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ATTENDANCE**6/28/2020: 84**

How important is love? Jesus said that love was the greatest command and that His disciples would be known by their love, but how important is it, really? The apostle Paul spelled it out for us: “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing” (1 Cor 13:1-3, ESV). I can’t get over how profound this passage is. Even if you miraculously spoke in exotic languages for sharing the gospel, if you don’t have love, your message is just annoying noise. Even if the Spirit worked in you miraculous foresight, supernatural knowledge, and mountain-moving faith, if you have not love, you are nothing. If you were to give away every possession you had in the name of Jesus but have not love, you gain nothing. If you were burned at the stake for your faith in Jesus Christ, if you have not love, you gain nothing. Love is tied so closely to our identity as disciples of Jesus that, without it, we aren’t His disciples at all. Without love we would gain nothing and would be nothing. But, “We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers” (1 Jn 3:14a).

By Cooper Atkeson

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.*

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders.

Welcome!

Steve and Tamara Manning have placed membership with the body of Christ at Riverside. Their address is 313 Wildflower, Kerrville TX. Their email address is skmanning313@gmail.com.

The Whartons requested prayers for their granddaughter Erin Wharton, who is 14 years old, and has been diagnosed with hip cancer. She is undergoing testing at MD Anderson hospital.

Let's remember all of the health care workers we have in our congregation, **Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Kaysi Garrett, Karen Wootton, Karla (Wootton) Carter**, and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

The following note was received from **Reba Durbin**:

I spoke with sweet **Charline Gregerson** yesterday. Her daughter has confirmed COVID-19 and is ill. **Charline** will know the results of her testing around Tuesday. She is pretty much confined to her living area in the home. Her spirits are quite low and she is depressed. I took her a little care package which was very much appreciated and raised her spirits a little. (social distancing) Her legs were hurting. I am not sure if that is from her back issues. I am sure phone calls and/or cards would be appreciated.

Martha McDuffie was released from the hospital. She is still not feeling well. There will be more tests scheduled in the near future. Please pray for good results, and that her pain will cease.

Reba Durbin's sister, **Treva Vogl**, had her biopsy this morning. We will not know the results until midweek. Procedure was very minimally invasive. She is tired and a little sore. Pray that the results are benign.

Reba's nephew, **Terry Beasley**, is still awaiting test results.

Doyle Brown is still in Audie Murphy VA hospital. He has double pneumonia, and has been struggling to get better. Thank you for all of the prayers, we appreciate the love!

The latest edition of Power for Today has arrived. If you have signed up to receive this devotional tool, please take your copy from the foyer. There were also extras sent this quarter, so if you would like to take some extras to hand out, please do so.

Health Updates:

Please pray for **Don Taylor**, as he deals with several health issues; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery; **Tara Brubaker**, recovering from hip repair surgery; **Scott Stork** (son of Chuck and a missionary in China), who is having radiation treatments; **Desire' Dunn** (daughter-in-law to Beverly Barke) battling Stage 4 Leukemia; **Sarah Lucas**, (family member of Jeanie Haby) who has some serious health concerns; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, who was diagnosed with cancer; **Erin Wharton**, 14 y.o. granddaughter to the Whartons-diagnosed with cancer; **Rona Barrozo's** friend **Lalaine**, and her 11 y.o. daughter **Pia**, who has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma; John **Meadows**, as he recovers at home from several medical issues; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch who is having surgery on 6/16; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **Vida Spangler**, recovering at home from a broken pelvic bone; **Dennis Lange's** and daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks'** sister Cindy, a nurse in Tennessee; and **Jeanie Haby's** sister **Julie Browning**, who is an RN at a Houston nursing home.

Please pray for **Holly Macy, Jordan Barraza, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick**, as they continue their treatments.

Continue to pray for all Riverside family and friends facing health concerns.