What Every Christian Needs

By Phil Sanders

"But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

In our confused, broken, and chaotic world, there are some fundamental things every person needs! Yes, they need each of these things. These things are not to be taken lightly or dismissed as trivial. They are the basics of life.

We need faith. Without faith, we cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith, we cannot be saved (John 3:18; 8:24). Without trust in God, we are left to trust our feeble thoughts or the fickle opinions of the world. Opinions are guesses in the absence of evidence, while faith is built on God's evidence in the world and in Scripture.

We need hope. Life without hope leaves us empty in our souls. The struggles, disappointments, and heartaches of life leave us longing for something better than what we now know and have. The Lord provides us with a living hope in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 1:3-5). We have hope for forgiveness and hope for eternal life in heaven. Hope comes from trust in God's promises. Since God keeps His promise, our hope is not in vain.

We need love. Love is the summum bonum of life, the highest good, the ultimate goal by which we determine our goals and morals. There is nothing higher than loving God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and loving our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Communion-** Jerry McDonald

Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes **Closing Prayer-** Arthur Binford

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Communion-** Wayne Fowler

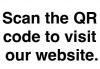
Opening prayer- Lyle Russell Closing Prayer- Ed Haltom

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

- Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.
- —Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.
- —**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.







Please Pray For:

Billy Granger, Gracie Aaron, Sandy VanLoon & Jacob Blondin, Matthew, Mina, & Mae Fricke, Mary Wyatt, Lynn Urban, Debbie Grice, Carolyn Jones, Samuel Costello, Mary Taylor, Luella & Kendle Jacobs, Pam Few, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Martha Maxwell, Glenda Wells.

Bereaved: Family of Martha Hodge, Virginia Chisley, Barbara Boyer.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.





August Birthdays

- 2 Larry Silmon
- 3 Branson Wells
- 4 Brenda Fricke
- 6 Sandy Van Loon
- 8 Kaylen Hill
- 8 Mandy Magee
- 8 Travis Rodgers
- 20 Leo Goodwin
- 26 Brandon Rogers
- 30 David Garris

August Anniversaries

3 - Paul & Wanda Simpson

13 - Jerry & Joyce McDonald

