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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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COUPLES:

Loving Like Jesus (Part 1)

Aubrey Johnson

“If I speak in the tongues of Pinterest and of Facebook, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I can read my wife’s mind and understand all mysteries of the opposite sex, and if I have faithfulness so as to remove mountains of trash to the curb without being asked but have not love, I am nothing. If I give her all the credit cards I have and deliver up my college sweatshirts to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.” This paraphrase of the introduction to Paul’s discourse on love tells us that times may change but some things stay the same: The key to successful life and a satisfying marriage is to love well.

The Plan – Genesis 2

The institution of marriage makes its first appearance in the second chapter of Genesis. “The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him’” (Gen. 2:18 NIV84). Three truths about marriage are found in this single verse.

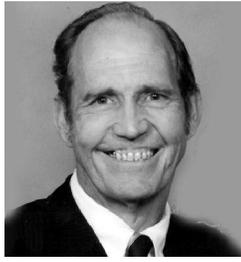
God created marriage for companionship. In all of God’s creation, only one thing was pronounced “not good,” and that was loneliness. Giving and receiving love is the purpose of life and the greatest joy one can know on earth. There are many rewarding relationships that help a person overcome loneliness. For instance, family relations fill a void during the formative years. Friends and colleagues play a prominent role in the lives of adults as they move away from their families. However enjoyable those relations may be, nothing takes the place of the deeper intimacy that occurs in the bond of marriage. To know and be known on this level is the crowning achievement of God’s creation.

God created marriage for cooperation. Eve was brought in to be Adam’s helper as well as his companion. In the military, reinforcements are not inferior to the soldiers they assist, a wife is not less than her husband. They are intimate allies who help each other achieve victory in life. God Himself is a helper to His people in their times of trouble (Psm. 46:1; Heb. 4:16). Consequently, a helper is not necessarily beneath the one who is served. Rather, a helper is one who is perfectly positioned to provide what someone cannot provide for himself (Ecc. 4:9-12).

Like Christ, the husband willingly gives himself up for his wife so that she can have the best possible life (Eph. 5:25-27). Like Christ, the wife does not count equality with the husband a thing to be grasped but voluntarily takes on the form of a servant (Phil. 2:5-8; Eph. 5:22-24). Both husband and wife are following Christ’s example of sacrificial love in marriage. Their roles are different, but both are committed to promoting the welfare of the other. To serve is not demeaning when you see others through the eyes of Christ and love them with the heart of Christ. Ironically, the prison epistles are a great place to learn about the joys of married love. When your heart is captive to Christ, you are liberated from the selfishness that destroys marriages.

God created marriage for completion. When God made woman, He made a masterpiece. The text says she was not merely a friend and helper to her husband, but one “suitable” for meeting his deeper needs. The exercise in naming the animals was God’s way of impressing upon Adam that dog is not man’s best friend. Moses explained, “But for Adam no suitable helper was found” (Gen. 2:20). To be a fitting partner means that God designed man for woman and woman for man to fulfill interactive, complementary roles. Any other combination of species, genders or numbers is unsuitable. When man and woman are joined in marriage as God’s Word teaches, a oneness is achieved that is only possible with the help of heaven.

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Irby Cole
1931-2016

Our Lord said, "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all" (Mark 10:44). Surely Jesus had individuals like Irby Cole in mind when he stated these words. Brother Cole was the epitome of a faithful servant of God. He passed from this life during the early hours of the Lord's day, May 15, at the age of 84. Baptized at the Coleman Avenue Church of Christ during the late 1940's, he placed membership with the Knight Arnold congregation in 1960, not long after its formation. Brother Cole and his beloved wife of 57 years, Doris Jean, lived in the Parkway Village section of Memphis, just across the street from the Knight Arnold building. When the congregation relocated to our present facility on Forest Hill-Irene Road, the Coles drove out to our new location continuing to be a vital part of our spiritual family.

A congregation of the Lord's people cannot fully function without members like Irby and Doris Jean Cole. They have been a generous couple. They did not live extravagantly but willingly invested what they did have in the Lord's work (Mat. 6:19,20). Often our family has been the recipients of the kind gestures of this couple. Pecans during harvest and fudge at Christmas are just a few of the delights this loving couple has shared with us. Furthermore, they have long purchased grocery items to help keep our church pantry fully stocked which has been an enormous help to those in need.

The Coles have been a serving couple. Though confined to a wheel chair, brother Irby would spend hours edging the borders of the Knight Arnold lawn, while sister Doris Jean mowed. She regularly kept the nursery for many years, and, though they had no children, they still volunteered to be foster parents to orphaned children for several years while they were able.

I, along with a beloved former elder, James Bobbitt, now deceased, attended the retirement party for brother Cole, when he retired after 32 years with the City of Memphis. It was evident by the words spoken on that occasion, that brother Cole was highly respected by his peers and he had a strong work ethic. Heaven will be a busy place. Irby Cole will be there ready to go to work for his Lord. Just think what brother Irby will do after receiving that glorified immortal body (2 Cor. 5:1).

The funeral service for Irby Cole was conducted Friday, May 20, at Forest Hill East Funeral Home, with burial immediately following in the adjacent cemetery. It was an honor for me to preach the funeral of this good and godly Christian man. Please continue to pray and encourage our beloved sister, Doris Jean.

Barry



Richard Taylor
1932-2016

The church at Forest Hill mourns the passing of former deacon, Richard Taylor. Brother Taylor passed from this life Saturday, May 14, at the age of 84. He, along with his wife, Jean, were great encouragers of our work at Forest Hill from the time they placed membership during the early 1960's until moving to Glen, Mississippi about 12 years ago. A native of Indiana, brother Richard married his sweet Mississippi girl in 1956. He would be a southerner the rest of his life. Baptized in 1957, he became a faithful servant of his Lord.

Brother Taylor was often involved in the behind the scenes work of the congregation. He continually printed the materials that the church needed which included bulletins, classroom materials, etc. Because of his loyalty to the Knight Arnold church, his reliability, and his good work ethic, he became a deacon of the congregation very quickly. Sister Jean Taylor shared her husband's love for this congregation. They were a great team. Up until her retirement in the early 2000s, students of the Memphis School of Preaching knew her as the school secretary who was always available to help them. I fell in love with this sweet lady upon my arrival in 1990 and she looked after us as if we were her own children. Brother Richard's work was always intertwined with hers. After he completed his "day" job he could be found on the Knight Arnold grounds either helping sister Jean or taking care of some other congregational need. He didn't complain as long as he could get home in time to relax a little before bedtime with his bag of buttered popcorn.

As much as they loved us and we loved them, it was always there desire to move back to Glen, where sister Jean was born and reared. Brother Richard died at his home there and his spirit was quickly transported by the angels of glory to the Paradise of God. I, along with several faculty members, the entire student body of MSOP, and elder Harold Mangrum, and wife, Carol, attended the funeral service at the New Hope Church of Christ, located in the quiet and peaceful countryside of northeast Mississippi. MSOP graduate Roy Cox preached the service, reflecting upon the life of our departed brother and offering words of comfort to the family. Brother Richard was buried in the adjacent cemetery. Please continue to pray for sister Jean, along with daughters, Terry Taylor McCoy and Shirley Taylor Bjornerud, and a host of other family members.

Barry

LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE:	Steve Allmond	Cedric Huff
ASSIST:	Paul Connell	Sean Ellis
	John Pope	Cecil Sowell
	Jonah Wood	Jack Woods

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING:	Phil Houston
A.M. CLOSING:	Kalon Brown
P.M. OPENING:	Danny Braddock
P.M. CLOSING:	John Connell

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of June 5, 2016

BIBLE STUDY:	210
A.M. WORSHIP:	305
P.M. WORSHIP:	200
CONTRIBUTON:	\$17,315

OUR SICK

Bertha Draughon, Kirby Pines Rehab.
Carolyn Jones, Methodist Hospital Germantown, room 302N.

ILL AT HOME: Kendall Barnes.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Virginia Ditto	Carolyn Jones
Hazel Eskew	Clarine Justice
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Ryan McCullar
Anita Hopper	Helen Palazola

RESTORED AND PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Lanell Bowers, 669 Thornwood Place, Southaven, MS 38671, (901)607-5229.

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Caleb Hull.

INFORMATION LINE: 531-8849



KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, June 26.

LEGACY ESTATES worship service each Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. conducted by Forest Hill.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren at Forest Hill,

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, beautiful flowers, delicious food and every act of kindness shown to me and my family in the passing of Irby. Your love and sympathy was very comforting and much appreciated. God bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Doris Jean Cole and family

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "C" (Danny Braddock) will meet Saturday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Marion & Kathy Maund for brunch. Please see Kathy for what to bring.

TEAM "D" (Randy Elliott) will meet Saturday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Gene & Jan Kuehn for a pizza dinner. Pizza will be provided. Please bring salad or dessert. Maps will be available in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS through Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Theme: *The Mystery of Christ.*

VBS HOTDOG DINNER Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN to Chalmette, Louisiana, June 11-17.

MSOP GRADUATION Sunday, June 19.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER SERIES June 22-August 10, "New Testament Worship" in the auditorium for ages 7th grade-adult. See the bulletin board for a schedule of speakers and weekly topics.

FOUNDATIONS – a week of specialized training for young men and women ages 13-19. June 24-July 1.



CONGRATULATIONS to the 1st & 2nd grade class. The following students learned all 43 cards on Bible miracles: Bayleigh Albritton, Caleb Berch and Daniel Berch.

Last week's solution:

And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great. Luke 9:47-48

CORNERSTONE

Replace each letter with a different letter to reveal the scripture.

LRB MB WBB UBWRW, MYD MZW AZIB Z HGSSHB HDMBT
SYZF SYB ZFCBHW ODT SYB WROOBTGFC DO IBZSY,
XTDMFBI MGSY CHDTJ ZFI YDFDT; SYZS YB LJ SYB
CTZXB DO CDI WYDRHI SZWSB IBZSY ODT BQBTJ AZF.

M=W

Solution next week

H=L

Couples (continued from page 1)

The Plot – Genesis 3

Sadly, things take a drastic turn as you move from Genesis 2 to 3. You go from heaven's intention for marriage to humanity's distortion of marriage. God's purpose was frustrated when the serpent undermined the happiness of Adam and Eve's home through deception and temptation. Since then, Satan has continued his campaign to spoil God's ideal marriage (1 Cor. 11:3). Complications include the following:

Husbands and wives become consumers versus companions. Instead of being close friends, selfish spouses think of themselves as individuals first. When I think "me" instead of "you" or "my" interests versus "ours," simple choices become tugs-of-war, and affection becomes an imposition. Friends relish opportunities to serve each other, but the self-centered feel compromised. In Mark 10:45, Jesus said, "For even the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Why did you get married? To be served or to serve?

Husbands and wives become combatants versus co-workers. Instead of being intimate allies fighting life's battles together, some couples are preoccupied with protecting themselves from each other. When guarding yourself from injuries (real or perceived) takes precedence over promoting your mate's well-being, the relationship is bound to suffer. There is no difficulty committed couples cannot overcome, but a house divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:25).

Husbands and wives compete versus complete. When being right trumps being the right person for her, conflict is guaranteed. Red Skelton once joked, "I married Mrs. Right, but I didn't know her first name was Always." When every interaction becomes a winner-takes-all competition, someone is sure to feel hurt and disappointed. Instead, when you are looking out for my interests and I am looking out for yours, there is no limit to the happiness we can enjoy. To compete implies that someone must be defeated. To complete ensures that no one is a loser.

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