



# THE FOREST HILL NEWS

Volume 45

February 20, 2018

Number 8

## Forest Hill Church of Christ

3950 Forest Hill-Irene Rd  
Memphis, TN 38125

Office: 901-751-2444  
Info Line: 901-531-8849

[www.foresthillcofc.org](http://www.foresthillcofc.org)  
[office@foresthillcofc.org](mailto:office@foresthillcofc.org)

### Elders:

Anthony D. Callahan  
Warren Davenport  
Gregory D. Mangrum  
Harold D. Mangrum  
Keith B. McAlister

### Ministers:

Barry M. Grider,  
Pulpit Evangelist  
  
Matthew Jones,  
Personal Evangelist  
  
Garrett Olney, Youth  
Hatton Allen, Youth

### 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.

HOME OF THE  
MEMPHIS SCHOOL  
OF PREACHING  
[www.msop.org](http://www.msop.org)

### Missions Supported:

Far East/World Evangelism  
Good News Today  
Gospel Broadcasting Network  
House to House, Heart to Heart  
Kakinada, India  
Murmansk, Russia  
Panama Mission  
Four Seas Bible College  
Truth for the World

**Free Bible Correspondence Course**  
Email: [fhbiblecourse@gmail.com](mailto:fhbiblecourse@gmail.com)

## Whatever Happened to Good Manners?

Barry Grider

George Washington, first president of the United States, was born February 22, 1732. What is typically called President's Day in our generation was at an earlier time a day set aside to honor General Washington, who sometimes is called "the Father of our Country." Though Washington was known as a modest man, there is no more celebrated figure in all of our nation's history than he, and rightly so. The renown general of the colonial army could have been crowned king, but such was not his desire, nor was such in our best interest. America was to be a republic not a monarchy.

Long before Washington's political and military service, he was a highly respected Virginia planter and a southern gentleman. A gentleman is one who is well bred, honorable, respectable, and mannerly. It seems that in modern America, politeness, courtesy, and proper etiquette are no longer taught or appreciated. I have for a long time enjoyed perusing Washington's *Rules of Civility*. The book is filled with over 100 wise sayings and maxims, such as, "Sleep not when others speak, sit not when other's stand, speak not when you should hold your peace, walk not on when others stop." What always impressed me about these wise sayings is how grounded they are in biblical principles. Of course, this is not surprising since we know that our founders were deeply religious men.

Does the Bible say anything about good manners? Indeed Christianity demands such. It has been correctly stated that Christians make the best citizens. Peter wrote, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous" (1 Pet. 3:8). As the apostle continues, he relates what is necessary to live "the good life."

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it" (1 Pet. 3:10-11).

Notice the word "will." He did not say the good life is guaranteed. He did not say the good life just happens. But one must will or choose to live the good life. Based upon this scripture, Christians are obligated to find joy, happiness, and purpose in life despite what circumstances or misfortunes one may encounter. Life is to be valued, prized, and recognized as something precious. Christians see "good days" because Christians see the beauty that others miss.

When one behaves in a respectable manner and is engaged in treating others with fairness and compassion, he lives the good life. Good things come to such a person as he demonstrates goodness to others. Such a person lives life with few regrets. He is at peace with God, himself, and with his fellow man. Paul wrote concerning this subject, as well. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

May we live in conformity with the rules, principles, virtues, and values that come from God and which bring peace and purpose to life.

## The Greatest Of These Is Love

Clarence C. Dailey

*[Editor's Note: Clarence C. Dailey, long time evangelist and former minister at the Union Avenue church in Memphis, passed away recently at age 95.]*

The Apostle Paul said, "Let love be without hypocrisy" (Romans 12:9). It ought to be sincere, genuine. One of the primary characteristics of the early church was this: it was a place where love was demonstrated. The pagan observer was made to exclaim, "My, how those Christians love each other!" Every writer in the New testament stresses the need for love. Paul said, "The end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned" (1 Timothy 1:5). Peter said, Above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves. For love covereth a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Peter also is speaking of love that is not phony, not hypocritical, but genuine. Surely it was possible in those early days of the church, as it is now to pretend, to use mere expressions and gestures of love. This is hypocrisy! We're living in an age in which this appears to be the very spirit of the times, to pretend to be something one is not, to project an image. That we should be in any sense hypocritical in our love is a violation of all the Lord came to do.

Paul said, "The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit that was given unto us" (Romans 5:5). We learn from God's inspired Word how to manifest true love in our behavior with one another. This means that the Christian loves by acting in obedience to that which God's Word tells him. This love, expressed in the family unit or in the spiritual family—the church of our Lord—consists of several qualities.

Paul said "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good" (Romans 12:9). True love rejects the sin but not the sinner. It hates what is evil in a person, but doesn't hate the person because of the evil. This is the way in which God has loved us.

It has been appropriately pointed out that we have not been loved because of what we are, but because of what God is. So we learn to love others, not because of what they are, but because of what we are. Paul said "God commendeth his own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

We sometimes have difficulty in extending love to a person unless he behaves according to an acceptable standard that we have established. This is discouraging to the very people who need so desperately to be loved. They come to hear the great words of the New Testament about love, joy, peace, and expect to find them exhibited in our lives. But instead, they often find the world's attitudes of rejection,

prejudice, and even contempt. They are cut off and set aside by people who wear the name of Christ, but who will have nothing to do with those who do not meet a certain standard of performance. God's Word warns us against rejecting people because we do not not like their behavior.

It must be said, however, that it is possible to go to the other extreme and to be guilty of condoning sin because you happen to like the person. Some are so eager to accept people that they say nothing about their sins and even defend them. We are seeing manifestations of this problem today in the matters of homosexuality and alcoholism. There are those who want to defend these sins as though they were right, simply because they want to accept the person. We are to abhor that which is evil, while cleaving to that which is good.

"In love of the brethren, be tenderly affectioned one to another in honor preferring one another" (Romans 12:10). Here Paul emphasizes our mutual concern because we are related to one another. We are brothers and sisters in the family of God. And because of this relationship, we have a tie that ought to cause us to care for one another. Paul says that when you possess this true love, you regard others as more deserving than yourself. A good motto says, "There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit." Just be glad that good is done.

According to Paul, true love responds to need. "Communicating to the necessities of the saints, given to hospitality" (Romans 12:13). When the church was established, "All that believed were together and had all things common and they sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all according as any man had need" (Acts 2:44, 45). In these days of unemployment insurance, social security, Medicare, and welfare, it's easy for us to believe that human needs will be met by others. We need to be reminded from time to time that there are people who are still hurting and that it is characteristic of our relationship in Christ that we have love one for another and care for one another's needs. Jesus said "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love one to another." (John 13:35).

When love is genuine, it adjusts to other people's moods. "Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep." (Romans 12:15). When he was writing to the Christians in Corinth, Paul said, "And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it. Or one member is honored, all the members

<b>PRESIDE:</b>	Cedric Huff	Steve Ulrich
<b>ASSIST:</b>	Wade Braddock	Bob Gitter
	Jackson Greer	Jagger House
	Ian Huff	Travis Island

**A.M. OPENING:** Tony Callahan  
**A.M. CLOSING:** Bob Bergstrom  
**P.M. OPENING:** Ty Phillips  
**P.M. CLOSING:** Buster Rogers

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

### RECORD, WEEK of February 18, 2018

BIBLE STUDY:	230
A.M. WORSHIP:	265
P.M. WORSHIP:	195
CONTRIBUTON:	\$16,215.00

### OUR SICK

**Ann Rhodes**, sister of Jerry Wright, will have heart surgery Tuesday.

**ILL AT HOME:** Jim Crowe, Bertha Draughon, Dale Neil, Mike Reed, and Jerry and Pati Wright.

### HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Virginia Ditto	Clarine Justice
Hazel Eskew	Jerry & Betty Robbins
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Velton & Dorothy Trimm
Anita Hopper	

### NOTES OF APPRECIATION

I want to thank all of my Forest Hill family for the prayers, cards, phone calls, meals, and trips to appointments and church services. Words cannot express the love and kindness I felt during my recovery.  
Marsha Beliew

Thanks for all your love and concern during my recent hospitalization and since returning home— your cards, calls, food, visits, transportation and prayers. I was strengthened by everything. I love our family here at Forest Hill.  
June Faulkner

### HEARTS AND HANDS

**TEAM "D" (RANDY ELLIOTT) and TEAM "E" (JIM WOODY)** will meet Sunday, February 25 in the fellowship hall after morning service for a covered dish luncheon.

**HEARTS AND HANDS REORGANIZATION** covered dish luncheon Sunday, March 11 after morning service.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES** meet each Tuesday at 10:00.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY (SALT)** will resume Tuesday, February 20 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**SILVER HEARTS BANQUET** Saturday, February 24 at 5 p.m. This year will be a carnival theme. Please bring quilts for display and desserts for judging!

**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, February 25.

**JC LEGO DAY** Saturday, March 3 in the Education Building (teacher workroom) 12-5.

### NEW CLASSES TO BEGIN

#### Wednesday, February 21:

Barry Grider will begin a study entitled, *Habits of the Mind*, in the auditorium.

#### Sunday, March 4:

Keith Mosher will begin a study of the Holy Spirit, in the Chapel Hall.

Evan Manning will begin a study of the book, *God and Government*, for the young adults in the Education Building break room.

\*\*\*\*\*

### OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

The family of Jewel Earls. Visitation will be Friday, February 23 at Forest Hill Church of Christ from 10-11 a.m. with funeral following at 11 a.m.

Steve Allmond, in the passing of his brother, Tom Allmond. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 20 from 5-8. The funeral will be Wednesday, February 21 at 10 a.m. Both will be held at the Aberdeen Church of Christ in Aberdeen, MS.

**Last week's solution:**  
But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. II Peter 3:8-9

**CORNERSTONE**

**Bible Scramble:** Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.  
ON NMA, WNHE EH THHA TLHGED A NLEDCA, VTROHEEC TI  
WTIH A VSSLEE, RO UTTTPHE TI URNED A EDB; UTB  
TTTSHEE TI NO A TSNLKIEDCCA, TTHA YTHE WIIHC TRNEE  
NI YMA EES EHT TLIHG.

(continued from page 2)

rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ and severally members thereof” (2 Corinthians 12:26, 27). One of the striking illustrations of the Lord’s church is that of the body and the interdependence of its members.

Several years ago I suffered a broken arm in a fall, and even though it is just one of the members of my body, the other members sat up with it all night! What hurts you hurts me, and that which causes you to rejoice is occasion for my rejoicing, also. It’s a wonderful fellowship “when each can feel his brother’s sigh and with him bear a part; when sorrow flows from eye to eye and joy from heart to heart.

We in the church today speak much of love. How well do we reveal it? If you were not a Christian, do you believe you would think of the church first if you were in need? If your heart was cold, would you think of the members of the body of Christ as having the warmth you need? When I read that description of the Jerusalem church and try to understand why they had favor with all the people, I am inclined to think they didn’t just talk about love—they loved! They didn’t theorize or speculate about love producing joy and gladness, they were joyful and glad! There was no theological discussion concerning how love makes men one. They were one, and their unity was impressive.

John said, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue, but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:1). Paul said, “The love of Christ constraineth us” (2 Cor. 5:14).

When one has analyzed all that Paul and John and the others say about love, there is one central thought that emerges. The person who has made Christ the center of his life and who, consequently, lives for the Lord, will extend love to others. On the other hand, that person whose world is oriented in terms of his own ego and characterized by selfishness will demonstrate the very opposite of those characteristics of love described by the New Testament writers. “But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three and the greatest of these is love.”

(from *Eternal Truths*, Freed-Hardeman College Lectures, 1980)

The Forest Hill News  
Forest Hill Church of Christ  
3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road  
Memphis, TN 38125

Address Service Requested