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## From Where I Sit...

### More On The Measurement of Divine Love

In September of 2019 I wrote three articles concerning the nature of the Love of God. I invite the reader to go back to those issues to refresh their minds on this important subject. Jesus sums up in the often- quoted words of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world,

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that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This short verse is perhaps the most famous verse in the Bible. It's been called the Golden Text of the Bible. Rightfully so, for John 3:16 briefly summarizes the central message of the Bible. It is the Bible in miniature.

Using John 3:16 as our template, may we look at the measurements of divine love. How much did God love us? The Scripture says He <u>"so loved.</u>" If a husband were to say to his wife, "I love you so much!" She would understand that he is stating a significant degree of love. If a husband were to say to his wife, "I love you so much!" She would understand that he is stating a significant degree of love. In this verse, "So Loved" suggests the degree

she would understand that he is stating a significant degree of love. In this verse, "So Loved" suggests the degree to which God went to show divine love. Try to put yourself in His shoes for a moment – a parent who is called upon to voluntarily sacrifice the life of their child. What anguish we would feel. It's doubtful we would voluntarily do such a thing, but God did. He gave His only begotten Son!!

Concerning this measure of Divine Love we turn to <u>Ephesians 3:17-19 (KJV</u>). This is the beautiful and meaningful prayer offered by the Apostle Paul on behalf of Gentiles who were brought into relationship with God: <sup>17</sup> "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the <u>breadth</u>, and <u>length</u>, and <u>depth</u>, and <u>height</u>; <sup>19</sup> And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Thus he speaks of the four dimensions of this love of God in Christ Jesus

What is the <u>breadth</u> of the love of God? It can be seen in that it reaches to men of every race and rank, class and clime, tribe and tongue. Hebrews 2:9 (KJV) <sup>9</sup> "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; <u>that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man</u>."

What Is the <u>length</u> of the love of God? This can be seen in that it reaches from age to age and from everlasting to everlasting, never putting down a work until it can truthfully be said, "It Is Finished." To Israel, Jeremiah 31:3 (KJV) <sup>3</sup> "The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, <u>I have loved thee with an everlasting love</u>: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." God's love is indeed everlasting to those who will follow where He draws us to.

What Is the <u>depth</u> of God's love? Depth can be seen in that it reaches down to men in the lowest abyss of guilt. 1 Timothy 1:15 (KJV).<sup>15</sup> "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; OF WHOM I AM CHIEF."

Last of all, we see the <u>height</u> of God love in the position of exaltation and supremacy to which His love exalts us all. It raises us to sit in heavenly places (Eph. 2:4-6); To a position of a kingdom of priests. (Rev. 1:5,6).

#### ... Terry Broome



#### Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

**David Precise** had a virtual appointment today. The surgeon wants him to come off of the meds that are regulating his heart. After a month off of the medicine, they will have him wear a monitor. No

surgery to be done at this time.

**LaRue Anderson** is scheduled to undergo back surgery on Thursday and will be hospitalized for one night. Please pray for a successful surgery and full recovery.

**Joan Jackson** is taking some therapy for her back pain. Please pray for her.

**Tammy McGuire** is feeling slightly better. Her radiation treatments have been put on hold while she is treated for an infection. Please pray for Tammy.

James Rice had out-patient shoulder surgery on Tuesday. Please keep him in your prayers recover.

#### LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

**Cheryl Ellis** Melba Sloan **Becky Russell** Sam Wright Vara Stiles **Stan Hastings** Margaret Crawford **Bob Rice Izella Proctor** Haley Hastings **Ginger Myers** Pat Washburn X'shi Ana Benavides Irene Gist Mary Lawrence **Polly Franklin** Sophronia Burney Ken Lawrence, Sr. Harold Reynolds **Judy Roberts** Mary Nell Gonce King **Holly Cobb** Jackie Evans, employee of Woods Cove Florist, 2661 Snodgrass Rd. 35769.

Terry Sanders, brother of Rosa Myers.

**Judy Tidwell McBride**, member at Larkinsville, 322 Co. Rd. 15, Woodville, AL 35776.

**Kenny Jimenez**, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley and brother-in-law of David & Ashley Dover, 124 Helen Ave., Modesto, CA 95354. Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Winston Busby, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978.

**Sally Abbott**, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2<sup>nd</sup> St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

Dorothy McNally, mother of Kathy Broome.

Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Lisa Erwin, niece of Buddy & Donna Pace, 848 Pinemeadow Dr., Gardendale, AL 35071.

Tom and Mary Ann Worst, Libby Crona's brother & sister-in-law.

Dale Lemley, sister of Nancy Miles.

Cecil Wilkes, grandmother of Nick Ledbetter.

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force- Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

#### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Clove rdale	Rosewood	Southern
Manor	Manor	Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd.	1513 Co. Park Rd.	212 E. Stewart Rd.
Scottsboro, 35768	Scottsboro, 35769	Scottsboro, 35769
Helen Ott	Doris Johnson	Tommy Bellomy
Jean Hancock	1703 Stewart Rd., 35768	
Polly Franklin	9440 Hwy. 79 Bypass, 35768	
Mark Little	107 Benson Lane, 35768	
Elsie Goodman	406 S Houston St., 35768	
Martha Nan Baker	701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653	
Nell Anderson	121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 133, Madison, 35758	
Al Evett	49 Hughes Rd., Apt. 24, Madison, 35758	

## Calendar of Upcoming Events—

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July 29		Summer Series speaker: Randy
		Medlin
August 5		Summer Series speaker: Barry Grider
August 12		Summer Series speaker: Dale Jenkins
August 16		Baby Shower for Jessica Helton
		Dawson, 4-6 p.m.
August 19		Summer Series speaker: Jimmy
		Holland

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- (2) Irene Gist
- (3) Gary Loyd
- (6) Ernest Brockway, Debra Kime, John Wann, Jr.
- (9) John A. Porch, Ella Little
- August Birthdays
- (10) Kathy Broome, Noah Linville
- (11) Peg Gough
- (13) Billie Hancock, Dave Precise
- (16) Helen Corbin
- (19) Buck Walker
- (21) Roxie Wright
- (25) Terry Broome, Polly Franklin
- (29) Lee Gist
- (31) Maguire Laney



Drive-Thru Baby Shower! It's A Boy!

Please join us on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for a Drive-Thru Baby Shower honoring Jessica Helton Dawson from 4:00-6:00 in the evening Come through the covered awning to say your well wishes, drop off your gift, and pick up some yummy treats to go! Depending on the current outbreak situation, we hope to set up some tables (socially distanced of course) in the Handicap Parking Lot if you would like to safely visit with each other. Jessica is expecting a baby boy, James Campbell Dawson. She is registered at WalMart, Target, and Amazon. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Precise Hamilton at <u>mprecisehamilton@gmail.com</u> or text 256-599-7703.

## The heart sings a song of joy when it is in tune with its Creator.



I want to thank the youth group that left cards of "get well" and "hope to see you soon" messages on my door. I love and appreciate each one of you. Thank you!

Love, Hayley Hastings

# Chad's Chatter

## YOUR love is better than life!

When you think about all the things that you "love" in this life, what comes to mind the most?

- 1. Precious time spent with family
- 2. A warm cozy bed
- 3. A nice hot shower
- 4. Pizza
- 5. A big juice steak
- 6. Thanksgiving time

Whatever it is that you "love" about this life, remember that GOD'S Love for us is better than anything this life has to offer...

O GOD, You are my GOD, earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You: my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalm 63:1-4

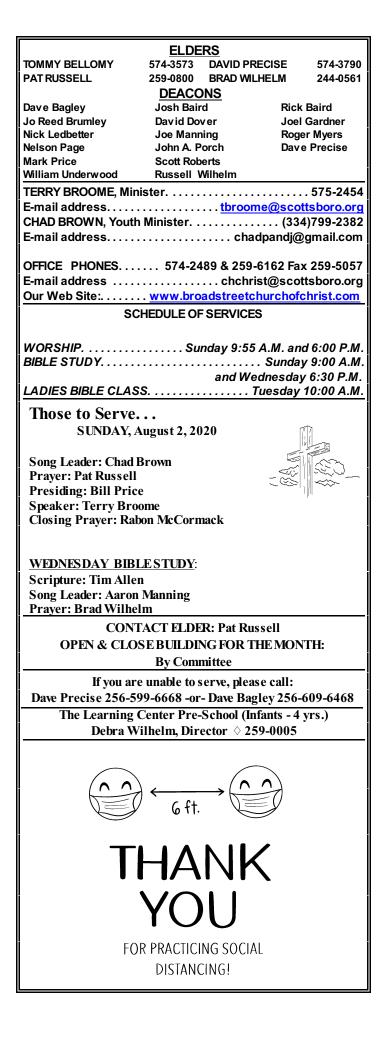
You are not loved by God because you are valuable — you are valuable because you are loved by God.



Brother Jim Anderson passed away on July 22, 2020 after suffering many years with Parkinson's Disease. A private family service was held on Saturday with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Our

heartfelt condolences are extended to Nell and the entire family. Please remember this family with prayers, cards and calls. Nell's direct phone number is 256-858-1788. We've been asked to spread our phone calls out over a period of time.

Our sympathy is also extended to Jill Russell in the loss of her aunt, Marguerite Summerlin. She passed away on July  $23^{rd}$  in Franklin, Georgia at the age of 92. Her funeral service was conducted on Monday.





## We sometimes worship what we have achieved, rather than praising God for giving us the means of achieving it.