from the stress of loving and laboring amongst and for brethren. It might be the gray hair on the head of one seeking righteousness each day or the bags beneath the eyes of the one who has had sleepless hours agonizing and helping others or facing the rejection of those they tell the truth. Many are the “marks” that Christians may bear about in their own body – marks that are, like Paul’s, the consequences of following the great Example, Jesus Christ. But as I said to that sweet lady, they aren’t “ugly” – rather they are beautiful, something that cries forth the Godly living that produced them.

Welcome to our Assembly. . .

Whether you are a first time visitor or a long time member of this congregation, we are happy to have you with us this morning. For those visiting, please make yourself comfortable. A good deal of information about this church and its activities can be found on this sheet. We encourage and invite anyone interested to participate in the activities offered throughout the week. If you have any questions about the facilities, our worship service, or want more information about the church, feel free to ask anyone present. Someone will be glad to help you!