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Newell's News

Dear Church Family and Students,

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! No, I won't say that "love is in the air" or anything like that, but I do believe it is important to note that love is all around us. God tells us in His Word that "if the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18).

Hold on just a moment. Didn't I say that love is all around us? Then why in the ungodly world would I bring up a Scripture about hate? Simple, this world's love is artificial, superficial, and honestly quite the opposite of *agape*; that is, unconditional love.

Matthew 10:37 says, "he who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." This doesn't mean you hate your pops, mama, bro, and sis. God tells us to love Him and to love people. Rather, this means that no one comes close to the love our Lord deserves! He gave us the ability to love. The least we could do is love Him back. We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

With all of this in mind, try not to get too caught up with all the fancy shmancy chocolate candy. Rather, let's go out and show the love of our Savior to the world. No sweets in any candy store can compare to how sweet the love of our God is. This world's "love" will fail you, but as 1 Corinthians 13:8 tells us, "God's love never fails."

Following as Christ leads,
Brandon Newell
Student Director
Psalm 20:7



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God. Bible. Prayer. Community. Acts 5:29

February 2014

Helping Someone Through A Salvation Experience

The following article by David Platt resonated deeply within my heart and I pray that it will both encourage and challenge you as you live for Christ and His Glory. Be encouraged and do not lose heart. Psalm 115:1 Soldiering On, Jon

Helping Someone Through A Salvation Experience

By David Platt

As we walk in the presence of Christ, we'll have opportunities to make new disciples of Jesus. We'll have the privilege of inviting people to turn from their sin and trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord. *This won't happen because of our cleverness or evangelistic prowess; it will happen because of the convicting work of the Holy Spirit.*

But how should we handle these moments on a practical level? What should we say and what should we do when God grants us the privilege of harvesting a new follower of Christ?

Prayer is a right and biblical response to the gospel. When you share the gospel, it's good to invite people to call out for God to save them. At the same time, it's unnecessary (and in some ways unhelpful) to tell people what they must say in order to be saved.

If, after hearing the gospel clearly and fully, people see God for who He is, their sin for what it is, and Christ for who He is and what He's done, and if they're willing to repent and believe in Jesus—to turn from their sin and to trust in Him as Savior and Lord—then there are no particular words they need to recite. There's no added value in asking them to repeat certain words after you say them.

Rather, the Spirit of God has awakened their hearts to the gospel of God, He enables them to repent and believe—to cry out for His mercy as they submit to His majesty. So encourage them to do so at that moment. And in some cases it may actually be best to encourage people to be alone with God so that you *won't unknowingly, unintentionally, or unhelpfully manipulate a decision, circumstance, or situation.*

Basically, as you call others to submit to the Person of Christ, you can trust the Spirit of Christ to bring them to salvation. In the same way you've committed to depend on the presence of Christ as His disciple, allow new believers to depend on His presence as they choose to follow Him.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, once someone repents and believes in Christ, be willing to lead that person as a new follower of Christ. Remember, our goal isn't to count decisions; our goal is to make disciples—and to do so through the presence and power of God's Spirit in us.

Up Coming Events

Valentine Banquet 

February 15, 2014 @ 6:30

MENU
Lasagna
Salad
Beverage
Dessert

\$10.00 Per Person 

Revive Worship Service

Need a Mid week boost?

6:30 PM Wednesdays

Traditional worship service with hymns and hearing from God's Word. Come prepared to experience God in a fresh new way.

Pleasing God With Our Words

A pastor was asked by a colleague how many people attended his church. "Between five and six hundred," he replied. The colleague was more than surprised when he received a copy of the church newsletter a few weeks later and saw the attendance reported as sixty-seven.

Confused, he called his friend. "I thought you said you had between five and six hundred attending your church, yet the attendance report shows only sixty-seven." The pastor defended himself: "Well, sixty-seven is between five and six hundred."

In the book of Proverbs, Solomon warns against "perverse" speech. **"Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool."** (Proverbs 19:1)

When referring to "perverse" speech, Solomon is not singling out a person who tells dirty jokes. The word translated "perverse" refers to words that are distorted or twisted.

Perverse or distorted speech includes telling the "truth" in a way that is intended to deceive the listener. Are you honest in all your words? Or, do you exaggerate or twist your words to create a false impression?

Don't take dishonesty lightly. Even the smallest portion of dishonesty contains enough of the poison of deceit to disrupt your fellowship with God. If there is any dishonesty in your life, tell God about it now.

Fortunately, God has an excellent remedy for our dishonesty (and any other sins in our life) — confession and repentance. Confession means we acknowledge our failures to God and anyone else our sin may have injured. Repentance involves a heartfelt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, and a sincere commitment to forsake it and walk in obedience to Christ.

Submitted by Dean Hutchison

Deacon Schedule for February

Feb 03– Feb 09	Henry Wilt	837-4290
Feb 10-Feb 16	Bob Billeisen	293-7167
Feb 17—Feb 23	Dee Dawson	831-2202
Feb 24 - Mar 02	Tom DeGroff	289-0224

Nursery Schedule for February

Feb 2	Elizabeth Coronado
Feb 9	Christy Davidson
Feb 16	Johnny Macias
Feb 23	Kimberly Edvalson

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9AM - 5PM "No Regrets"
2 Hospitality Committees Meet following AM Service 3:30 PM Deacons & Prayer and Praise 5 PM Chili Cook-off	3	4 7:00 PM Men's Study 7:00 PM Property Team meeting	5 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service	6 11:00 AM Young-at-Heart 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Horizon Bay	7 7:00 PM Church History Study	8 9:30 AM Finance 10 AM Council 11 AM By-Laws & Tech Team
9 Connect Group Meeting following service	10	11 8:30 AM MOPS on Base 7:00 PM Men's Study	12 10 :00 AM Homebound Visitation 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service	13 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	14 7:00 PM Church History Study	15 8 AM Women of Prayer 10:30 PM Go Team 6:30 PM Valentines' Banquet
16	17 AARP Safe Driving Class 6 Hours in Fellowship Hall	18 11:30 AM Sunshine Class 7:00 PM Men's Study	19 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service	20 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	21 7:00 PM Church History Study	22 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved by Lorraine
23 5:00 PM Youth Student/ Parent Dinner	24 11:00 AM Widows Meeting	25 7:00 PM Men's Study	26 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Revive service	27 6:30 PM Women On A Mission @ Sue's	28 7:00 PM Church History Study	



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Maria Brown
Brenda Saulnier
Juan King

02/12
02/15
02/15

Jennings Edmond
Johnsie Hill
Deana Hanes

02/16
02/23

Norene Williams
Lauren Couch

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