“Love Matters”

1. Love has ________________________
   - 1 John 4:11-12
   - Galatians 5:19-23

2. Love has ________________________
   - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

3. Love has ________________________
   - John 18:22-23

4. Love has ________________________
   - John 13:34-35

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**FAMILY UPDATES**


**Responses**

Keenan Meadors: asking for God to help him reach many students and administrators that he will be working with this school year with the Gospel.

**Prayer Requests**

Larry Addington: recovering from back surgery.
Shirley Buchanan: rehab and other complications from hip surgery.
Alma Davis: recovering from pneumonia.
Michele Kidd: broken arm.
Letha Morris: is home.
Glenna Pickel: at Rolling Hills Care Center in Catoosa, Room A3.
Terry West: is home; pray ongoing rehab.

**Prayer Requests for Friends and Family**

Tom Conklin: father; health; heart
Shirley & Lynn Hoppes: granddaughter, Ember Rapp, surgery expected mid-August, still working on bottle feeding.
Julie Kamalakis: husband, Jason Kamalakis, treatment for scarring on the back of his eye.

**Prayer Requests from Food Pantry Guests**

Tina: for family; her daughter is in DHS custody; Maryann: daughter, Cleo Newberry, lost custody of her two sons; Carl and Samuel.

**Prayers from Our Missionaries**

Wayne Pabillon: Praise for Let Starting Talking Program that came and worked. Prayers that they will have successful follow up with those who came and participated.
David Lopez: Pray for the future leaders of the Church, our health to stay strong to keep doing our work, and for our future plans in missions and for our families.

**Sympathy**

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Dwight Scott Family on his passing on August 15 from lung cancer.

**Invitations**

Hope Harbor Open House, Silent Auction, and Annual Fish Fry: September 29 from 10:30am-12:30pm at 15025 E 380 Road, Claremore, OK 74017 and Hearts for Hope Gala: November 3, 2018. RSVP @ www.hopeharborinc.org

Owasso School of Biblical Studies: Fall Semester September 1-December 15. There is no tuition for these classes, but there might be resources suggested for a course which the student can purchase. See the bulletin board for more information.

One Voice – OKC Area-Wide Worship: Sept 30 from 6-8pm in Hardeman Auditorium, inside the Garvey Center at OC University. Dessert and fellowship follow.

**Directory Updates**

Julie and Jason Kamalakis: moved to a new apartment, 8109 E 93rd St, Apt 1807, Tulsa OK 74133

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**TODAY > August 19 2018**

A Prayer for Our Students, Teachers, and Families

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the strength. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve. Bless the families, students and teachers they embark on this journey together! Amen!
It seems like it was yesterday when you could hear the last school bell ringing letting you know that summer had officially begun. You trade in your backpacks full of books for suitcases full of swimsuits and sunglasses. The sun’s been out and the weather has been hot, even if it was for a short while this summer. Church Camp, VBS, and summer vacations have come and gone. But we’ve reached that time of the year when many if not most of the students in the area have already started the new school year. Boy, summers seem to get shorter each year.

Moms and dads may be done with school, but the thought of sending a child off to their first day of elementary, middle school, high school, or even college can be very frightening. Schools today are a battleground of sins and temptations. Will they remember everything we’ve taught them about friends, relationships, drinking, etc? 

Message to the kids/teens: This is a new year. A time to start fresh and start over. It’s easy to get sucked into all the temptations that can be found on a college or high school campus. Satan is prowling like a lion ready to devour you (1 Peter 5:8). But remember who you are. Remember that you wear the name of Christ proudly. Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 11:1 to “imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” Remember that our attitude and our personality should always imitate Christ’s attitude. There will be times where it will be hard to do the right thing and you’ll find yourselves between a rock and a hard place, but just remember “if God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8:31). Remember that you have a family of Christians that are here for you whenever you need them. Don’t be afraid to admit you need help.

Message to the parents: It’s impossible to know everything that goes on while your child is at school. But the best thing you can do is give them a daily reminder of the Lord they serve. Pray with your children each morning before school. Read scriptures with them about temptations and how to overcome them. Write a scripture on a piece of paper or a napkin and put it in their lunch. If their mind is constantly on the Lord, guess who will be on their mind when a problem arises.

Message to the congregation: It is not just the parent’s responsibility to raise these children in the “training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). As a flock of God’s people we are to look after each other. We are to all set an example in “word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Cor. 11:1) As a flock of God’s people we are to look after each other. We are to all set an example in “word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Tim. 4:12) Let us all take the responsibility to make sure that everyone continues to grow spiritually. It takes a village to raise a child. Whether you want to admit it or not, every child in this congregation is your own. Remember what it was like to be young? Do whatever you can to help these students succeed.

--- Robert ---

-- Wednesday Summer Series --
Speaker for August 22
Grant Sullivan
Pulpit Minister at North Heights
Bixby Church of Christ

“Reset: Being a Blessing”

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