



WEEKLY FAMILY ENCOURAGER



Sharing God's Word with Corpus Christi & the World

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord you labor is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

SAVE
THE
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Upcoming
Events

October 1

- Church Group Picture
- Youth Devo at the Hammitt's

October 15

- Leadership Meeting
- Youth Devo

October 17

- Men's & Preacher's Lunch

October 18

- Youth Dine Out

October 19

- Classics to Snoopy's

October 21

- Church Work Day

October 22

- Birthday Celebration

October 28

- Men's Breakfast

October 30

- Trunk N Treat

November 11

- Weber Bible Bowl

November 19

- Classic's Thanksgiving Dinner

Wait a Minute! Are You Serious?

The title of this article is the reaction some have to Jesus' command to His followers found in Luke 6:27-28. *“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”* (ESV) Let's break this passage down into three statements regarding the love we must have toward our enemies.

First, “do good to those who hate you.” We are not just to refrain from hating them in return, we are to DO GOOD to them. What about the bully at school or the coworker who is ugly to you? Jesus says we must look for opportunities to repay their abuse with kindness. That is a BIG command, but one that we must follow to please our God.

Second, “bless those who curse you.” Here is another difficult command when you consider the attitude we are to develop as Christians. When someone curses you, the response from our mind and lips must be to remember that God loves them and wants us to bless or wish them well. Perhaps the “natural” inclination is to curse them back, but that should not be the action of a faithful child of God.

Third, “pray for those who abuse you.” Here is a “doozy” which means something outstanding or unique. When is the last time you prayed for the neighbor who damaged your property in some way? When is the last evening prayer when you approached God on behalf of your child's bully and his/her family? What about prayers for any abusive person in your life? Some might think, “that's going too far!” But, it's extremely hard to make excuses and justify ignoring Jesus' words in this passage. He expects obedience.

While this may be one of the toughest passages in the Bible, it must be lived out every day of our life in Christ, our Lord and Savior. Jesus commands and fully expects His people to LOVE THEIR ENEMIES! Will you follow the Lord's command?



-Mark Hammitt

Five Vital Spiritual Questions

- **How important is it to evaluate things in life? (education, purchases, physical body, etc)**

- **David invited the Lord to search his heart and to guide him in life:**

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” Psalm 139:23-24

“For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me...Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:3,10

- **What does it mean to be spiritual?**

Consider Five Vital Questions—

I. What do you think about G_____?

A. Note Jesus' teaching about God in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7)

B. Wrong views of God: Idolators, Deists, World Religions, even Jewish faith today

II. Whose F_____ do you S_____?

A. We must not simply do religious things just to be seen by others (Mt 6; Gal 1:10; Mt 7:21)

B. “Do you seek to please God like Jesus did?”

III. How do you feel toward your F_____ M_____?

A. Are you critical in your judgment of others? (see Mt 7:1-5)

B. Are you able to even love your enemies as Jesus instructed? Mt 5:21-22, 43-44; Lk 6:27-36; 1 Jn 4:20)

IV. What do you think about Y_____?

A. We must see our need for God in our lives. (Mt 5:3, 20; Lk 18:10-11)

B. “The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Mt 23:11-12

V. What do you think about the F_____?

A. Judgment is coming! (Mt 7)

B. We need more than Jesus' teachings on morality, we need to believe His teachings on Himself and the coming judgment of the world (Jn 8:21-24)

We hope to see you in Bible Class this Sunday! 9 AM

OCTOBER

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| 2-Billy Brittain | 3-Jimmy Crowe |
| 4-Max Meza | 4-Isaac Roy |
| 5-Harper Charlebois | 5-Naydean Rimmer |
| 5-Leah Shelton | 6-Gail Schiebrel |
| 7-Dori Hestand | 7-Grant Jackson |



Pantry Items

Needed:

- Canned Fruit, Canned Soup & Instant Oatmeal Packets

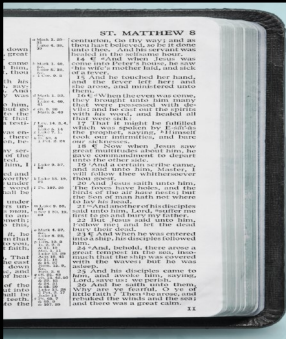
Weekly Bible Quiz

What were the archangel Michael and the devil disputing about? Check it out in the book of Jude

Serving an Awesome God

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)



Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- October 1-Galatians 3; Song of Solomon 1-4
- October 2-Galatians 4; Song of Solomon 5-8
- October 3-Galatians 5; Isaiah 1-2
- October 4-Galatians 6; Isaiah 3-6
- October 5-Ephesians 1; Isaiah 7-8
- October 6-Ephesians 2; Isaiah 9-11
- October 7-Ephesians 3; Isaiah 12-15

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts and especially the prayers as I heal from foot surgery. I'd also like to thank the following for the wonderful meals they provided: Susan Klotz, Donna Hannah, Sarah Hinojosa, Lexy Hunt & Pat Jackson.

Charlene Hooten

Members: Jim Evans (home), Judy Morgan, David Alaniz, Travis Cantwell, Paul Hestand, Charlene Hooten, Darrell Sage (Wooldridge Place, room 202), Aurora Overton, Laura Johnson, Kathy Jimenez

Shut-ins: Bea Anderson, Bobby & Sharlene Barnhart, Margie Brown, Betty Clark, Betty Coatney, Billy Brittain, Lisa Erwin, Betty Hervey, Idee Higgins, Judy Morgan, Annie Mungia, Sarah Otto, Evelyn Pledger, Rose Ramirez, Patsy Reed, Maria Sanchez, Joyce Self, Deanie Taylor, Gloria Wilson, Charmaine Windham

Sympathy: Sympathy to Samantha and Adrian Longoria on the loss of their pregnancy.

Sympathy also to Ina Stewart on the loss of her husband, Chuck Stewart. Brother Stewart's graveside service will be Thursday, September 28th, at 10 AM, at Seaside Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the daughters of Bonnie Petty. Their father, Fred Schroeder, passed away on September 18th.

Military: Tyler Crowe (Navy; Training in Great Lakes, Illinois)

Friend & Family Prayer Requests: Juan Salazar (Manuel Mungia's brother-in-law-cancer); Sid Frasier (Klotz's friend-cancer); Joe & Kim Smith (Eric Blanchard's friends); Lois Brinn (Thomas's mother); Lupe Davila (Jesse's wife); Stephen Limones mother, Rosa Maldonado, Wendell Williams (Vanessa Joshlin's brother); Tim Archambault (Archie's son); Dale Stewart (Ina Stewart's sister-in-law)

Missionaries/Preaching Students: Sainthuber Felix and Beaubrun Origine (Haiti), Will Hanstein (Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, TN), Sylionor Houquette (Jamaica), Wayne Jones (Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, CO), Fernando Madrid and Elias Padron (Colombia), John Moore (Bible Land Passages and Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, Colorado), Jaston Richter (Southwest School of Bible Studies, Austin, TX), Norfleet Stitts (Brown Trail School of Preaching), Augustine Tawiah (Africa), World Bible Study

Prayer Requests

join us in prayer

- Please provide regular updates so our prayer list will be current. Email updates to office@webercofc.com or write on back of your attendance card.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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worship Times
Come and *Worship* with us

SUNDAY
Bible Class (All Ages) - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY
Ladies' Bible Class* - 10:00 AM
Men's Bible Class* - 10:00 AM
Bible Class (all ages) - 7:00 PM
*September-May

Upcoming EVENTS Don't miss out

Church Group Photo | October 1 | 11:00 AM

Members join us at the front of the auditorium to take an updated Group Photo of our Members. Please stay after service to help us out.



Youth Group Devotional
at the Hammitt's
Sunday, October 1st
6:00—8:30 PM

Friends are welcomed!



Leadership Meeting
October 15 | 4 PM

Elders, Deacons and Ministers
will meet in the library.



You are invited to join us for a

CHILDREN'S TRUNK & TREAT

Weber Road Church of Christ

Monday, October 30th

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Free!



For ALL Children!
Games * Food * Pictures
Candy * Face Painting
Fun * Friendly Costumes
Much More!



WE NEED MEMBERS TO HELP

ALL Members-
Bring decorated
vehicles with games
for children to
enjoy! Candy or
small awards can
also be brought.



NEEDED!
Cup Cakes,
Bags of Candy, &
Individually
Wrapped Snacks