



All Glory to God

I lost interest in NFL games with all the protests associated with the national anthem. However, I checked into my hotel in St. Louis about twenty minutes prior to the Superbowl kickoff. So I succumbed and turned on the television.

That contest between the Patriots and the Eagles was tops in my recent memory. Many anti-Patriot fans (like me) simply could not allow themselves to believe Philadelphia could pull off a win, until the final whistle and confetti started raining down.

Post-game interviews sent shock waves throughout the country. Eagles head coach Doug Pederson began by giving "all praise to my LORD and Savior Jesus Christ." Next up was tight end Zach Ertz, who caught the game-winning touchdown. "Glory to God first and foremost." Then it was quarterback Nick Foles' turn to speak to the masses watching on TV, moments after he'd been named Super Bowl MVP. "All glory to God," said Foles, who earlier in the week talked about how he'd like to become a pastor when his football days are done.

Honoring the LORD with such words is admirable. But statements meant to magnify God must always come after putting forth our very best effort. Even losing players could give verbal praise to God, if they played strongly and heroically.

All followers of Jesus can give glory to God through 100% effort in every area of life. We can honor the LORD in our jobs, our marriages, our parenting, our service at church, or through our work in the community. Then if we ever happen to be affirmed or interviewed, we can tell about Jesus Christ's help and greatness in our lives.

Glorifying the LORD with you,

Les

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Feb. 14

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

Thursday, Feb 15

6:00 p.m. – Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 18

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Helen Steffen/ Ciera Hiester

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans/ Marcia Liddy

LOL

Michelle Tonner

Last Week

Attendance

Feb. 11, 2018

Worship Service – 92

Sunday School - 38

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$1951.00
Missions	\$80.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$50.00
Deacons Fund	\$100.00

Total: \$2181.00

Good News Shoes Potato Bar

As you all know, last year we gave away over 200 pairs of shoes. This left us with very few shoes. So this year, we are going to have to buy over 200 pairs of shoes. We need your help. We will have our annual taco potato bar, on March 4 right after the worship service. The donation proceeds will be spent to purchase shoes. Please plan to attend. Carry-outs will also be available.



Annual Report



The Annual Report for 2017 will be available in the foyer. We try to print enough without a lot leftover. If we happen to run out this Sunday, please put your name on the sheet that's at the bottom of the stack. We will have more the next week!

Note from the Secretary

Next week, I am meeting Keith at the Providence (Rhode Island) Children's Film Festival. Keith has a film that will be shown, so we will enjoy that and the rest of the festival. Then, we are going to Chicago to see Julie in a theater production. There will not be a newsletter or Movin' Up next week (Feb. 21). Thanks for understanding! Debbie



Danny and Norma Van Doorn and family – in the loss of Amanda (Norma's niece that had leukemia)

Judy Bierie – has been hospitalized with breathing problems

Tom Hiester (Bob's brother) – diagnosed with brain cancer

Tommy (friend of Cathy Jambora) – young boy with cancer in an eye

Phebe Edington – healing from broken hip

Ed Higgins- healing from shoulder and hand surgery

Consider Love

I really enjoyed my fun family reunion in Kansas this past week with my mother and four brothers. It was a miracle that six busy adults could meet for a few days. By the end of the week I missed Debbie and our amazing church family. Love drew me to Kansas and then, on Friday, love called me back home.

A familiar Bible passage on love is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Ponder those familiar words again.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Bible students recognize that these verses do not include a definition of love but simply outline fifteen things about what love does and does not do. These qualities have been massaged into three separate categories.

Enduring (not fragile)

- is patient (longsuffering)
- bears all things
- believes all things
- hopes all things
- endures all things

Humble (not proud)

- not envious (or jealous)
- not boastful (or conceited)
- not arrogant (or puffed up)
- not rude (offending manners)
- not insist on its own way (not self-centered)
- not irritable (not easily peeved)
- not rejoice at wrongdoing (not boastful about sin)

Pro-kindness and truth

- kind
- rejoices with the truth (glad for the truth to advance)

Pastor John Piper writes that “Paul is laying love as a grid over the messed up Corinthian church where he sees all these behaviors and says: Your attitudes and behaviors are *not* how love acts or feels. In other words, Paul is not *defining* love. He is *applying* love to the Corinthians’ situation and using it as the criterion for why some of their attitudes and behaviors are unacceptable.”

We can be honest. At times we all get frustrated with each other. But God’s kind of love makes a commitment to endure, to be humble, to be kind, and to always honor the truth.

Love Through Christ,

Les



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For God so loVed the world
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begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.
(John 3:16, NKJV)

Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

River Terrace

Phebe Edington – Room 134

LaVera Krummen – Room 116

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216

As we co-labor with other churches
in our community,
this week we pray for:
King's Highway Tabernacle
Pastor Paul Weaver

First Baptist Church

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First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell
Cell phone: 260-273-9073
Music Director: Sarah Landell
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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