



February 25, 2024

Pastor Note:

Each of my children knows that I love him or her the most and that all the others are just ugly ducks, runts, and trolls. After we had our first little guy, I questioned having any more kids because how in the world could I divide my love for him? Silly me, I found out I didn't have to divide my love at all, it multiplied with each addition.

We have a tremendous God-given capacity to love. According to Jesus, it makes both a present and eternal difference what we do with that capacity, **“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money”** Matthew 6:19-21, 24 (ESV). The only way to be heaven-eternally rich is for our love to be focused on God and the things of God.

We can do different things with our love capacity. We can use it sparingly or not at all. We can misuse or abuse it. We can shrink or grow it. We can be selective or liberal with it. We can misdirect it or use it as God has intended it. But all of us are prone to love the wrong things, thus the Apostle John warned, **“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever”** 1 John 2:15-17 (ESV).

So, what are some things you and I can learn from these two scriptures that will help us with both keeping the proper focus and growing our capacity to love?

- Focus on eternal values.  
Eternal values are all connected to God, the Eternal One. Every person has eternal value by virtue of having been made in God's image. Every person is of greater value than the sum of all of your and my possessions, actually, the net worth of our entire planet (Matthew 16:26). Love in itself is an eternal value, **“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love”** 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT2).

- Love and serve the right master.  
Without exception, each of us is ruled by something or someone. So, the question is not a matter of if but of who or what. The right and best choice is to be submitted to God who occupies the eternal throne, whose every decision and edict is intrinsically good and wise. And, Jesus specifically warns us about adopting a two-master solution, serving God and money, or any other master, including ourselves.
- Know what is of the Father.  
The greatest expression of God the Father's love is His Son Jesus Christ (John 3:16-17). The Holy Spirit, who indwells everyone who has trusted in and committed themselves to Jesus as their Savior, is from the Father (John 15:26). God's written word, the Bible, is a gift from God. All three are meant to save us, transform us, and help us to know God and navigate this life.
- Knowing and doing God's will  
**“Whoever does the will of God abides forever,”** that makes knowing God's will critically important. When it comes to God's will we often start backwards, “Should I marry him?” “Should I take this job?” “...?” Before seeking those answers, and we both can and should, we need to ask ourselves if we are already doing what God has clearly revealed about His will, “Am I loving God above all?” “Am I loving my neighbor as myself?” “Are the fruits of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control -Galatians 5:22-23) evident in my actions and interactions?” “...?” It is God's will for you and me to love Him, to love Jesus, to love our neighbor, to love to serve Him and people, to love Jesus's church, to love God's wisdom, to love generosity, to love seeing sinners being saved, to love peace-making, to love righteousness, to love doing good, to love God's word, to love being led by the Holy Spirit, to love ..., to love everything that please and glorifies God.

To God be all glory, and to more and better loving. Pastor Hans



# Lord Hear Our Prayers

## PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Jennifer (Chaplain, Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief) pray for open doors to clearly proclaim the gospel among diverse peoples affected by disaster, John & Rimma King, Bill, Shirley Wolfenbarger, Gabi (Knee Surgery), Greg Demauro (cancer), Loren (Addiction), Billy (Challenges), Henry (Back Pain), Judy Mahar's grandson Army Natl Guard serving in Jordan, Arthur, John Criswell (Health), Mary, Judi Sayers Father (Health),

## SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

## Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula

## CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 & Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar**  
[ldpbcpayer@gmail.com](mailto:ldpbcpayer@gmail.com)

## **Church Board Members:**

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,  
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt,  
Sue Hankemeier, Barb Deibler

## Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

# EASTER



- **Good Friday Communion**  
Friday, March 29th, 7:00 P.M.  
*@ Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church*
- **Sunrise Service**  
Easter Sunday, March 31st, 6:30 A.M.  
*Blue Oaks Campground, Lake Don Pedro*
- **Easter Worship Celebration**  
Easter Sunday, March 31st,  
10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. @  
*Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church*

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# February Announcements

## Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.

**Communion Sunday February 25th**  
**Church Board Meeting - March 11th**

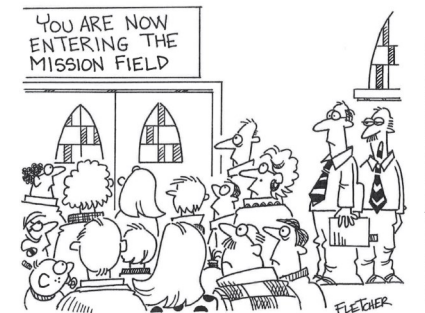
Fellowship Time Snacks were provided  
By - "Merle's Class"

**Thank you**

*Next week Hans' Class is up!!*

Membership Seminar  
scheduled for  
**Saturday, March 2**  
**9 AM - 1:30 PM**  
Sign-up List is in the Foyer

A Bit of  
Humor  
Corner



"What do we do if they  
NEVER leave the building?"

## Giving

February 18, 2024

**Offering:**  
\$1,667.00

**Food Basket:**  
\$10.00

**Facilities:**  
\$50.00

**Books & Material:**  
\$56.00

**Missions:**  
\$20.00

**Attendance:**  
89

## Weekly Events

### Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

### Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

### Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

### 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

#### Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM  
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM  
Grief Share - On Hiatus

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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LAKE DON PEDRO  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# Be Saved

Acts 4:12

**Sunday Services** 10:30am & 6:00pm  
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## February 26th - March 3rd

DAY 1 - Ex. 31-32  
(Ps. 26)

DAY 2 - Ex. 33-34  
(Ps. 27)

DAY 3 - Ex. 35-36  
(Ps. 28)

DAY 4 - Ex. 37-38  
(Ps. 29)

DAY 5 - Ex. 39-40  
(Prov. 1)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 2)  
DAY 7 - (Prov. 3)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.