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"making families fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ"

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One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life;

That word is Love.

Sophocles



Tim Says:

February is the month where the world celebrates Valentines day. Legend has a number of "Valentines" who may be the source of the celebration, but the most popular one is a priest called Valentine of Rome. He was executed on February 14th AD269 following an interrogation by the Roman Emperor Claudius II. Claudius had insisted that young men were not allowed to marry so that his army could be filled, and he discovered that the priest was secretly marrying young men & their girlfriends.

Additionally, Valentine was a staunch follower of Jesus & refused to convert to the Emperor's more paganistic view of religion. As a result he was executed, and consequently on following February 14th's people celebrated his life and focused on couples who were in love. That legend forces us to face a number of questions: (1) Would you go against the law to do what you felt the Bible taught? (2) Would you stand up as a follower of Jesus, if interrogated & threatened with execution? Love is a powerful force and emotion, it is described in 1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 8a. I find the verses challenging, do you?

Don't think of your loved ones, for whom it may be possible to have an increased level of patience with for example; think instead of the person that you hope God won't seat you next to in Heaven (we've all had those thoughts!!) Could you be patient and kind to them? Do you keep no record of wrongs for them? Jesus said in John 13:34: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Love is only love if demonstrated! Who might you show a demonstration of God's love to this coming month?

Texts for the month:

John 13:35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
1 Corinthians 13: 8a Love NEVER fails!

Dates:

Tue: 1 st 10am - 4pm	Quiet Day		
Tue: 1 st 7:30pm	Prayer Focus	--	Dave
Sat: 5th 7:pm Valley Worship, Burford Village Hall - Tim speaking			
Sun: 6 th 10: 30am	"Calling of God on my life"	--	Tim
Tue: 8 th 12noon	Open Doors Lunch		
Tue: 8 th 7:30pm		--	Jean
Sun: 13 th 10:30am	"The importance of the Word of God"-		Cherilyn
Mon: 14 th 10.30am	Prayer for Israel-	see Dave Lines or Kathy Boulton	
Tue: 15 th 7:30pm	Prayer Meeting	--	Jackie L.
Sun: 20 th 10:30am	"Being Fruitful"	--	Dave
Tue: 22 nd 7:30pm	Prayer Meeting	--	Jean
Sun: 27 th 10:30am	"Go with the flow"	--	Gil
Mon: 28 th	Prayer Meeting for Persecuted Church -		
	See Carol Woodcock for details.		
Garage Praise -	see Jean Dancy for details.		

Notices:**LENT GROUPS:**

If you would like to lead or host a group, please see or telephone Dave Lines on 07544 740977.

LADIES:

A Rose conference entitled "TIME TO BLOOM" On Saturday 9th April 2011, at the Stourport Hotel, Stourport-on- Severn, Worcestershire. 10am till 4:30pm (registration 9am-9:45am)
Cost: early bird booking offer £15, by 10th February
Afterwards £16.50p This includes a 2 course lunch.

See Margaret Jones for more information or the notice board at Church

PANCAKE DAY:

Pancake day is here again, on Tuesday 8th March time 7.30pm
Your chance to bring someone with you. Let them see we are a Happy, Friendly People and above all a caring Church, perhaps you can help, see the notice board or speak to Barbara Pritchard

Prayer Requests

Tim while he is in Pakistan, For protection and good health.

Chris Richards went to be with the Lord on 18th January. Please remember his family at this time.

Ray Graham for hearing of Tinnitus & other ear problems.

Elizabeth Shaw that the cancer check up will show that the cancer has not returned.

The Work of Options that they will get more clients & that their reputation would increase.

Dain's role in schools would increase.

Regents College for those of the fellowship who are at the college, Jackie L, Sandra Siobhan, Thaisa, Henrique.

Matthew in Oxfordshire training to be a Pilot

Rachael as she flies out to Uganda , she will be working In that Country for 6 months

ENABLE 2011

For Men in Church and the ladies who want to see their men grow in Christ.

Enable Men's Conference 2011 is an inspiring 1 day conference with a vision to challenge, encourage, equip, and support men in their Christian Faith.

Sat 26th March, 9-30 to 5pm, 4 Inspiring Speakers
Only £10 per person, (lunch not included) transport to be arranged.

Contact Tim Coles or Gary Brant in Church
Listen out for more announcements.

Prayer For Israel:

The next prayer for Israel meeting will be on Monday 14th February, starting at 10:30am and finishing at 12:noon.

This group meet at Kathy Boulton's house, for more details please see Kathy or phone her on - 01584 873685
or

Speak to Dave Lines
Jackie Shaw

Poets Corner:

WE KNOW

Where once there was darkness, now there is light.
Where once there was blindness, now there is sight.
Where once there was misery, suffering and pain,
Now there is sunshine and joy once again.

When did we know that our battle was won?
We knew on the day that we accepted God's own Son.
And we know in our lives things won't always go our way,
But with our Lord beside us we can face another day.

We know that in this world of ours, there is bound to be some pain,
But with Jesus there besides us we can live and hope again.
Safe in the comfort of His love and saving grace,
Knowing He is with us in whatever trials we face.

And as we look around us at this planet He created,
We witness all the suffering and the evil that He hated.
But we can also see the wonder and the beauty that He made,
And we also know that in His arms we need never be afraid.

by Glynis.

facebook

The church now has a "facebook page", where you can leave comments and respond to comments. Also take part in discussions. Why not give your views on current topics!!!!

Little Squiggles parent and toddler group

Meet on a THURSDAY MORNING - please see Louise Bromley for more information.
Phone No: 01584 856747

And Finally:

The story is told of an older couple, who had been married for over half a century, & yet still engaged in a special game all of their own making. They would take it in turns to write the word SHMILY in some surprise place around the home. The other would search for it until it was found, and then it would be their turn to hide the word. All of their friends and family knew about the game, indeed some even helped find the word, but nobody knew the meaning, and the older couple wouldn't tell. Sometimes the word would appear on steamed up windows, or on "post-it notes" left on the dashboard of the car; it would be written in dust on the mantelpiece or inscribed in the sugar in the sugar bowl, written on notepaper & stuffed in shoes & on one occasion one of them even unravelled a whole length of toilet paper to write SHMILY on the last piece of tissue before rolling it all back up again.

No one was in any doubt of the love the couple had for each other, yet all wondered how they would cope when the time came to be parted. Sadly the wife became ill, and though lovingly cared for by her husband, she died. At the funeral on one of the ribbons of the husbands floral tribute the word SHMILY was inscribed. As he gave his tribute, the husband told of the game that had been played out over their marriage, and finally told us what the word SHMILY meant. SEE-HOW-MUCH-I-LOVE-YOU. The Hymn writer wrote: Inscribed upon the cross we see in shining letters, God is love: he bears our sins upon the tree: he brings us mercy from above.

PS: Adam & Eve had an ideal marriage..... He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about how well his mother cooked!

Women with a message

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

By Watchman Nee

God's name is linked with His glory. "I had regard for my holy name, which the children of Israel had profaned among the nations". God said through Ezekiel. The people of God had not hallowed His name; they had instead profaned that name wherever they went. Yet God had regard for His holy name, and He calls us to share His desire that it be hallowed.

It is not enough that we should pray the words; we need to have our whole lives governed by this holy desire. Every day will bring its own challenge to us, asking; Is this just a pious fancy, or a governing factor in our lives? The hallowing of God's name must begin in the life of the one who prays the prayer.

Never take His name in vain. These days it is a swear word. Speak His name with reverence. A Jew will not write the word in full (G-D), because of his reverence.

Submitted by Jackie Shaw

Let us have YOUR contributions for the next newsletter by 18th February, if possible send by e-mail to trcoles@talktalk.net

or Jackie Shaw at jackieshawskye1@btinternet.com *Thank you*