



Spreading The Light May 2017

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Purpose Statement: **Magnifying The Word of God** By fulfilling The Great Commandment. To Love The Lord Our God and Our Neighbor, **Mobilizing The People of God** By Fulfilling The Great Commission to Go make Disciples, Baptize and Teach.

11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:11-18 ESV

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:7-21 ESV

Love One Another



Pastor's Paragraphs

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by all the expectations of living the Christian Life? What if I told you that the whole thing is summed up in two simple commands? I've always been challenged by Paul's statement... "But one thing I do..." *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.* I've always thought, wouldn't it be nice to narrow down living the Christian life to doing one thing! The good news is that is exactly what Jesus (The Son of God, the author of life, God, who became a man) says we should do. In Matthews account of the passage we've been studying from Mark 12:28-34 He says that "all the law and the prophets depend on..." the two commandments Love God with all, ...and love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-40)

So! The greatest authority on the Bible, and the author of the Bible, Jesus says that all the Bible "hangs", (NKJV, RSV) on those two commands! (Matthew 22:40) These two things! Love God, Love others sums it up. Too simple right?

Just think about it, measure all you do by that! Ask, does that reflect how I love God? Or, when we interact with all others is that how God loves and treats me?

This could and should transform everything we do. If we test every thought, every action, every look, every motive, every word by this everything would change. Now I fully expect the enemy to flood our minds with all of why this can't happen. Want to do God's will, be faithful to God's Word, fulfill His purpose for your life? Love! Marriage, child rearing, work, neighboring, driving, church and every other part of life will turn to the fullness of joy, real peace, real contentment if we love. I John 3:11-18 and 4:7-21 spell out how this works!! If I could make a homework assignment as your Pastor it would be to read those passages every day this week. Oh, and 1:15-17, and 1:7-11.

By the way! Our Ministry Fair was Awesome last Sunday! Thank you Evelyn for putting it all together, Diane Perrigo for getting door prize donations, and Steve Ross, Frank Rose, Bob Perrigo for prep and set up, and the ministry team leaders for letting folks know what's going on around here. And all the rest of you for being there! Can't wait to talk to Ellen Plaugher and find out how many signed up to serve on a ministry team. Just got a phone call from someone who wants to help!

Love God, Love your Neighbor!

Pastor Mark

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Youth Group

4/30 Harvest Video 5pm.. the youth will go to Sonic afterwards.

Radiate, 5/19/17, 7pm to 10pm cost \$5.00 (food, drinks and prizes)

VBS June 19-23rd

Summer Camp 7/16 - 7/21

A handout was given to the students that attended Sunday morning. This handout was about upcoming events and **Summer Camp**. Please **return the bottom portion asap**. If your student was unable to attend the hand out will be available.

Greg Barnes



Movie (Harvest America)

Hope For Hurting Hearts

Sunday Night
April 30th
5:00 pm

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Children's Ministry

Kidz Camp **Registration is open now!** Please sign you child/children up for camp ASAP! We need to turn in a count to the camp. See Sandy Bishop for details.

Vacation Bible School meeting will be held in the Fireside Room on May 7th following the morning worship service.

Senior Ministry Carlene Gillo

We had a wonderful time at the picnic in Memory Park. It was a bit windy, but we didn't get blown away. We discussed moving the Senior Luncheons, or trips to the 4th week of every month. Since WMU meets on the first and third, it was becoming difficult for our ladies to do both.

Our next meeting, will be on May 25, 2017. We are planning a trip to Bearazona, just outside of Williams. Cost will be \$15.00 plus tax per adults. The best time to see the bears is in the morning. There will be a bus ride, just for our group. They have a onsite restaurant that we could have a group luncheon or they have picnic tables if we want. I am waiting on more information to follow.

Watch for sign up sheets in the lobby. More information to follow.

Blessings to All... Carlene



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From the Corner

by A little Churchmouse

Hi Folks! It's me again, telling you all about the goings on around here.

And there is a lot to tell.

There is a new Pregnancy Center opening here in Chino. The director came and spoke to the WMU ladies about the great need here in town. The number of girls in Chino getting abortions is unbelievable. She also sat at the CPC table at the Ministry Fair. WMU will be having a baby shower next month here at FSBC. Watch for more information on this.

Speaking of the Ministry Fair, it was amazing! Even with no lights, people came and stayed, looked over the display tables, some won door prizes (over two dozen) and had refreshments. The refreshments! At almost every table, though I could only partake of the parts that landed on the floor. Would have caused great consternation if anyone saw me on a table. Had to keep my tail tucked in!

Didn't get to the Senior lunch as they went to the park. They're switching to the fourth Thursday and going to Bearazona this month. I'll miss that one too.

Oh well, have a great month!

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Men's Ministry

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:1?-?5 NASB?

What is Jesus talking about? What is the meaning behind "abide"? Why did Jesus use a grape vine instead of a fig tree or another kind of fruit bearing plant? To answer these questions, we must break down exactly what is being said. There are three parts to what's being said here. In all of Christ's metaphors, He speaks about our spiritual condition. Always telling us to check our hearts.

The first part to understand why Jesus used a grape vine is the vine's physical appearance. A grape vine really isn't very pretty. It has no flowers, only a trunk vine with branches that grow leaves and grapes. The vine and branches are very humble looking to the eye. Their sole purpose is to produce grapes or fruit. Using Christ as our physical model, like the grape vine, our physical self should be one of humility and servant hood. Jesus, a king and son of God, didn't look the part of a king. Israel was looking for a strong, handsome messiah who resembled King David or King Saul. Jesus on the other hand was no stand out. Jesus didn't come to glorify himself, rather the opposite. He wanted people to see God the father. Like Jesus, our physical walk should be one where others observing us see God. Our actions of how we treat others should always be seen as humble servants.

The second part to understanding the grape vine is that it's a vine. Vines like to climb and grow over and through things. Unlike a tree that always climbs in one direction. A Vine twists and turns growing into spaces, taking paths that we don't usually see as a pathway. If we are the branches and Christ is the vine, then we are meant to go wherever the vine goes. Often times our pathways that Christ leads us down don't appear to be very smooth. When we the branches start focusing on the pathway instead of the vine, we can become detached or separated from Christ. Only when we stay focused on Christ can we truly make it down some of the difficult paths that God leads. Know this, the vine always tries to grow down the path that gives the greatest stability and safety for the vine and the branches. Meaning that though the paths we look at may seem scary, know that Jesus is growing us in a direction for strength and stability in Him. So keep your mind calm and focused on God.

The third part to understanding the grape vine is that all the flavor in the fruit comes not only from the soil and amount of rain, but also from what's in the air. Grapes that are grown in an area where smoke from a fire is in the air, the grapes will also take on a smoky flavor. If the grapes are surrounded by sweet smelling flowers, then the grapes will take on a taste like the flowers aroma. The variables that determine the flavor of the grapes are: A) What kind of soil is providing the nutrients? B) How much moisture or rain was provided to the grapes? C) What are the other outside sources that may affect the flavor of the grapes. We as followers of Christ, branches attached to the vine, must be sure that not only are we drawing our spiritual strength from Jesus, but also be aware of what other sources we allow to influence us as well. We cannot live for God and the world. A person who tries to please both God and the world will bare fruit that is worldly. Grapes that are bitter and sour. If you bare any fruit at all.

To be a branch that produces sweet tasty fruit, we must stay fully attached to Christ, actively living for God. Being a part of the church and study groups, both of which provide us with accountability and family we can grow with. The vine of Christ is not made up of just one branch. Rather there are many branches of different lengths and sizes. Just like us, we may all be different, but our source of life is the same Jesus Christ.

Heavenly father, we want to give you thanks and praise for our lives. You Lord provide for all our needs so long as we stay firmly rooted in you. Help us Lord to keep our hearts focused on you father. For wherever our heart leads, thus our actions and thoughts will follow. We surrender our lives to you father. We trust you and love you with our whole heart. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Ken Miller

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Featuring music from top Christian artists and a message of hope from Greg Laurie

**Simulcast at
Host Church**

**First Southern Baptist Church
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**June 11, 2017
5:00 pm.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2017</h1>					Building A-Worship Center B- White Building C- Family Life Center (GYM)	
	1 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers 5:00 pm Oathkeepers Pastor's Prayer & Study	2 2:00 pm Bible Study	3 5:45 pm. choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	4 10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	5 Pastor Off 9am-12pm Clothing Give Away	6 Pastor Off 9am-12pm Clothing Give Away
7 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am. PCLT VBS Meeting	8 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	9 9:00 am Chino Valley Quilters / Bldg C 2:00 pm Bible Study	10 5:45 pm. choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	11 10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	12 Pastor Off	13 Pastor Off 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
14 Mother's Day 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship	15 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	16 2:00 pm Bible Study	17 5:45 pm. choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	18 10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	19 Pastor Off	20 Pastor Off
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