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From Where I Sit . . .

"The Measure of Divine Love"

There is a beautiful prayer in the Bible concerning the measure of Divine Love. This is the beautiful and meaningful prayer offered by the Apostle Paul on behalf of Gentiles who were brought into relationship with God. It can be found in **Ephesians 3:14-19**.

Ephesians 3:14-19.—14 "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷ That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹ And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

Notice that Paul says of Christ's love that it is immeasurable; it is unfathomable; it passeth all knowledge and all understanding. (verse 19). Yet he prays that we may be able to comprehend...the breadth, length, depth, and height, (verse 18) and that we may "know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (verse 19). How do we know something that surpasses knowledge?

The kind of love that Paul is speaking of here is not a thing that a man might study academically and know all about. It surpasses knowledge. It surpasses understanding. It defies human logic. You can't put it in a test-tube and measure it or weigh it, or say it has certain chemical properties, and has thus and so chemical reactions. It's not discovered academically nor scientifically. It doesn't have density or mass or weight scientifically.

He says it passeth knowledge [Ephesians 3:19] but his prayer is "That we may be <u>able to comprehend</u> [apprehend; grasp; attain to an understanding] with all saints" [Ephesians 3:18]. That is, what they know, what they have felt, what they have seen, that we might know with them. How? by experiencing it! Then He Speaks of the Four Dimensions of this experiential love of God in Christ Jesus. We are made able to understand with all saints "what is the <u>breadth</u>, and <u>length</u>, and <u>depth</u>, and <u>height</u>; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Ephesians 3:18).

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) ⁹ "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

What is the **length** 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."

What is the **depth** of God's love? Depth can be seen in that it reaches down to men in the lowest abyss of guilt.

<u>Height</u> can be seen 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)

.... Terry Broome



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

David Precise is having complications from a burn to his leg that occurred in October. He returned to the doctor on Monday and he had slight improvement since last week. He

is scheduled to go to the wound clinic and will return to the doctor on Monday, December 19th. He is to elevate as much as possible and has been cleared to return to work. Please pray that his leg will continue to heal properly and that he will not face any other complications.

Jill Russell will start her infusions for her lung condition on Thursday, December 8th. Please pray that this treatment will be successful.

Alan Paul Stowers, a nephew of Terry Matthew's friend, has a mass on his brain stem. He is 11 years old. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

We have a number of members who have been battling the flu recently. Pray for one another.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Betty Hughes

Jim Kendrick

Dave Bagley

Jill Russell

Deborah Wacker

Charlotte Vinson

Ed Clayson

Martha Foster

Tammy McQuire

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Hillary Broome, Terry Broome's brother. 2151 Alexander Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

Paul Wright, Roxy Wright's son, 129 Pine Hill Rd., Rainsville, AL 35986.

Nettie Murrah, Tracy Brumley's mother.

Robin Gable, granddaughter in law of Terry Broome's stepmother, 2246 Neal Gap Road, Summerville, GA 30747.

Tommy Young, Jill Russell's brother.

Mary Hodge, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769.

Roger Alley, son-in-law of David and Margaret Crawford.

Leroy Armstrong, Holly Cobb's father.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, 1930 Co. Rd 107, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Melanie Lanier, daughter of Ron Graham.

Lyndal Brumley, daughter-in-law of Jo Reed & Tracy.

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

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

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

Noah Linville, US Navy Academy

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale Manor	Rosewood Manor	Southern Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd.	1513 Co. Park Rd.	212 E. Stewart Rd.
Scottsboro, 35768	Scottsboro, 35769	Scottsboro, 35769
	Jaxie Hargrave	
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	Debra Kime	
	Dot Bean	

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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Dec 14 Christmas Charities Deadline to Return Dec 17 Christmas Charities Delivery @ 9 AM

Jan 8 Baby Shower for Abigail Edmonds @ 1 to

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Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study.140Sunday Bible Study.145Sun. A.M. Worship.244Sun. Night Worship.220Contribution.\$9,149.05Budget.\$8,326.00



Broad Street is switching to a new Church Directory. Setup instructions are located on podium in both foyers. Please see Scott Roberts if you have any questions or need help setting up new directory. Parents are

encouraged to set up account for their teens also, so they will be able to get notifications as well. Please add your teen's email address and cell phone number to family account before you create an account for teen. After you create an account, you may save the website to your home screen on phone and the directory will run like an app.

~Lads to Leaders Calendar~

Dec 18 Young Men's Training @ 5 PM Girls Song Leading @ 5 PM

Bible Bowl @ 5:30 PM Dec 21



Dec 17 - Christmas Charities Delivery @ 9 AM

GIFTS Christmas Party @ 10:30 AM

Dec 18 - Rosewood Singing @ 1:30 PM Jan 14 - Family Game Night for all ages

@ Ledbetter's Home, 4 PM to 7 PM,

bring side dishes

Jan 15 - Lock- In for 7th and Up



Please join us on Sunday, January 8th at 1 PM to 3 PM in MPR for a Baby Shower honoring Abigail Edmonds. Abigail is registered at Amazon. Hostess meeting will be on Sunday,

December 18th in the chapel after morning services.

Christmas Charities gifts should be wrapped with card securely attached to the outside of the package and returned to the building by December 14th

building by December 14th. Delivery of the gifts will be on Saturday, December 17th. If you want to help deliver, please meet at the building by 9 AM.



GIFTS will be leaving church parking lot at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 17th. Please remember to bring your \$15 for ice skating, money for lunch at Taco Mamma's, and an ornament for ornament swap. If time allows, we will go shopping in Jones Valley. We plan to be back by 6 PM.

Broad Street expresses our condolences to the Georgy AND family and friends of Peg Gough. Peg passed away on Monday, December 12th.





Broad Street expresses our sympathy to the Shelton, Allen, Linville, Precise, and Epps families for the passing of their cousin, Terry Shelton. Visitation will be Thursday, December 15th from 4 PM

to 9 PM and Friday December, 16th from 12 PM to 2 PM at Center Point Baptist Church. The funeral will be Friday, December 16th at 2 PM at Center Point Baptist Church.

NO PUPPETS – Young Men's Training

Chad's Chatter

Riding A Bike

When I was 12 years old, I bet I logged around 100+ miles on my bike. It sort of seems like I just rode my bike everywhere. When I got to be 14, I may have gone 200-300 miles within the year. Most all of us have heard the saying, "Come on, you can do it! It's just like riding bike." Of course, what's meant is, "if it's like riding a bike, then you'll never forget how to do it."

I think a lot of habits are like this, too. Even some sinful habits. When we become a Christian, we may need to remove ourselves from some places or things we used to do. It is so easy to go back to what you used to do before you became a Christian. If you are struggling with certain sins, whatever they may be, you may need to remove yourself, remove the connections, remove the things that remind you of how easy it is. You may have to get rid of the "bike" itself, whatever that may be for you, because it's so easy to fall into your old habits. No matter how shiny and fun the "bike" is, it is not worth your soul! If need be, throw it away!

Matthew 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Mark 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

~Chad



Broad Street would like to acknowledge and thank Nellie Springs
YOU for her donation of several books to the church library in memory and in honor of several members.

- A Summary of the Bible by Dave Miller in memory of Rosa Myers.
- Christian or Humanism, Which One Will You Choose? by Robert L. Waggoner, D.Min. in memory of Bill Vinson.
- The Bible on Trial by Wayne Jackson in memory of Sam Wright.
- Precious and Powerful, Woman of God by Jim Bill McInteer –
 in honor of Debra Wilhelm for her years of service at The
 Learning Center.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP. Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY...... Sunday 9:00 A.M.

and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS. Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

Those to Serve...

SUNDAY, December 18, 2022

Announcements: Trey Russell Song Leader: Winfred Russell

Prayer: Jerel Hunt

Serve at the Lord's Table: Presiding: John A. Porch

1W- Ernie Brockway 1E-Grady Gattis **2W- Chuck Davis** 2E - Nelson Page **3W- Clay Kennamer** 3E - Robin Shelton 4W- Will Shelton 4E-Roger Myers **5W- David Precise** 5E-Ragan Myers **6W-Terry Collins 6E-John Hollis Myers** 7W- Russell Wilhelm 7E-Doug Tucker

Speaker: Terry Broome Closing Prayer: Ted Crona

Ushers: Russell Wilhelm & Doug Tucker

P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Tanner Shelton

Scripture: D.L. Little **Prayer: Robin Shelton** Speaker: Chad Brown

Lord's Supper: Russell Wilhelm & Ernie Brockway

Closing Prayer: Kyle Price

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: December 21, 2022

Scripture: John Hollis Myers **Song Leader: Kenneth Beard**

Prayer: Vince Laney

CONTACT ELDER: Brad Wilhelm OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

Joel Gardner

If you are unable to serve, please call: Dave Precise 256-599-6668

If you go to worship to hear something other The Word of God (the Bible) never changes.

You have gone for the wrong reason



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