

# First Edition

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### The Time to Remember and Give Thanks.

By Senior Pastor Marc Heinz

I would like to direct your attention to a passage that teaches us what real love looks like. As you will see this love isn't based on sentiment, it's a love of active choice, one that is not dependent on favorable conditions. This is a love that gives of self to serve others.

Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus said, *"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him; if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:31-35

Jesus was hours away from His death, it was an intimate time of fellowship with His disciples and those closest to Him and Judas had just left the upper room to betray Him. The departure of Judas from the upper room initiated a sequence of events that would result in Jesus' death and glorification. So Jesus said, *"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him."* The word now indicates the process of glorification had commenced.

The word "glorify" means to magnify or increase the estimation in which one is held. So what Jesus is saying is that His sacrificial death will magnify His reputation and God the Father's as well. We are told that the glorification of the Son will take place immediately, an apparent allusion to the resurrection that

followed three days after Christ's death.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus was willing to die for you? Was it His sense of duty or obligation to God? No, it was real love that motivated Him. And the motive of real love is so much more than a sense of duty or obligation. Real love is motivated by giving, not getting. That's why Jesus said: *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."*

By the way, Jesus isn't talking about emotional attachment or personal affection here, He is describing a commitment that seeks the ultimate good of another person, even to the point of total sacrifice. This is the way Jesus loves us. And He has commanded you and me to love others the same way. Moreover, we have been commanded to love all people, even those who don't like us or those who want to hurt us.

John tells us in chapters 10 and 15 of his gospel that Jesus loved His own to the point of sacrificing His life. Jesus knew what was going to be involved on the Cross. He knew He was going to pay the price for each of our sins; He knew that when our sins were laid upon Him, it would mean separation from the Father. He knew all that and it affected Him. In Matthew 26:38 Jesus said: *"My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death."*

It's clear that Jesus was troubled and grieved by what lay before Him. Yet when we look at John, Chapters 14-16, we discover that during His last few hours of life, He was continually trying to comfort those He loved. The fact is, He was more concerned about the disciples

fear and sorrow than His own situation, and so we have this beautiful picture, that even when He was troubled, Jesus gave Himself freely in order to comfort and console others. He did the same thing on the Cross. Even after they had driven the nails into His hands and His feet, and He was dying on the Cross, He took time to spare and to speak to a thief, dying by His side. He also expressed concern for the care of His mother. Think about it, while bearing in His own body the sins of the world, His focus was not on Himself but on others. Both His life and death were demonstrations of compassion and genuine and real love.

My friends, God's love is unprecedented! It was extended to those who opposed Him, who wanted nothing to do with Him; to those who hated Him. It was even extended to those who killed Him. That is what makes the cross so wonderful and special. It shows us that we are not alienated from God. He is not against us, or waiting to do us in. Fact is He loves us so much that He gave His life so that we might live. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that we might have life and be made brand new.

Later this month as you celebrate all that God has done for you through His Son Jesus, may you do so with the understanding that nothing can ever separate you from the One who loves you so very much! I encourage you to make time to reflect on God's great love and on His unparalleled sacrifice given for you. Worship Him and give thanks, not only for the wonderful cross, but more

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("Time to Remember" continued)  
importantly for sending His Son Jesus  
to pay for your sins! Allow the words  
of the great hymn writer, Isaac Watts, to  
pierce your heart and mind and soul.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that shame me most,  
I sacrifice them through His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

An illustration for 'Church Work Day' featuring the text 'Church Work Day' in a large, stylized font. The letters are decorated with various household items: a broom through the 'C', a mop through the 'h', a hammer through the 'W', a paint can through the 'o', a bucket through the 'r', a spray bottle through the 'k', a sponge through the 'D', a brush through the 'a', and a scrubber through the 'y'. Other items include a potted plant, a hammer, a screwdriver, a paint can, a bucket, a mop, a spray bottle, a sponge, and a scrubber.

**March 24th - 9:00 a.m.**

# Come Join the Worship Choir for Holy Week



**Rehearsals Wednesday nights, 8-9pm.  
March 14th, 21st, and 28th.**

## OUR MISSIONARIES AT WORK

From Alan and Audrey

"I just came back from that church...that was amazing. Thank you for letting me know Jesus."

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayer and financial support. We are grateful for you! The above text is from a very quiet student from China who has been a part of our group at his community college for a couple of years. He has come to Talk Time (photo below), Bible discussion after Talk Time, monthly International Student Dinners, Leaders Meetings and even came to our Winter Conference. We have shown him how to access on his phone in Chinese the Jesus film, the Bible and Christian web sites. On January 22nd I met him and we went over the Knowing God Personally booklet. This time his heart was ready and he prayed to receive Christ. Since then, he has gone to church each Sunday and met me each week to do follow-up Bible study. He has taken more leadership roles now in our group too. Please pray for his faith in the Lord to continue to grow.

The next few weeks will be full of "comings and goings."

Friday, Audrey will go to Thou-

sand Oaks for our granddaughter's first birthday. After she returns, I will go there for a special outreach we will be doing at USC March 5-7. Please pray that we give a fresh start to our international student ministry at this campus. Other staff from Los Angeles and San Francisco will be with me.

Then Katie and our granddaughter will be coming here for Nicole's baby shower.

At the end of the March, some of our students are going to Texas during Spring Break to do Hurricane Harvey relief work while Audrey and I will go with my sister Carol for my sister Gail's wedding in San Diego.

Thankfully, our youngest child Brianna passed her drivers test and was able to purchase a car. We are done driving kids to school! Please pray all of us would be safe in our "comings and goings."

### Prayer Requests:

- For the Chinese student to grow in the Lord.
- For God to work in our outreach at USC.
- For safety in all our "comings and goings."

We are so grateful for you!

Alan





## Men's Breakfast

**March 3, 8:30 a.m.**  
**In the Chapel**  
**ALL MEN are welcome.**



Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

**Special Offering  
for the month of  
March will go to  
City Impact.**





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### Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

#### March

Thurs.	1	Deuteronomy 28-30
Fri.	2	Deuteronomy 31-34
Sat.	3	Joshua 1-3
Sun.	4	Joshua 4-6
Mon.	5	Joshua 7-9
Tues.	6	Joshua 10-12
Wed.	7	Joshua 13-15
Thurs.	8	Joshua 16-18
Fri.	9	Joshua 19-21
Sat.	10	Joshua 22-24
Sun.	11	Judges 1-3
Mon.	12	Judges 4-6
Tues.	13	Judges 7-9
Wed.	14	Judges 10-12
Thurs.	15	Judges 13-15
Fri.	16	Judges 16-18
Sat.	17	Judges 19-21
Sun.	18	Ruth 1-4
Mon.	19	1 Samuel 1-3
Tues.	20	1 Samuel 4-6
Wed.	21	1 Samuel 7-9
Thurs.	22	1 Samuel 10-12
Fri.	23	1 Samuel 13-15
Sat.	24	1 Samuel 16-18
Sun.	25	1 Samuel 19-21
Mon.	26	1 Samuel 22-24
Tues.	27	1 Samuel 25-27
Wed.	28	1 Samuel 28-31
Thurs.	29	2 Samuel 1-3
Fri.	30	2 Samuel 4-6
Sat.	31	2 Samuel 7-9



**Movie Night**  
**Friday,**  
**March 23,**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Popcorn, Hot dogs  
 and drinks  
 are provided.  
 Please bring a salad  
 or dessert to share.

**Movie at**  
**7pm**

A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap. ....



## Thoughts on Our AWANA Clubs

By Ron Thomas, Commander

On Wednesday evenings from September to Mid-May AWANA Clubs meet at First Baptist. AWANA was founded in 1950 as a para-church organization to reach children with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to lead them to know, love and serve Him. The organization was the fruit of Pastor Lance Latham of Chicago's North Side Gospel Center and the church's youth director Art Rorheim. The two began in 1941 to develop the weekly clubs format that we continue to use today; that appeals to non-churched children and those in the local church as well.

AWANA has grown into a global, nonprofit ministry with resources for fully integrated evangelism and long-term discipleship programs for children and youth, ages 2 to 18. Our clubs here at FBC range from ages 3 to 18. The four separate clubs are: Cubbies, ages 3 to 5; Sparks, K thru 2nd; Truth & Training, 3rd thru 5th grade; and Trek & Journey, 6th thru 12th. The clubs involve parents and church leaders to mentor and guide them. So there you have it: our purpose is to share the good news of Jesus and lead children and youth in discipleship.

AWANA's purpose is presented in an acronym of 2 Timothy 2:15: *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."* (NASB) "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" - AWANA!

Often times when translators of the original languages into English select different words, there usually is or are meanings of a word or words that may be expressed differ-

ently. This is one of those verses with a wealth of rich meaning. I used this verse to search for a possible fuller meaning for our ministry. I like to start with the Amplified Classic Bible that adds meanings in the text. It reads: *"Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth."* In this amplified text "approved" has an explanatory meaning - tested by trial - which I think presents a richer meaning than a mere nod of approval.

R.C.H. Lenski in his commentary on this verse adds the following insight: "One concern should posses

us completely: to be diligent to present ourselves to God 'as tested', a favorite term of Paul's. We should be as coins that are tested for purity of metal and for adequate weight and are accepted only after such a test (approved, our versions)." This testing is the development of the Christian character that Paul urged Timothy to diligently pursue to be an unashamed workman or worker correctly analyzing and accurately dividing the Word of Truth.

This theme verse of AWANA has served the ministry well to provide a continued focus on discipleship. I am indeed honored and blessed to be part of a discipleship ministry cleverly disguised as a weekly club where kids come to have fun and memorize God's Word.

## FBC Youth

### **FBC YOUTH Service- Sunday Mornings 11:00 - 12:15 pm**

Games, fun, worship, and our next teaching direction for our Sunday youth group meeting is going to focus on Exploring God's word and integrating knowing Christ into our daily lives.

### **College/Career Fellowship - Sundays 12:30-2:00 pm**

**Part 3 of our "True University Series" - Who is Jesus?** As always, we have great discussions together about the topic we are discussing but are relating it to our own personal relationship in knowing Jesus. Lunch provided.

### **FBC YOUTH Mid-Week - Combined CAD and TNT (High/Jr. High) - Tuesday Nights 7:15 - 9:00 pm**

Our teaching direction for our

# O, Come Let Us Adore Him!

Beginning March 25, 30, and April 1 are just the right times to sing chorus of this Christmas Carol. Written hundreds of years ago, this is still the song sung at Christmas time. But it is also very appropriate to sing for this week coming very soon..

## Palm Sunday



“The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David; ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord: ‘Hosanna in the highest!’”

Matthew 21:9

Let's sing with them:

“O, come let us adore Him.”

## Good Friday



“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing” Luke 23:34

“O, come let us adore Him.”

## Resurrection Sunday



“He is not here, but He has risen” Luke 24:6

We have every reason to sing:

“O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>SUNDAY MORNINGS:</b> 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship After Church: College/Career Study & Fellowship		<b>All Events Are Subject to Change.</b>			
4	5	6 7:15pm FBC Youth	7 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWANA	8	9	10
11	12	13 7:15pm FBC Youth	14 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWANA	15	16	17
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					<b>Good Friday</b>	9:00 am Work Day
25	26	27 7:15pm FBC Youth	28 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWANA	29	30	31



**Women's Retreat**  
16 - 18 at Redwood Glen

**Women's Retreat**

**Palm Sunday**



# **FBC Women's Winter Retreat**

## **March 16, 17, 18**



**Title:**  
**“Encountering God”**

**Beautiful surroundings**



**Wonderful food and fellowship**  
**And a fun time for all!**

**To register, see Sandy Murray or Sheryn Cockett.**

**Registration begins Feb. 11th. Deadline is Sunday, March 11.**

