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God Demonstrated His Love

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God demonstrated His love for us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:10; cf. Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:4; 5:2; 1 John 3:1, 16; 4:19; Rev. 1:5).

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a $20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this $20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this $20 to one of you but first let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth $20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter

what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him."

Love is the only word that could possibly explain what God has done for us. When God sent His Son into our world He knew what would happen to Him. He knew He would be rejected and ridiculed. He knew He would be tempted by Satan. He knew He would be betrayed by Judas. He knew He would be crucified between two thieves with nails in His hands and feet. He knew His Son would cry out in His pain and suffering and that He would not rescue Him. Yet, God sent His only Son. Not because anyone deserved Him but because everyone needed Him.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord...Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them...For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Isa. 53:4-6; 2 Cor. 5:19, 21).

God proved His great love for us at the cross 2,000 years ago. He doesn't change (Mal. 3:6) but loves us today with that same love. Remember, God didn't just say, "I love you." He showed us.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Jerry Butcher

Friends & Family

Glenn Lovell,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard, Kyle Bess
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Archie Hardy,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - The Love Displayed at the Cross

PM - Aubrey Franklin
Freed-Hardeman Student

Happenings

Novenmber 15

Men's Business Meeting
following AM services

Cards to Send

Gaylon & Betty Cooper
3131 North Highland Avenue
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Jackson, TN 38305

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80 Fawn Ridge Road
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

Bible Class	43/125
AM Worship	87/90
PM Worship	55/66
Wed Bible Study	51/16
Contribution	3738
Budget	3600

New Phone Number

Pearl Johnson
731-313-0473

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 1 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Van McConnell
Opening Prayer:
Eddie Anderson
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Paul Hatcher
Contribution:
Jeff Dove

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Aubrey Fraklin
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Greg Long

Nov 4 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Devo - Eddie Anhderson

Nov 8 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Eddie Anderson
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: JW Riggs
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Ray Pack

Nov 11 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	4:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM