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From Where I Sit...

"God Requires Dedication"

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37)....

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BANNER

This is the greatest commandment in all the world, and one that might be fairly easy to fulfill if it weren't for that one little word – *ALL*. Most of our readers would eagerly proclaim that we love the Lord, but might cringe a bit when we're asked to be truthful as to whether we love Him with ALL our hearts, souls, and minds. This all-consuming love would surely change the complexion of our brotherhood today. This is **TRUE** dedication!

When one thinks of loving God with all the heart, we're reminded of **Col. 3:1**, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above...." We must set our affections on the heavenly and spiritual things to love God that way. Furthermore, we would have to enthrone God in the heart, 1 Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Any way you look at it, God has to take first place in our affections and our meditations.

When our Lord speaks of heart, soul, and mind, we might struggle to understand the sense in which He uses these words. Certainly "all the heart" must regard all our affections. "All the soul" encompasses our spiritual nature; and "all our mind" speaks to all our thoughts and intellectual processes that must be brought into submission to His Truths. He leaves nothing out. When one sings "All to Jesus, I Surrender," he is echoing the spirit and intent of **Matthew 22:37**.

Someone has suggested that this kind of dedication is the missing ingredient to personal Christianity. In the First Century, the disciples went everywhere preaching the Word. During their generation, the Gospel was preached *"to every creature which is under heaven"* (Col 1:23). Contemporaries of First Century Christians (such as the Romans) were largely indifferent to religion, yet Christians had a tremendous influence on these lives. In Acts 17:6 they were described as *"having turned the world upside down."*

You and I must say "Yes" to Jesus. We must submit to His will. We must be dedicated to His truths in prayer, compassion, and service. The fate of billions of people on planet Earth hinges on their being introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ. The hope of that ever happening lies within our hands. These words from a beautiful hymn should serve as a continuing reminder of the responsibility that has been placed into our hands, and should challenge us with the enormous need for dedication before this task will ever be carried out: *"Into our hands the Gospel is given. Into our hands is given the light. Haste, let us carry God's precious message, guiding the erring back to the right."*

.... Terry Broome



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

John D. Porch underwent extensive foot surgery last Wednesday. He has experienced some difficulties since the surgery. Please pray for him as he recovers.

Marie Sullivan, mother of Betty Clayson, was admitted to the hospital to be treated for pneumonia following her elbow surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Samuel Cobb had surgery on his wrist and **Holly Cobb** underwent another ankle surgery. Keep them in your prayers as they recover.

Jackie Loyd, member at Gonce congregation, was transferred to Highlands Rehab (room 208) on Monday. He enjoys receiving cards and calls. His cell number is 256-663-0761. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers and begins some therapy.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Vinson David Dover Polly Franklin Ila Little **Ralph Cook Terry Collins Kenneth Beard** Pat Washburn Tammv McGuire Irene Gist **Ginger Myers** Sophronia Burney Sam Wright Harold Reynolds **Judy Roberts** Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley. Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson. Kenny Jimenez, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley and brother-in-law of David & Ashley Dover, 124 Helen Ave., Modesto, CA 95354. Lana Jones, granddaughter of Doyle & Cathy Lemaster. Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton. Mike Taylor, husband of Robin Taylor Winston Busby, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978. Sally Abbott, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2nd St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620. Tom & Mary Ann Worst, Libby Crona's brother & sisterin-law.

Sue Haynes, employee of TLC.

Faye Blizzard, employee at Woods Cove Florist.

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

Clarence Potter, brother of Marie Garrett.

Vickie Farr, sister of Charlotte Vinson. Terry Finch, father of Erica Russell. 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

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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Feb. 26-28

Challenge Youth Conference

One	
Measure Of Our	Wed. Bible Study Sunday Bible Study Sun. A.M. Worship
Love	Budget \$7556.00



Celebrate Spring

Spring is right around the corner. This is a special time of year in Romania and they celebrate spring the entire month of March. We have "pins" from Romania for everyone to wear to share in this tradition from miles away. Pins are located on the table in the east foyer.



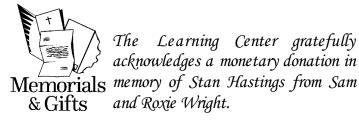
Romans 8:38-39

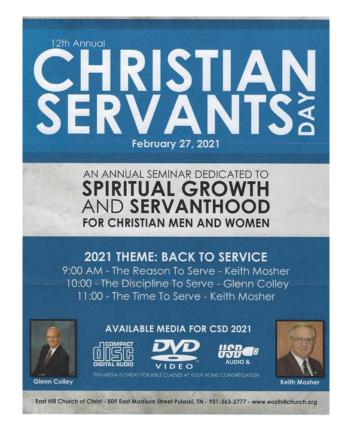
"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, not height nor depth, nor anything else in all Creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Doubt, uncertainty, and confusion is pretty inevitable in this world. In fact, these are the very reasons some may decide they feel they cannot become Christians. There are too many questions they have that cannot be answered. Let me reassure you; GOD will not reveal every answer to every question we have on this earth, while we live on this earth. What he does tell us is that His ways are higher that our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts (Isaiah 55:9).

Don't get Caught up in questions that simply cannot be answered here on this earth. It is not our place to know everything. However, we can be certain that GOD loves us and that He wants every single person to come to Him. (2 Peter 3:9).

Doesn't it bring light and assurance to our lives when we read verses like this? Also, it does not matter what is taken from us and what hand this world may deal us, nothing can separate us from the love of GOD in CHRIST that we have. We don't ever have to doubt if GOD loves us and we don't ever have to doubt if He wants us to be with Him! As long as you have a breath in you, you can change your ways and live for GOD through CHRIST. What are you waiting for?







Thank you so much for all of your love and support during this difficult time. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, and calls on behalf of Stan. He loved the church and

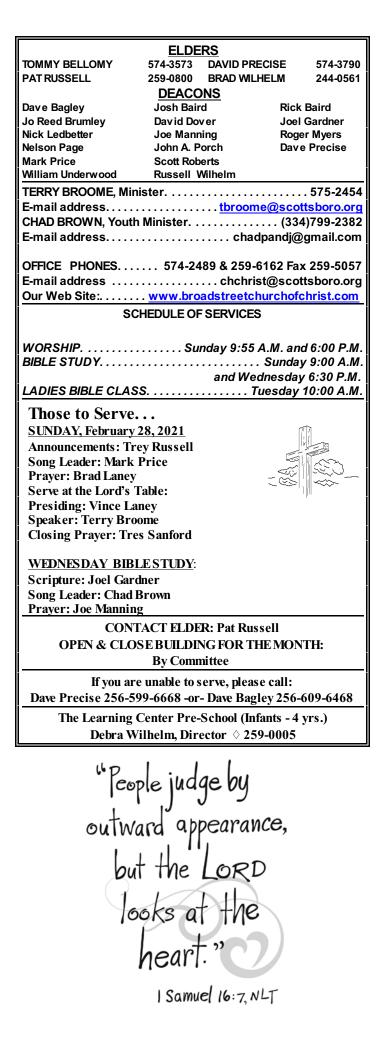
enjoyed singing with the congregation. The flowers were beautiful and the meal that was provided was so nice. We will forever be grateful for your kindness.

In Christian love, Joyce and Family

Mark your calendars. Broad Street is making plans to host the Area-Wide Devo on March 14th. More details to come later.

Spellbound

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For snow's white wing, a verdant field; A gain for loss, For buried seed the harvest yield; For pain a strength, a joy revealed, A crown for every cross.